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AND SPECIAL DAYS ... LIKE SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 11 AM TO 3 PM







MONDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM TUESDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM WEDNESDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM THURSDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM FRIDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM SATURDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM

> LOTS OF UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS











LOOK WHO'S OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

ACTION ALERT!! NEW! Businesses Need Protection from the Onslaught of Incoming COVID-19 Lawsuits

The last 3 months have tremulously challenged Oregon's local businesses. No one could have prepared for the COVID-19 crisis or the economic disaster that followed statewide public health orders. And today, many businesses - child care providers, restaurants/bars/wine rooms, hoteliers, retailers, salon owners, live event venues and more-are grappling with whether it is even possible to reopen their doors following this crisis.

For many businesses navigating this uncertainty, there is an even greater fear lurking around the corner: **costly and opportunistic COVID-19 lawsuits**.

As businesses start to reopen, they are implementing safety measures in alignment with State public health guidelines and recommendations. Many employers are worried that even though they are following public health guidelines, an employee or customer will contract coronavirus and sue them, claiming that they got sick because of circumstances beyond the control of the business. Our local businesses shouldn't live in fear of opportunistic attorneys and crippling litigation during these uncertain times.

Businesses need to know that if they take steps to implement guidance from state and federal public health officials, they will be protected from excessive lawsuits that will drain their cash reserves. One lawsuit or demand letter can cripple a business, regardless of the steps taken to protect employee and customer health under state-issued public health guidance.

Oregon lawmakers must act now to protect local businesses from litigation abuse! Plaintiffs' attorneys and lawsuit lending companies are preparing for an onslaught of coronavirus suits. Temporary and targeted liability protections are necessary to allow businesses to reopen safely and with the confidence that they aren't reopening simply to risk everything.

Temporary and targeted liability protections are not a partisan issue. States with, both, democrat and republican governors have signed legislation to prevent excessive litigation from burying employers who have acted in good faith and in accordance with state and federal guidelines in this crisis. The Chamber of Medford & Jackson County and chambers around the state have been arguing on your behalf for these protections...but the time for Oregon to act is now!

Are you worried about coronavirus liability-despite the fact that your business has done its best to adhere to Governor Brown's public health guidelines? If so, **the**

Governor and legislators need to hear from you today! Tell your story to help inform this important policy decision.

SEND YOUR MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNOR & LEGISLATORS TODAY

NEW! Webinar Recordings for Phase 2 Reopening of Businesses Available ONLINE

In case you missed last week's webinars for reopening of venues and indoor/outdoor entertainment and recreational sports/pools/sports courts, links to videos for those webinars are below as well as Phase 2 guidance PowerPoint:

Reopening Venue & Indoor/Outdoor Entertainments

Meeting Recording: Skip forward to 38-minute mark

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WL3FNRAWBNrlQSQ6wYJINCGh3baXUh7w/view?usp=sharing

Reopening Recreational Sports/Pools/Sports Courts

Meeting Recording: Skip forward to 10-minute mark

https://drive.google.com/file/d/10LZmQuRQow6hwn-

OLudtN2RFmTtNT 6p/view?usp=sharing

Phase 2 Reopening Guidance PowerPoint

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cvPAAugxg0KmyUgijYCfdrHRAkAhOyBW/view?usp=sharing

Relief for Small Businesses with Passage of PPP Flexibility Act

The recently-passed Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Flexibility Act of 2020 provides borrowers additional time to qualify for forgiveness and eases the restrictions on how much of the forgivable portion of the loan proceeds must be used for payroll costs. Read more details <a href="https://example.co.ni/exa

Phase 2 Reopening Guidance

More Phase 2 guidance has just been released by the state of Oregon:

Venues & Event Operators Guidance

Gatherings / General Guidance (cap for venues is 250)

Zoos/Museums/Gardens Baseline Guidance

County Guidance for Entering Phase 2

Indoor & Outdoor Entertainment Facilities Guidance

Restaurants & Bars Guidance

Swimming Pools, Spas, & Sports Courts Guidance

Recreational Sport Guidance

NEW! Although Douglas County has not seen the rise in COVID-19 cases other parts of the state and country have seen the last couple of weeks, the rise in cases elsewhere and the Governor hitting the "pause button" for one-week on pending county applications for reopening, it is a good reminder to continue to be diligent and follow established Phase 2 guidance. We can successfully maneuver through this phase as a business community!

Tools for Our Businesses from the U.S. Chamber

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Guide

Under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), loans may be forgiven if borrowers use the funds to maintain their payrolls and pay other specified expenses. <u>Click here</u> to download this step-by-step guide to calculate your loan forgiveness amount, navigate record-keeping requirements, and determine repayment terms on amounts not forgiven.

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center

Last week, as part of the Path Forward initiative, the U.S. Chamber unveiled its <u>Reopening Business Digital Resources Center</u> to equip America's business community

with the latest state guidelines, sector-specific guidance, small business advice, and other tools and resources as we look to reopen safely and keep employees and customers healthy and informed.

Now, the resources center also includes a <u>customizable workplace flyer</u> to help our members communicate the steps your company is taking to keep them safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19 to employees and customers.

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center Toolkit

In addition to the Reopening Business Digital Resources Center, and as you and your members face new questions and unprecedented new challenges, the U.S. Chamber has also created a comprehensive <u>toolkit</u> of key messages, example posts, and social media graphics for you to utilize while sharing the tools and resources with your local business communities and networks.

Need Help Navigating the PPP Loan Forgiveness Process?

In this video, our US Chamber of Commerce EVP Neil Bradley walks you through all the essential steps, including forgiveness calculations and repayment terms. Watch now: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUxFUvVjU0s&feature=youtu.be

And for a printable guide, visit uschamber.com/PPPforgiveness



Reopening FAQs . . . Answered

Document from the state clarifying guidance for gyms/fitness: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390d.pdf

Document from the state clarifying guidance for retail:

https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390b.pdf

Document from the state clarifying guidance for personal services: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390a.pdf

Document from the state clarifying guidance for restaurants: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342i.pdf

<u>Sign the Petition . . . Roseburg Chamber Endorses</u> <u>"People Not Politicians"/Joins Coalition Supporting IP</u> 57

At its May meeting, the chamber board of directors voted unanimously to endorse the "People Not Politicians" campaign and joined the coalition working to get IP 57 on the November general election ballot. The chamber supports IP 57 because it believes redistricting reform is important for Oregon and the businesses we represent.

The chamber believes Oregon voters should choose their politicians—politicians should not choose their voters. The process for drawing congressional and legislative district boundaries has for too long been controlled by elected officials who should not be drawing their own district maps. It's time to end gerrymandering. Please join us and sign IP 57?

IP 57 call for an independent, citizen-led redistricting commission.

- · The commission would be made up of 12 citizens: 4 Republicans, 4 Democrats, and 4 people who are not affiliated with either party.
- · Incumbent politicians, lobbyists, and political operatives cannot serve on the commission.
- · Commissioners may not favor or discriminate against any candidate, elected official or political party.

Want to learn more about the measure? Check out its website at www.peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.com.

Safety Checklist for Restaurants and Lodging Operations

The Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association (ORLA) has created safety checklists for restaurant and lodging operations. ORLA launched the checklists earlier this week,

providing safety strategies and protocols for restaurants and lodging properties. The checklists are available on **ORLA's website**.

Need PPE?

Businesses in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties can now order PPE (masks and hand sanitizer) from www.sowibsupply.com.

Personal services providers are encouraged to use Level 2 or Level 3 masks when "close-in" with customers (and face shields in some circumstances). Medford's own Quantum Innovations, out of Medford, is one of the few places that has these masks in stock. They also sell surface disinfectant, no-touch thermometers and more: https://gtmi.net/shop/

Business Oregon has launched a new resource for businesses struggling to find PPE: https://supplyconnector.org/states/oregon/

Guidance on Face Coverings

Under <u>new statewide guidance for face coverings</u>, all of the following businesses must provide face coverings and require employees to wear them:

- Grocery stores
- Fitness-related organizations
- Pharmacies
- Public transit agencies and providers
- Personal services providers
- Restaurants, bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, tasting room and distilleries
- Retail stores
- Ride sharing services

In public, all Oregonians must wear a face covering on public transit, and the state strongly recommends that Oregonians wear a face covering in settings like grocery stores where physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

Chamber Updates

<u>Information Floor</u>. While the chamber has continued to maintain office hours and be operational during the COVID-19 pandemic, the information/visitor floor was temporarily closed to the public. On Monday, June 1, the information floor was reopened to the public. Information is currently self-service and the chamber has taken

necessary precaution/established guidelines to protect visitors and employees. The information floor is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. An outdoor kiosk provides information seven days a week.

Member Businesses Days/Hours of Operation.

Help us promote you! We get inquires every day about what businesses are open and about the days and hours of operation for those businesses. Shoot us an email at info@roseburgareachamber.org and let us know if you're open and what days and hours so we can tell your potential customers and clients! ©

Membership Luncheon. The chamber has rescheduled its next membership luncheon for Monday, August 17, in order to provide the largest number of our members as possible the opportunity to participate. Those with season passes or May tickets, already have your seat reserved for the August luncheon and program. The luncheon program, a "Timber & Wood Products Industry Update," will be presented by Roseburg Forest Products president & CEO Grady Mulbery. More information regarding ticket sales will be available via "Chamber News" emails in July.

<u>After Hours Business Networking</u>. Our June "After Hours" business networking event at Cascade Community Credit Union, is not cancelled . . . just postponed until fall, tentatively September 9. Look for details in future "Chamber News" emails and newsletters.

NEW Information and Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-19

Pandemic: https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/

Please continue to check back, as the chamber updates its resource information almost daily. And, please share this link with friends and colleagues. The more our local businesses armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

We are so happy to see many of our local businesses starting to reopen. And, we are grateful for the patience and understanding their clients and customers will exhibit as these businesses adjust to and implement new guidelines for their operations.

Let us know how we can help. Tell us your story. Stay Safe...Stay Strong! We Are In This Together!

Please remember . . .



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