NEW...ACTION ALERT! Our Businesses Need Protection from Potential COVID-19 Lawsuits

Governor Brown has called for a special session of the Oregon legislature beginning June 24 to address policy issues. However, liability protections for businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19, is not currently listed as an agenda item. Let's change that . . . PLEASE contact your legislators and the Governor's office today and get this important issue on the special session agenda!

Send your message to the Governor and legislators today

LOOK WHO'S OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



OPEN! Friday 11 am - 5 pm Saturday 11 am - 5 pm

...and by appointment







NEW! Businesses Should Post "New" Occupancy Maximum

This occupancy is based on Oregon Health Authority guidance requiring establishments to determine maximum occupancy and limit the number of individuals on the premises. Maximum occupancy is based on the requirement that at least six (6) feet of physical distance be maintained between parties.

For signage: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2697.pdf

THE TIME IS NOW!!! Sign the Petition . . . Join the Roseburg Chamber in its Support of IP 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 calls 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.

NEW! Small Business Administration's EIDL Assistance is Reopened to New Applicants

If your business has not yet applied for either the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) and you still need financial assistance, these programs are currently open to all eligible small businesses. These programs are the primary assistance measures the federal government has taken to help small businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic.

EIDL

- 3.75% interest for businesses
- 1 year payment deferral
- 15 or 30 year term
- Up to \$10,000 may be forgiven if used on eligible expenses
- · Open to agricultural businesses

The EIDL program is a loan that offers longer term financing with up to \$10,000 in forgiveness. This is a loan directly from the Small Business Administration. A recent change in the law made these loans available for agricultural businesses.

PPP

- 1% interest
- 10 month payment deferral
- 5 year term
- Up to the full amount may be forgiven plus interest if used on eligible expenses

The PPP is based on payroll costs and has a shorter loan term. At least 60% of the forgiven amount must have been used for payroll. Forgiveness is based on the employer maintaining or quickly rehiring employees and maintaining salary levels.

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

NEW! SBA and Treasury Announce New and Revised Guidance Regarding the Paycheck Protection Program

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, issued new and revised guidance for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). This guidance implements the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act (PPPFA), signed into law by President Trump on June 5, 2020, and expands eligibility for businesses with owners who have past felony convictions. Learn more

NEW! SBA - PPP Loan Forgiveness Application https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form--paycheck-protection-program-ez-loan-forgiveness-application-6-16-2020

NEW!!! Phase 2 Reopening Guidance

Guidance updates. OHA has been issuing FAQs & updates in a number of areas, including:

- Recreation sports FAQ that includes a list of allowed sports, including soccer, volleyball, and swim
 - lessons: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390g.pdf
- Updated face-covering policy (that specifies that non-customer facing employees that have adequate physical distance around them may be exempted from wearing face coverings): https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2288K.pdf
- Statewide guidance for zoos, museums, drive-in movies, raceways and outdoor gardens: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2351H.pdf
- Phase 2 Guidance for Outdoor Recreation, making clear that outdoor playgrounds (and splash pads) are allowed in Phase
 - 2: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2351i.pdf

- An FAQ for pools that makes clear how HOAs or apartment buildings have to comply with distance monitoring & that spa pools must only accommodate one household at a time: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390h.pdf
- An FAQ for venues & facilities, which includes several clarifications for faith-based gatherings & an explanation for when/how a complex could hold multiple simultaneous

events: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2390f.pdf

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" on pending county applications for reopening, 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.

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

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 is one of the few places that has these masks in stock. They also sell surface disinfectant, no-touch thermometers and more: https://qtmi.net/shop/

<u>Business Oregon has launched a new resource for businesses struggling to find PPE:</u> 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

Information Floor. 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>SAVE THE DATE!!! 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 <u>September 9</u>. 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.

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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