

NEW! Governor Bans Indoor Gatherings of More Than 10

At a news conference this morning, Governor Kate Brown announced a statewide ban on indoor gatherings of more than 10 people. Additionally, Oregonians are now ordered to wear **face coverings outside** whenever they cannot maintain a six-foot separation from others. **These new orders take effect Wednesday, July 15.**

Gov. Brown said she was “sounding the alarm” because of a continuing climb in COVID-19 cases around the state. She said Oregon experienced more cases in just the last week than in the entire month of May. She said half of the cases involved Oregonians under the age of 40, and a third involved people under the age of 30. Gov. Brown said people in their 20s and 30s are “far and way” more likely to get infected by the virus, and she noted that many people don’t show symptoms for several days, so they unwittingly are infecting others.

The governor said community spread is a significant source of the infection. She said the top three sources currently appear to be 1) agriculture and food processing plants; 2) assisted living centers, nursing homes and prisons; and 3) “social get-togethers.” She said the state is working with leaders in the first two categories to curb the spread, and indicated that the ban on indoor gathers of more than 10 is aimed at stopping community spread through social gatherings.

The governor noted that reopened restaurants and bars do not appear to be a source for the COVID-19 spread. She emphasized the state’s continued expectation that businesses would police customer compliance with the statewide mask mandate and said that, noting that businesses that fail to comply face fines, penalties and risk of being closed down. She said while she does not have an immediate plan to return to a broad business closure order, “nothing is off the table.”

Still Time to Apply! Funds Available for Small Businesses in Douglas County

Our local CCD Business Development Corporation successfully received funds from the state of Oregon’s COVID-19 Emergency Business Assistance Program. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to small businesses adversely affected by economic conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic that have not received federal emergency assistance under the federal CARES Act or other federal programs to date.

The funds will be disbursed to eligible small businesses located in Coos, Curry or Douglas counties in the form of grants, not loans. CCD began accepting applications on June 29, 2020.

[CCD/State of Oregon COVID-10 Emergency Business Grant Application Program Information Sheet](#)

Submit application package to: covid19grants@ccdbusiness.com or hand deliver to one of CCD Business Development Corporation offices:

Coos Bay Office
540 Anderson Ave.
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Roseburg Office
522 SE Washington Ave., Ste 111A
Roseburg, OR 97470

COVID-19 RELIEF AVAILABLE for Second Quarter CAT Payments

As the deadline approaches to make estimated Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) payments for the second quarter, the Oregon Department of Revenue reminds taxpayers of relief available to those businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As adopted in administrative rule 150-317-1500, the department will honor a business taxpayer's good-faith efforts to comply with the CAT and not assess penalties if they document their efforts to comply, including how COVID-19 has impacted their business.

The CAT applies to all business entity types, such as C and S corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, and other entities. Businesses are required to register for the CAT within 30 days of reaching \$750,000 in Oregon commercial activity in the calendar year.

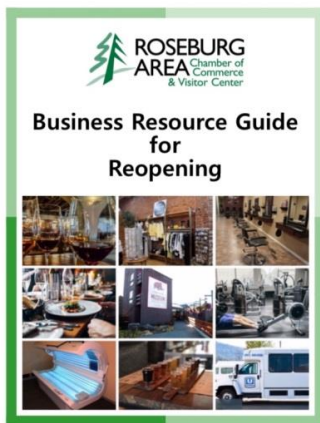
Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Deadline

EXTENDED...Apply Today

The federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds are still available, and the June 30 deadline has been extended five weeks to August 8, for small businesses, nonprofits, independent contractors and other eligible borrowers to access a **forgivable** loan through the SBA's **Paycheck Protection Program** (PPP). Contact your local financial institution to see if it is a participating PPP lender.

Guides/Tools for Reopening Our Businesses

Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce



RACC's Business Resource Guide for Reopening.

If you haven't yet checked out the chamber's [Business Resource Guide for Reopening](#), you should. The guide has great information and valuable tips and resources for our businesses reopening in Phases 1 and 2. As with everything these days, the guide is frequently updated as the chamber obtains more and clarified information.

US Chamber of Commerce

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center

As part of the Path Forward initiative, the U.S. Chamber unveiled its [Reopening Business Digital Resources Center](#) 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 [customizable workplace flyer](#) 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 [toolkit](#) 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.

Chamber Notes & Updates

Chamber Newsletter. Be sure and check out the chamber's July/August issue of [Business Perspectives](#).

Project Leadership Participants Graduate. If you missed last week's "Chamber News" announcing the graduation of the chamber's 2019-20 Project Leadership graduates and their community-benefit project, [check it out](#).

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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! 😊

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 are armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

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