

## [New! Chamber Offers No-Cost PPE to Roseburg Businesses](#)

Partnership between the City of Roseburg and the Roseburg Area Chamber is providing personal protective equipment (PPE) at no cost to Roseburg businesses. The limited-quantity PPE offered includes: 3-ply ear-loop disposal masks, washable reusable cloth masks, non-surgical KN95 masks, pump-bottle hand sanitizer, antibacterial wipes and disposable nitrile gloves.

To receive the no-cost PPE, businesses must apply through the chamber's website and certify that they were financially impacted by COVID-19. Criteria information and applications are available on the chamber website under its [COVID-19 Business Recovery Resource Center Library](#).

## [New! "State of the County" Featured Chamber January Membership Program](#)

Online reservations open for the chamber's January 11, 2021 membership program, "State of the County" presented by Douglas County 2020 chair of the board of commissioners, the Honorable Chris Boice.

Advanced registration is required and the deadline to register is noon on January 8. A one-time access code/link will be forwarded per registration the week prior to the program. Our January program is sponsored by CSO Avista Utilities. [MAKE MY RESERVATION](#)

Obviously, with the current uncertainty about when the chamber's monthly luncheon programs will actually return to in-person luncheon programs, the chamber will not be selling season passes in January. The chamber expects that virtual versus in-person monthly membership programs will be a month-to-month decision through May 2021. The chamber will be changing its membership meeting season pass year to September through May. Those season passes will go on sale summer 2021.

## [New! Oregon OSHA Grants Grace-Period for Compliance with New COVID-19 Rules](#)

The recently adopted [Oregon OSHA Temporary COVID-19 rule](#) includes a series of deadlines, including three inter-related requirements. Under the rule, employers must complete both the required [Risk Assessment](#) and the [Infection Control Plan](#) based on that Risk Assessment by December 7, 2020 and must complete the required [Infection Control Training](#) (based in part on the Infection Control Plan) by December 21, 2020.

**A three-week implementation delay has been granted for certain employers – including restaurants, gyms and other businesses impacted the recent "freeze" and by the newly adopted risk levels.** All other employers who have been working to comply but have not yet completed that work are granted a one-week grace period. You can read more about this in [OR-OSHA's memo](#).

### **Important timelines to remember:**

- **[Base Rule: Effective November 16, 2020](#)**
  - Physical Distancing
  - Masks
  - Cleaning & Sanitation
  - Poster Posted
- Building Operator Rules: **November 23, 2020**
- Exposure Risk Assessment: **December 7, 2020\***
- Infection Control Plan: **December 7, 2020\***
- Employee Training: **December 21, 2020**
- Ventilation Requirements (all workplaces): **January 6, 2021**

You can find additional materials on [Oregon OSHA's website](#).

## [Economic Shutdown Continues for Douglas County](#)

**Douglas County Remains at Extreme Risk Level.** County risk levels under the state's new public health framework to reduce transmission of COVID-19 uses four different risk levels for counties based on COVID-19 spread—Extreme Risk, High Risk, Moderate Risk and Lower Risk. Each risk level has **assigned health and safety measure mandates**. These mandated measures are effective became effective December 3. The Oregon Health Authority will examine and publish county data weekly. County risk levels will be reassigned every two weeks, with the next risk assignment levels taking effect on December 18. Douglas County was determined and remains in the Extreme Risk, including Douglas County, which means we will continue with the economic shutdown currently in place. A complete list of counties and their associated risk levels is available [here](#).

For more **information about the risk levels and activity guidance, guidance based on county risk level** or read the **full press release**. State of Oregon, Office of the Governor **Executive Order 20-66**.

A change from the two-week "freeze," bars and restaurants will be allowed to have a maximum of 50 customers dining outdoors, with tables limited to parties of six. Service must stop at 11 p.m.

Retail capacity limitations are also changing. Under the "two-week freeze" requirements, all retail was limited to 75% capacity. Now, those counties classified as at "extreme" or "high" risk are curtailed to 50%.

Just a reminder, the chamber will post any new information, resource materials and/or links on its **COVID-19 Business Recovery Resource Center Library** page on our website as soon as we obtain it.

## **Reminder: Oregon OSHA COVID-19 Rule Resources Available**

- Infection Control Plan (**Fill-in Word document** or **Print version**)
- COVID-19 Hazards Poster **English** / **Spanish**
- Exposure Risk Assessment Form (**Fill-in Word document** or **Print version**)
- **Online Training Course**
- **Fact Sheet: Provisions with Delayed Effective Dates**
- **Temporary Rule 437-001-0744 and Appendix Addressing COVID-19 Workplace Risks**
- **Overview Table for Oregon OSHA COVID-19 Temporary Rule**
- **Model Policy for Notification of Employees when COVID-19 Exposure Occurs (PDF)** (Spanish - **PDF** and **Word document**)
- **Questions and Answers**

## **Nominate Today!**

***RACC Accepting Nominations for 2020 First Citizens, Businesses of the Year, Chamber Volunteer of the Year Honors***

Nominations are open for male and female first citizen honors, outstanding businesses of the year and chamber volunteer of the year recognitions. Honorees will be announced on March 18, 2021.

"Business of the year" honors include three categories: small, medium and large-size chamber-member businesses. The chamber will also recognize an outstanding individual as its volunteer of the year and a local business for its innovation. The chamber is also seeking nominations for deserving individuals for our community's highest honor, first citizens. For nomination criteria and forms: **Business of the Year**, **Chamber Volunteer of the Year**, **Business Innovator** and **First Citizens** nomination forms. Nomination deadline is 5:00 pm on January 29, 2021.

## **New! Southwest Oregon Workforce Investment Board to Offer Free PPE Event to Small Business**

**SOWIB in partnership with Business Oregon will be providing free PPE pick up-events in Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties.**

Masks, gloves, contactless thermometers, sanitizing wipes/spray and hand sanitizer will be available, while supplies last. Businesses are requested to bring a business card to the pick-up location. The Douglas County pick-up event will be Monday, December 21 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (while supply lasts) at South Umpqua Rentals, 140 N Old Pacific Hwy in Myrtle Creek.

## **Show Local Businesses the Love and Loyalty This Holiday-Shopping Season**

Let's show our local retail businesses, restaurants, wineries and breweries the love and loyalty they need and deserve this holiday season . . . and all year long!

Our restaurants, tasting rooms, breweries, etc. are not the source of the recent surge in positive COVID-19 cases in Oregon. They should not have been required to close, again. Check out the **Op-Ed** by Jason Brandt, CEO of the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association.

**Here's what we can do to help!** To ensure our favorite eateries...and more...survive the mandates, restrictions, and the overall impacts related to the pandemic, please patronize by ordering takeout and purchasing gift certificates this holiday season! Also order/pick-up local wines and brews for our own holiday tables and as gifts for others! Shop our small local retailers, crafters and artisans this holiday-shopping season. Let's keep the money in Douglas County! Get Vocal About Local! [#shoplocal](#) [#buylocal](#) [#dinelocal](#) [#takeout](#) [#drinklocal](#) [#pickup](#) [#shopsmall](#) [#supportlocal](#) [#shoproseburg](#) [#landofumpqua](#) [#shopdouglascountyoregon](#)

## [Recovery Resource Library Related to COVID-19 Pandemic & Wildfires](#)

### [Wildfire Recovery Assistance Information—\*\*UPDATED INFORMATION ONLINE\*\*](#)

For those impacted by the recent wildfires, the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce continues to update daily a detailed list of resources and information on our website to assist our local businesses and residents during recovery. Please check back often, as the resource information from FEMA, US Small Business Administration, the state of Oregon and the chamber's economic-growth/sustainability partners, is relayed to the chamber almost daily. The wildfire disaster assistance information is under the chamber's "Current News" page, "[Resource Information for Recovery Related to 2020 Wildfires](#)" section. FYI, it's the section past all the COVID-19 pandemic resource information, about halfway down the page.

### [Information and Recovery Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic—\*\*UPDATED INFORMATION\*\*](#)

Please continue to check the chamber's online "[Business Recovery Resource Center Library Re: COVID-19 Pandemic,](#)" 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.

## [Chamber News, Programs & Updates](#)

**Membership Meeting Programs Return! Reservations Open** for the chamber's January 11 virtual **Membership Meeting** program "State of the County."

**Time to Nominate!** Be sure and download nomination forms for 2020 **first citizens, businesses of the year** and **chamber volunteer of the year** honors. And, grow your business in 2021 by participating in the "Shop Chamber & Save" exclusive member-to-member discount program.

**SAVE THE DATE!** March 18, 2021 the Roseburg Area Chamber will host several programs and events throughout the day and evening for its annual celebration of business, recognition and awards event and annual membership meeting. Look for more information in early 2021!

Be sure and take a look at the chamber's November/December 2020 issue of **Business Perspectives**. There is much information about upcoming programs and events. Missed a past issue of Business Perspectives or one of those "oh-so-informative" members email blasts? No worries. They are posted on the chamber website on the **Monthly Newsletter page** . . . just scroll.

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