

Economic Shutdown Continues for Douglas County

Douglas County at Extreme Risk Level. Yesterday, Governor Brown announced updates to county risk levels under the state's new public health framework to reduce transmission of COVID-19. As we shared with you, our members, last week, the framework 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 Thursday, December 3 and will remain through December 17. 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.

Twenty-five counties have been determined to be 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** or read the **full press release**.

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

Chamber to Launch No-Cost PPE Distribution Program Next Week

Partnership between the City of Roseburg and the Roseburg Area Chamber will provide personal protective equipment (PPE) at no cost to Roseburg area businesses. The limited-quantity PPE to be offered will include: 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 demonstrate that they were financially impacted by COVID-19. The program is set to launch on or about December 10. Applications **will be** available on the **Roseburg Chamber website** once the PPE distribution program is "live." Next week, check your inbox and the chamber website for eligibility criteria and application links. Once launched, application information will also be posted on the city's website.

NEW OSHA COVID-19-Related Resources Available

Oregon OSHA has released a **Fact Sheet** for the COVID-19 Temporary Rule for All Workplaces as well as a **question and answer document** regarding the rule that went into effect on November 16. It is important to understand these provisions and what your responsibilities are as an Oregon employer.

Oregon OSHA's temporary rule for COVID-19 (OAR 437-001-0744) **requires all employers to develop and implement an infection control plan**. This plan builds upon each employer's exposure risk assessment, which the rule also requires, and aims to eliminate or otherwise minimize worker exposure to COVID-19. The exposure risk assessment and infection control plan need to be completed in writing for those employers with more than 10 employees by December 7.

Below are several resources regarding COVID-19-related rule updates. Additional materials can be found on **Oregon OSHA's website**.

- Infection Control Plan (**Fill-in Word document** or **Print version**)
- COVID-19 Hazards Poster **English** / **Spanish**
- **Exposure Risk Assessment Form**
- **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** / **Spanish**

[Douglas County to Receive \\$1,473,569 for Local Business Assistance Fund](#)

As you know, to help mitigate the financial impact “the freeze” will have on Oregon businesses, Governor Brown announced last week that she has directed \$55 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds to help those required to close.

The funds will be allocated to counties, with each county receiving a base of \$500,000 plus a per capita allocation of the remainder of the funds. The counties will be responsible for deciding how businesses apply to receive funds and communicating the application process to businesses. The Governor’s office anticipates that the funds will be distributed to counties within the next several weeks. **Douglas County’s share of those funds for local business assistance has been determined to be \$1,473, 569. County leadership is in the process of developing its business assistance grant application criteria and process. If your business has been impacted by these new restrictions, contact Douglas County at dcinfo@douglas.or.us and ask to be added to the COVID Business Funding Program mailing list to receive the latest updates and information.**

[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 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

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.

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. Download and return the **Shop Chamber & Save form** by **December 4th deadline**.

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!

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