

Free PPE Program for 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 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 should apply through the chamber's website and certify that they were financially impacted by COVID-19. To apply, visit [**COVID-19 Business Recovery Resource Center Library**](#) or click [**HERE!**](#)

"State of the County" Program Tickets on Sale NOW!

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! U.S. Chamber Guide to Small Business COVID-19

Emergency Loans Updated

Yesterday, December 22, the U.S. Chamber created a new [Guide to Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Loans](#) to provide local chambers and our members with the latest information and answers to FAQs about the changes that have been made to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) Program as part of the end-of-year pandemic relief package Congress passed and which is tentatively slated to become law.

[Click here](#) to view the U.S. Chamber's new Guide to Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Loans. As the year-end federal pandemic relief package evolves and, we are confident, ultimately authorized and signed into law, we will continue to provide updates as the information becomes available.

New! Results from Oregon Legislature's One-Day Special Session

The Oregon Legislature met on Monday, December 21, for a one-day special session—the third this year—to address ongoing issues around Oregon's response to the COVID pandemic, as well as the wildfire crisis. After weeks of negotiations and two public hearings last week, legislators quickly passed a handful of bills:

- [HB 4401](#) establishes a \$150 million landlord assistance fund for unpaid rent after April 1, 2020 and extends the residential eviction moratorium until June 30, 2021.
- [HB 4402](#) establishes liability protection for schools and community colleges.
- [SB 5731](#) moves \$600 million from the state's general fund to the Emergency Board for use in wildfire and COVID-19 economic relief. The bill specifies that \$100 million will go for wildfire recovery, \$400 million for COVID-19 relief and \$100 million for uses determined by the Emergency Board, including landlord assistance.
- [SB 1801](#) allows the sale of alcoholic drinks to-go, including delivery, as well as the sale of single-serving wine in sealed containers. The bill also caps the maximum fees delivery services can charge restaurants at 15%.
- Lawmakers also considered [SB 1803](#), which would have established liability protections for hospitals and health care providers, but the bill failed. OBI has been advocating for months for temporary and targeted liability protections for schools, health care providers, and businesses. We hope the 2021 Legislature will consider these common-sense measures.

The Legislature is scheduled to convene for the 2021 long session on January 19. Your chamber has already established a number of positions on anticipated legislation and will advocate for local

business on proposed policy and legislation impacting our members. The chamber will keep our members updated regularly throughout the 2021 session.

[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.

[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**.

[Douglas County Risk Level](#)

Douglas County Extreme Risk Level Potential to Move “Down” to High. 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 examines and publishes county data weekly. County risk levels will be reassigned every two weeks, with the next risk assignment levels taking effect on January 1, 2021. Douglas County was originally determined and remains in the Extreme Risk, which means we will continue with the economic shutdown currently in place. Any changed in the risk level would be announced on December 29 and become effective January 1. Watch for updates and continue to check the 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](#)

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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce

This year has been hard....really, really hard...for so many of our local businesses and members, their employees, our neighbors and community as a whole. It is always our immense privilege to serve Douglas County businesses, but never more than this past year. Thank you all for that honor. The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce continues to be here to support local business and lead collaborative opportunities for recovery and our future growth. We look forward to 2021. We look forward to connecting with you in the New Year!

Take care, be safe and stay strong. Have a joyous holiday and celebrate all that is good!

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