Indoor Mask Mandate Ends March 31

The Oregon Health Authority <u>announced this afternoon</u> that its indoor mask mandate for businesses and public spaces will expire no later than March 31. The mandate may end sooner if the number of hospital beds used for COVID-related treatment falls below 400. Hospitalizations today are hovering at about 1,000, according to the OHA.

The announcement occurred on the same day the agency filed its controversial permanent rule requiring the use of masks in indoor spaces, including places of employment. While permanent, the rule can be rescinded when the state determines that transmission rates, hospital bed usage or other factors support such a decision. Today's announcement establishes the parameters for relaxation.

Even after the mandates are rescinded, the OHA noted, employers may adopt their own mask requirements to protect employees and customers.

The masking mandate for schools, meanwhile, will end on March 31, but not sooner. That mandate is the product of a separate rule, which <u>the state adopted January 28</u>. OHA will not consider lifting the mandate before March 31, it explained, because schools need time to prepare.

Today's announcement is silent about the mask mandate that applies to health-care settings.

<u>Last Chance to Purchase Season Passes for 2022 Membership</u> <u>Meeting Lunches</u>

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce has reopened the sale of season passes for the remaining membership meeting lunches in 2022. Sale of the 2022 season passes will close permanently on March 9. NEVER RSVP again! Attend the membership meeting lunches listed below, and never worry about forgetting to make a reservation. With your season pass, it's all taken care of! Individual season passes for exclusively for RACC members, as a member-benefit. PURCHASE 2022 Season Passes HERE!

Mark the Calendar / Remaining 2022 Membership Meeting Luncheons

Monday, March 14, 2022

Monday, April 11, 2022

Monday, May 16, 2022

Monday, June 20, 2022

Monday, September 19, 2022

Monday, October 17, 2022

Monday, November 14, 2022

2022 "Shop Chamber & Save" Discount Cards

Members of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce have the opportunity to participate in our annual special member-to-member "Shop Chamber & Save Program!" Each year, chamber member businesses offer discounts to fellow chamber members to build rapport in the business community, increase exposure and to grow their business.

In January, Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce voting members received a flyer listing the 2022 "shop chamber and save" discounts. Many of our members have already requested discount cards for the employees covered under their annual membership dues structure.

See the new list of participating chamber members and their **2022 "shop chamber & save" offers**. If you have not yet requested discount cards, send an email to assistant@roseburgareachamber.org and request 2022 discount cards for you and your employees. Some restrictions apply.

Support local businesses and your fellow chamber members and save money! Request your discount cards today!

More Chamber News

Check out the chamber's <u>January/February 2022 Business Perspectives e-newsletter</u>. Missed a past issue of <u>Business Perspectives</u> or one of our membership email blasts? They are posted on the chamber website on the <u>Monthly Newsletter page</u> . . . just scroll.

Sponsorships are available for chamber's annual meeting of the membership/awards events on March 24. For more information on the four different sponsorship opportunities, check out pages 7-10 of the January/February 2022 issue of *Business Perspectives*, or the <u>annual celebration of business/awards event page</u> on the chamber website.

For 2022 Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce program and event dates, so far, visit the online Chamber Calendar. More news and details coming soon! RACC 2021-2022 Goals and Priorities.

Support local businesses! Please be patient. Please be kind.

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