

Corona Virus Daily Briefing from City of Ashland Emergency Management Organization

Friday, March 20, 2020

NOTE: The next update will be Monday, March 23 unless significant developments necessitate.

Operations Update

- A group designated to research and report back on opportunities and needs in the community for volunteers has submitted a report to the Emergency Management Team.
- Daily communications with Jackson County Public Health, regional fire, EMS, and law enforcement is taking place.
- Continuity of operations plans are in place for all essential city services (public safety, public works). Staff are analyzing work at home options for some employees who don't have to be in the office.
- Kelly is coordinating with OHRA on shelter closing and next steps. We'll be supporting OHRA with some financial resources and getting information to the public about gear needed.
- Downtown parking enforcement was eased to 4 hours everywhere and allowing re-parking in the same block. Responding to citizen feedback.
- Coordinating with Councilor Graham and waiting for Jackson County info sheet on how neighbors should safely help their neighbors.
- IT and Adam working on free AFN access for SOU and ASD students for distance learning
- Ongoing communications with Chamber of Commerce

Public Information Update

Today's PIO tasks

- Sent info to Jackson County's EOC, haven't heard back.
- Released info with Chamber of Commerce on economic response
- Continued to update website and social media with new information
- Continue to monitor community information needs and feedback
- Started using Zoom for internal meetings. Exploring video recording options for updates to Council and public broadcasts.
- Drafting language for employee health and safety preparations with HR director
- Working on language with OHRA for media announcement and request for donations
- Preparing to share sheet from OHA on discrimination

[Oregonian article on struggles in Ashland's business sector](#)

