

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Weekend Briefing from City of Ashland
Emergency Management Organization
Friday-Sunday, March 27-29th, 2020**

Operations Update

- Governor Brown's [new Exec Order](#) came out last Monday morning. It affects citizens, government and businesses. City is working with businesses as needed to ensure the order is being followed (primarily grocery stores at this point).
- [Jackson County](#) has four confirmed cases of community spread thus far, one of which was reported yesterday. [Oregon](#) reported 98 confirmed cases yesterday, the highest tally by far for one day. Test results are taking anywhere from a few days to over a week to process.
- Ashland Fire & Rescue continues to transport people with COVID-like symptoms. One patient transported last week tested positive. Policies are in place to deal with potential exposures.
- Regular communication with County EOC is taking place. They issue a daily email with updates for anyone who'd like to get it.
- Daily communications with Jackson County Public Health, regional fire, EMS, and law enforcement is taking place. First responder protocols are in place.
- Continuity of operations plans are in place for all essential city services (public safety, public works). Dept heads have executed work at home options for some employees who don't have to be in the office, moving toward the most staff working from home as allowable.
- Kelly is coordinating with OHRA, Jobs with Justice, Rep Pam Marsh, Jackson County, United Way and others on homeless resources. City is contributing money to the County-wide effort to bring food to people on the Greenway.
- Neighbor-helping-neighbor guidance for safely assisting others is now on the City's coronavirus site. Parks and Rec staff along with Councilor Graham are testing an organized program this weekend for roll out early next week.
- Ongoing communications with Chamber of Commerce and businesses is being led by Adam Hanks. Navigating the new federal stimulus package is a top priority.
- Kelly and Adam are working with other cities to figure out what relief will trickle down to cities from the federal aid package. City is accumulating and tracking specific expenses related to corona response.
- Free AFR connection for students and teachers is available in Ashland and being utilized.
- Parks closures under the new Executive Order have been signed throughout the community.
- Car camping locations have been identified in the community. This program will be implemented next week with coordinated hygiene stations, trash pickup, and supervision.



Public Information Update

Current PIO tasks

- Working over the weekend and Monday on information release for the Neighbors program roll out. There will likely be a Nixle message sent next week to support this resource.
- Continue to monitor community information and social media for needs and feedback.
- Working with Asante ACH on statement about their ongoing COVID19 preparations and how they are and will be dealing with an influx of confirmed cases.
- Working with Adam and Chamber of Commerce on a supporting release to the business recovery email sent by the Chamber to businesses and linking to [Sen. Merkley's fact sheet](#).
- Continuing to post reminders about social distancing and health.

See www.ashland.or.us/coronavirus for what we currently have posted.

