

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Weekend Briefing from City of Ashland
Emergency Management Organization
Tuesday, March 31st, 2020**

Operations Update

- [Jackson County](#) has 19 confirmed cases of community spread (not travel related) and no deaths thus far, many cases were confirmed over the weekend. [Oregon](#) now has 690 cases and 18 deaths.
- Ashland Fire & Rescue continues to transport people with COVID-like symptoms. 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 have successfully tested the program and full roll out is expected Wednesday.
- 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 later this week with coordinated hygiene stations, trash pickup, and supervision.
- EOC Meeting is planned for Wednesday with all department heads.



Public Information Update

Current PIO tasks

- News release for the Neighbors program rolls out Wednesday. There will be a Nixle message sent to support this resource. The Nixle landline database was updated today with current numbers.
- 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.
- City sent a supporting [news release](#) reaffirming partnership with the Chamber and emphasis on the new federal assistance becoming available through the CARES Act.
- Continuing to post reminders about social distancing and health.
- Working on guidance for the public using grocery stores and other larger stores that remain open. This is in response to feedback from the community. At least one store has been contacted in person about distancing conditions.
- An article in the Daily Tidings is forthcoming regarding the Hardesty property and camping.

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

