

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Weekend Briefing from City of Ashland
Emergency Management Organization
Thursday, April 2nd, 2020**

Operations Update

- [Jackson County](#) has 27 confirmed cases of community spread (not travel related) and no deaths thus far. Five new cases were reported today. [Oregon](#) now has 826 cases and 21 deaths. Confirmed cases to actual cases has been reported as a factor of 5 to 10.
- 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, also [available on their website](#).
- 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 all employees who don't have to be in the office.
- Kelly is coordinating with OHRA, Jobs with Justice, Rep. Pam Marsh, Jackson County, United Way and others on homeless resources. City is contributing money or staffing to the County-wide effort to bring food to people on the Greenway and establishing car camping sites.
- [Adopt a 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 roll out has been successful via website, social media, Nixle, and phones staffed by Parks employees.
- 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 AFN connection for students and teachers is available in Ashland and being utilized.
- Parks closures under the Governor's Executive Order have been signed throughout the community.
- Car camping locations have been identified in the community. This program will be implemented soon with coordinated hygiene stations, trash pickup, and supervision.
- EOC Meeting took place Wednesday.



Public Information Update

Current PIO tasks

- News release for the Neighbors program rolled out Wednesday with the Nixle message. Nixle landline database was updated, adding nearly 1,000 landlines.
- 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.
- Asante is accepting PPE donations at SOU Lithia Pavilion. Working on support for this on Friday, combined with new guidance from County on wearing masks in public.
- City sent a supporting [news release](#) on Tuesday 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.
- Guidance for the public using grocery stores and other larger stores is finished thanks to help from Dorinda Cottle in Parks. Copies are being made and laminated by City staff and will be distributed by APD and advertised by the City.
- Working on content for the City Source May edition.
- 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.

