

CITY OF NEWPORT

COVID-19 FAQs

Information Contained in this Document is Subject to Change without Notice

Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order No. 20-12 on March 24, 2020, which states “Individuals are directed to minimize travel, other than essential travel to or from a home, residence, or workplace; for obtaining or providing food, shelter, essential consumer needs, education, health care, or emergency services; for essential business and government services; for the care of family members, household members, elderly persons, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons, pets or livestock; travel as directed by government officials, law enforcement, or courts; and other essential travel consistent with the directives of my Executive Orders and guidance from the Oregon Health Authority.”

- Practice social distancing and stay six feet away from anyone who doesn't live in your immediate household, including when outdoors.
- Stay close to home rather than travelling. The Governor's Executive Order says outdoor activities are OK, but to limit travel.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash hands frequently.
- The Governor's Executive Orders regarding non-essential travel remains in place.

HOW IS THE CITY OF NEWPORT PLANNING TO REOPEN

The City of Newport will be opening in phases. It is now in Phase One.

City facilities permitted to open in Phase One include: City Hall, Airport FBO, Fire Station, Recreation Center, closed parking lots, open parks and trails, the dog park, and the Farmer's Market.

City Hall and the Recreation Center will not reopen until building modifications have been completed. An example of a modification is the installation of glass panels at City Hall public counters.

Orders, rules, and regulations related to COVID-19 closures and reopenings are fluid and subject to change without notice.

ARE HOTELS, MOTELS, CAMPGROUNDS, AND RV PARKS OPEN?

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, RV parks, and other short-term rentals in Newport are allowed to reopen subject to submitting a reopening plan with the City of Newport. Many of these facilities opened on May 23, 2020. Others may opt to remain closed.

State parks, including campgrounds, have been closed. The Governor's Office is allowing certain parks, boat ramps, and campgrounds to open. Please check the Oregon State Parks and Recreation website for updated information on park closures.

ARE THE BEACHES OPEN?

The beaches in Oregon are under the purview of Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department. While most state parks are closed, this decision does not currently affect the ocean shore, but it does close many state park-managed parking lots and beach accesses. If you visit a beach, you may be approached by law enforcement to remind you of the Governor's Order to limit travel and maintain social distance from people not in your family.

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department reports that it has the authority to close the beach temporarily for health reasons. If beach goers do not exercise appropriate social distancing measures, the Department will revisit the decision to keep all beaches open.

Please do not travel to visit the beach. The beach will still be here when this pandemic is over, and traveling to the beach from the Valley is a violation of Governor Brown's Executive Order limiting travel to essential travel.

CAN I GO FISHING OR HUNTING?

Information regarding fishing and hunting is available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's website at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/>.

ARE CITY PARKS OPEN?

The city has reopened open parks, trails, and the dog park. All other city parks, and components of city parks, will be closed until Phase Two.

WHAT CAN I DO DURING THESE CLOSURES?

Stay at home, in your community, and honor Governor Brown's Executive Order No. 20-12.

City of Newport on-line activity resources - The City of Newport Recreation Center and 60+ Activity Center have on-line programming to help people stay fit during the COVID-19 pandemic. Programs for both facilities can be accessed at <https://www.newportoregon.gov/recreation>.

Go for a walk - get out in your neighborhood and walk. This is a great opportunity to discover the spring flowers, birds, and wave at your neighbors from at least six feet away.

On-Line exercise programming - since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, a myriad of on-line exercise programs have sprung up providing another opportunity to stay active.

Read a book - the Newport Public Library has a multitude of electronic options for Library cardholders. Don't have a Library card? Sign up for a temporary eCard on the Library website at www.newportlibrary.org.

Virtual visiting - there are a myriad of electronic options for visiting family, friends, and neighbors. A few of these include: Zoom, Google Hang Out, FaceTime, and Skype. Many of these have free options, and provide a great way to stay in touch remotely. And, of course, there is the telephone - pick it up and call family or friends.

Catch up on outdoor home projects - make a list of all those outdoor projects that you have not been able to accomplish, and start checking them off one at a time. Upgrade your landscaping; straighten out your wood pile; trim your hedges; separate and plant bulbs; clean your outdoor furniture; sit in your yard and read a book; and more!

Go Geocaching - this is a family-friendly and fun activity. Go to the geocaching website for a quick tutorial. The website is <https://www.geocaching.com/play>. And then enjoy what is arguably the world's largest treasure hunt.

FARM FRESH FOODS

The Newport Farmer's Market will open on June 6, 2020. It will look very different this year as vendors and customers will be limited. It will be held in the city-owned Angle Street parking lot which is located at Highway 101 and Angle Street. Additional information is available at the Market website at <http://www.newportfarmersmarket.org/>.

The Lincoln County Extension Office has compiled a list of local small farmers and food producers. The link to the list is <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln/lincoln-county-local-food>. If you are a farmer or a food producer, or know of a farmer or food producer that is not on this list please contact: Pami Monnette by e-mail at pamela.monnette@oregonstate.edu.