

**CITY OF NEWPORT
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-15**

**UPDATING PREVIOUS CITY EMERGENCY ORDERS
RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oregon declared a state of emergency for the state on March 8, 2020, finding that COVID-19 created a threat to the public health and safety and constituted a statewide emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newport declared an emergency on March 13, 2020, which was ratified by the City Council at its March 16, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States signed a proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and national public health agencies have instituted guidelines, recommendations, and actions to curb the spread of the disease in an attempt to “flatten the curve” of the disease’s progression in the United States. Many of those recommendations have been adopted by states and local governments across the country. In Oregon, the Governor has issued Executive Orders 20-3 through 20-20 to slow the spread of the virus through the closure of schools, restricting restaurants and bars to carry-out and delivery dining, limitations on public gatherings, higher education restrictions, and other requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has directed Oregonians to “stay at home to stay healthy” through social distancing actions undertaken by each Oregonian. Social distancing includes taking “staycations” (stay at home) during what is normally the spring break season in Oregon and surrounding states. This also includes voluntarily limiting trips and contact with other people; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Governor’s social distancing order and public campaign has not proven effective on the central Oregon coast, as significant out-of-county visitors have continued to come to the coast in recent days despite the stay at home order/directive. Repeated instances of violation of the social distancing norms have placed resources and residents at much greater risk of the spread of the virus. Closure of short-term rentals in north parts of the Oregon coast threaten to move significant vacationers south to Lincoln County if no actions are taken; and

WHEREAS, numerous public and private health officials in Oregon, and beyond, have called for more stringent and aggressive social distancing measures, including stay at home/shelter at home mandates because the voluntary social distancing actions are not being followed in many areas, including Newport; and

WHEREAS, the city adopted Emergency Order No. 2020-00A closing the 60+ Activity Center, eliminating Library programs, eliminating some recreation programs, and canceling all non-essential meetings in city buildings effective March 12, 2020; closure of the Library, Aquatic Center, and Recreation Center, effective March 14, 2020; and suspending water shut-offs and late fees, if a payment plan is established, for March and April of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the city adopted Emergency Order No. 2020-00C limiting access to the City Hall beginning on March 20, 2020; Extending the closures of the Library, Recreation Center, Aquatic Center, and the 60+ Advisory Center to coincide with the Governor's school closure date of April 28, 2020; authorized the issuance of lay-off notices to part-time Library and Recreation Department employees effective March 31, 2020; and authorized limited access to the Airport FBO until April 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the city adopted Emergency Order No. 2020-00D limiting access to the Fire Department effective March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the city adopted Emergency Order No. 2020-01 closing city parks effective March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the city adopted Emergency Order No. 2020-02 suspending all unnecessary new contracts and purchases through June 30, 2020, and requiring prior approval of the City Manager for expenditures in excess of \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, the city adopted Emergency Order No. 2020-14 extending the closure of all city parks until May 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the expiration dates of the various closures differ; and

WHEREAS, the city wishes to standardize its closures and re-openings with the Governor's guidelines on re-opening various businesses and facilities in the state.

I, Spencer R. Nebel, City Manager of the City of Newport, hereby order:

City facilities and programming will open pursuant to the attached schedule (Attachment A) unless modified.

This Order supersedes any previous Orders with conflicting dates.

Spencer R. Nebel, City Manager

Dated: April 30, 2020

Reopening Plan for The City of Newport

Due to mounting concerns about COVID-19, and in response to orders from Governor Kate Brown, the City began in Mid-March to develop a series of measures (later confirmed under Emergency Orders) to either restrict, or close City facilities. Now, as Oregon is moving toward the end of plateau of the first wave of COVID-19 cases, staff is starting to plan for the reopening of City facilities.

Starting last week, Governor Brown first revealed her draft plan for reopening Oregon. This plan is still very much in a “rough draft” phase of development. However, it begins to give us a framework to create our own reopening plans. The Governor’s plan breaks down the reopening process into three phases. Certain criteria have to be met before each phase can begin. Phase One will only begin when testing capacity increases, case numbers show a steady decline, and PPE level requirements are met. Phase One will include limited opening of parks, outdoor recreation areas, childcare, and groups of no more than 10 people.

Phase Two begins, after 2 weeks, only if there is not a rebound in cases. Phase 2 would allow gatherings of up to 50 people, non-essential travel, the opening of schools, gyms and bars under physical distancing guidelines.

Phase Three would further relax restrictions on gathering size, visitation to nursing homes, and more seating at bars and restaurants.

In keeping with past City Emergency Orders, this plan to reopen City facilities stays within the guidelines in the Governor’s draft plan. It should also be noted the steps outlined in this plan are subject to change as new guidance is made available.

We took each facility and compared its function, the facilities occupant load rating, and the population it serves. Then we matched it up with the preliminary criteria set out for each phase. The chart that follows shows each facility and function, which phase it fits into, and any special measures that may need to take place to open.

As we move forward a detailed reopening plan would be created for each facility or activity. Each of these plans would be made in collaboration with staff from that facility. Individual facility or activity plans would include specifics like a social distancing plan based on occupancy and state guidelines, sanitation procedures, needed facility modifications, and changes to workplace practices to ensure social distancing.

ACTIVITY/FACILITY	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	SOCIAL DISTANCING*		FACILITY MODIFICATIONS*	
				10PPL	50PPL	50+PPL	
CITY HALL	X			X	X		
AIRPORT-OPERATIONS	X			X	X		
AIRPORT-EVENTS		X		X			
FIRE STATION	X			X	X		
LIBRARY	X Take Out	X		X	X		
RECREATION CENTER		X		X	X		
ORGANIZED SPORTS & ACTIVITIES			X	X			
AQUATIC CENTER		X		X	X		
ORGANIZED SPORTS & ACTIVITIES			X	X			
60+ CENTER			X	X	X		
PARKS: OPEN PARKS & TRAILS	X			X	SIGNAGE		
PARKS:							
SKATE PARK		X		X	SIGNAGE		
DOG PARK		X		X	SIGNAGE		
PLAY GROUNDS		X		X	SIGNAGE		
SPORT FIELDS		X		X	SIGNAGE		
PUBLIC WORK SHOP	X			X	X		
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT			X	X			
WATER TREATMENT PLANT			X	X			
PAC		X	LG. EVENTS	X			
VAC		X	LG. EVENTS	X			
SPECIAL EVENTS:							
FARMERS MARKET			X	X			
4th of July Fireworks Show	POSTPONED						
WORKSHOPS			X	X			
IN PERSON MEETINGS:							
CITY COUNCIL		X			X		
PLANNING COMMISSION		X			X		
ADVISORY BOARDS		X			X		
TOWNHALL		X	X	X			
* Social distancing and facility modifications will need to be developed for each facility/activity.							