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**CITY OF NEWPORT ANNOUNCES
THE CLOSURE OF THE 60+ ACTIVITY CENTER
AND OTHER PROGRAMMING CANCELLATIONS
RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND
GOVERNOR BROWN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MARCH 12, 2020**

On March 12, 2020, Oregon Governor, Kate Brown, issued Executive Order No. 20-05 prohibiting large gatherings due to coronavirus (COVID-19). The order prohibits large social, spiritual, and recreational gatherings of 250 people or more across the state.

Governor Brown has ordered the implementation of social distancing measures recommending the cancellation of events hosting more than 10 persons in high risk populations. High risk populations include older adults and those with underlying health conditions, as well as individuals without stable housing.

The City of Newport is following Governor Brown's direction and Oregon Health Authority guidance. Some of the actions the city is taking include:

- Immediate closure of the 60+ Activity Center for 30 days or until further notice.
- All non-essential meetings in city buildings are canceled for 30 days or until further notice.
- All Library outreach and programs are canceled for 30 days or until further notice (the Library is open to the public at this time).
- Some recreational programs will be canceled - please check with the Recreation Center at 541.265.7783.

- The Recreation and Aquatic Centers will remain open at this time.
The situation is fluid and subject to change. The City of Newport staff will be reviewing the situation on a regular basis and updates will be provided.
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