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**CITY OF NEWPORT ANNOUNCES
THE CLOSURE OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AND
CANCELLATION OF OTHER PROGRAMMING
RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

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. Yesterday, the city closed the 60+ Activity Center for 30 days or until further notice.

Today, the Governor closed all schools in the State of Oregon. Following the school closures, the city reassessed its facilities and programs, and has taken the following steps in its effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Newport:

- Closure of the City of Newport Library, Recreation Center, and Aquatic Center, effective Saturday, March 14, 2020.
- All programs associated with these three facilities, and the 60+ Activity Center, which was closed yesterday, are cancelled until further notice.

The closure of these three facilities will be re-evaluated on March 31, 2020, and a decision will be made, at that time, whether to re-open these facilities, or extend the closures.

The City of Newport will be holding its City Council meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020, as scheduled. However, the Council meeting can be livestreamed on computers, and viewed on Charter channel 190. If you have comments you wish to share with Council, and do not wish to attend the Council meeting, please make those comments through publiccomment@newportoregon.gov. Please submit comments by 3 P.M., so that they can be made available to the City Council before its meetings.

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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