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CITY OF NEWPORT LIMITING ACCESS TO CITY FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMING

Starting December 3, Oregon introduced a new framework of safety measures based on each county's COVID-19 risk level. The new framework has four risk levels. At each risk level – Extreme Risk, High Risk, Moderate Risk, and Lower Risk – health and safety measures and guidance for businesses and individuals apply.

On Friday, December 18, Lincoln County will be moved into the “Extreme Risk” level. This means that various City of Newport facilities and programs will be limited or closed, including:

- Newport City Hall will be open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:00 - 5:00 P.M., or by appointment. Due to upcoming holiday closures, the Newport City Hall will be open on December 17, 22, 29, and 31. After the first of the year, the Tuesday/Thursday schedule will resume until further notice.
- The Newport Recreation and Aquatic Centers will be closed.
- The Library continues to be open for take-out only.
- The 60+ Activity Center remains closed.
- The Newport Municipal Court is closed until January 6, 2021.
- City Council, Planning Commission, and advisory committee meetings will be virtual, but viewable on Charter Channel 190 and live-streamed on the city website at www.newportoregon.gov. Public comment may be made at publiccomment@newportoregon.gov. Anyone wishing to speak during a virtual

meeting may make that request to publiccomment@newportoregon.gov, at least four hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

The duration of the limitations and closures is unknown at this time, but they will minimally remain in effect until Lincoln County is moved to a lower risk category. Updates will be provided when available.

It is important to note that there is no zero risk category. Until COVID-19 vaccines are widely available, health and safety precautions will remain in place so that schools, businesses, and communities can reopen - and stay open. For additional information regarding the risk framework, visit the Oregon Health Authority website at <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>.

To prevent COVID-19 outbreaks, at every risk level, everyone needs to continue to wear face coverings, watch physical distances, wash hands, stay home when sick, and keep social get-togethers and gatherings small.

The city looks forward to welcoming everyone back into its facilities and programs when the time is right. In the meantime, stay home, stay safe, and stay the course.

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