



March 17, 2020

## Community Gathering Guidelines

Gov. Kate Brown has issued an Executive Order on new social distancing measures for Oregon, effective March 17 for at least four weeks. This order will include the following:

- A statewide cancellation of all events and gatherings larger than 25 people — with essential locations like workplaces, grocery stores, pharmacies, and retail stores exempted. Although I urge Oregonians to avoid any gatherings of 10 people or more.
- Restaurants, bars, and other establishments that offer food or beverages for sale are restricted to carry-out and delivery only with no on-site consumption permitted.
- Food service at hospitals, workplaces and other essential facilities will continue.
- I am also urging all other businesses to evaluate your practices to accommodate social distancing measures. Basically, can your business do the equivalent of restaurant take-out? If you cannot do that, I strongly urge you to close your doors to customers temporarily.
- As with my previous orders on social distancing any establishments not complying with these measures will be subject to a Class C misdemeanor, as established in Oregon's state of emergency statutes. However, I ask you to comply with the spirit of the law so our law enforcement officers can focus on more pressing needs of our communities during this emergency.

Social distancing measures, such as canceling, postponing gatherings and reducing opportunities for person-to-person virus transmission can help slow the spread of disease as well as save lives. We appreciate your help in this effort.

See below for complete guidelines, and visit

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx> or [co.josephine.or.us/COVID19](https://co.josephine.or.us/COVID19) for more information:

- [Requirements and Recommendations for Large Events and Public Gatherings](#)
- [Recommendations for Events Hosting Vulnerable Populations](#)
- [Guidance for Employers](#)
- [Guidance for Community and Faith-based Organizations](#)