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Bureau of Labor and Industries Curtailment of Operations
Bureau of Labor and Industries office operations will be curtailed for the next three days through Wednesday, March 18 while we work to structure teleworking capabilities. Agency functions will continue. Managers and essential personnel will continue to report for work as normal, but our offices will be closed. BOLI will continue to take complaints, provide information, answer questions and other core functions.

Oregonians who would like to get information, file a complaint, or ask questions about laws that protect workers can call 971-673-0761 or email mailb@boli.state.or.us. Employers can call our Technical Assistance Hotline at 971-673-0824 or email bolita@boli.state.or.us.

These actions are in line with clear recommendations from public health officials in Oregon and around the world to minimize social contact to slow the spread of coronavirus. We will reevaluate these office closures in the coming days as teleworking capabilities are structured and guidance from public health officials evolves.

Statement from Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle:
“As companies and school districts pause their operations around the world, I am acting to protect the most vulnerable among us – the elderly and those with underlying health conditions – in this rapidly changing global pandemic.

We are curtailing our office operations to minimize risk to employees and the public during this pandemic while continuing to offer vital services and information to Oregonians.

We must do our part to slow the spread of coronavirus. I am taking this prudent step to protect the public and our staff. We’ll spend the next three days structuring our telework systems for what could be a long haul ahead.

Uncertainty about work and services adds to the broader sense of disorientation that already exists and grows every day. This short-term step will allow my agency to continue to serve Oregonians and do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy.”

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