



Clatsop County
Board of Commissioners

800 Exchange St., Suite 410
Astoria, OR 97103
(503) 325-1000 phone / (503) 325-8325 fax
www.co.clatsop.or.us

June 2, 2020

The Honorable Kate Brown
Governor, State of Oregon
900 Court Street, NE, Ste. 354
State Capital
Salem, OR 97301

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Clatsop County requests approval to enter Phase II effective June 6, 2020, at which point the County anticipates having successfully completed 21 days under Phase 1 requirements.

The County continues to meet all the Phase 1 prerequisite requirements and is prepared to fulfill COVID-19 related public health responsibilities into Phase II.

The following addresses specific information requested by your office,

1. Clatsop County continues to maintain sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for first responders. The County established a minimum goal of a 21-day supply of PPE, which we currently exceed.
2. The Clatsop County Public Health Division has six (6) trained staff members for contact tracing; and is currently training additional personnel.
3. Clatsop County's Phase 1 Plan remains current and reflects the County's readiness to respond as conditions dictate.

Clatsop County's status with the original prerequisites and the additional criteria required to enter Phase II are summarized in Attachment A.

We appreciate your methodical and data-driven approach to reopening. Clatsop County is committed and prepared to do our part to protect the health and safety of residents.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sullivan
Chair, Clatsop County Board of Commissioners

Enclosure

Attachment A

Original Prerequisites

1. Over the previous 14-day period, the percentage of emergency department visits for COVID-19-like illnesses (CLI) for the state as a whole must be less than the historic average for flu at the same time of year.
 - County Response – Per OHA data, the state and region meet this metric.
2. Over the previous 14-day period, a county must show stable or declining hospital admissions for COVID-19 (this metric only applies to counties with more than 5 hospitalized cases in the last 28 days).
 - County Response – Clatsop County has not experienced more than 5 hospital admissions over the last 28 days and meets this metric.
3. A county must have an adequate Contact Tracing system.
 - County Response - The Clatsop County Public Health Division has six (6) trained staff members for contact tracing; and is prepared to add to this capacity. This level of support complies with the standard of 15 contact tracers for every 100,000 people and has been sufficient to meet contact tracing expectations and metrics.
4. In addition, a county must continue to maintain adequate isolation/quarantine facilities, a Minimum testing Regimen, as previously defined, sufficient health care capacity to accommodate a 20% increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, and sufficient PPE supply as reported to OHA's Hospital Capacity system.
 - County Response – The County's Phase I plan for isolation/quarantine remains current and available for implementation as needed with 41 of 42 beds available. The region and County meet metrics for testing requirements, health care capacity and sufficient medical PPE.

Additional criteria required to enter Phase II

5. Timely Follow-up: A minimum of 95% of all new cases must be contact traced within 24 hours as reported in the state's ORPHEUS system over the previous 7-day and 14-day time periods.
 - County Response – Clatsop County meets this metric.
6. Successful tracing: A minimum of 70% of new COVID-19 positive cases must be traced to an existing positive case over the previous 7-day and 14-day time periods.
 - County Response – Clatsop County currently has one (1) active case; with a total cumulative case count of 46. Thus far, 85% of cases have been traced to the outbreak at seafood processing plants; and nearly 90% of total cases have been traced to a known source. Clatsop County will continue to comprehensively and timely perform contact tracing responsibilities and work diligently to trace to an existing positive case.

7. No increase in incident cases or positivity* (**If a controlled outbreak in a group living or working facility is solely responsible for violating this criteria and where extensive follow-up testing and isolation has been successfully carried out, this criterion may be waived by the Governor with support from the Oregon Health Authority*):
- There cannot be a five percent or greater increase in new cases in the county over the past 7 days; or
 - There cannot be a significant increase in the percentage of positive cases or of total tests taken in our county over the past 7 days.
 - County Response – Clatsop County has 46 cumulative positive cases; with only one (1) currently active. Given the low overall numbers, the County would exceed the 5% threshold with three (3) new cases over a 7- day period. While every 7-day period will be unique, the County has not experienced an increase in the percentage of positive cases of total tests taken in our county over the past 7 days. The County meets this metric.