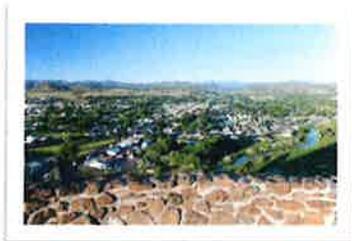




# Crook County COVID-19 Phase II Letter

Prepared based on Governor Kate Brown's  
*Public Health Framework for Reopening  
Oregon*

## *PHASE II*



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# Crook County

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June 1, 2020

Dear Governor Brown,

Crook County is requesting to move to Phase II on **June 6, 2020**.

Crook County entered Phase I on Friday, May 15, and has continued to maintain 6 out of 6 metrics to safely move to Phase II. The county will ensure that critical public health metrics are continually tracked. We are dedicated to protecting the health of our community and are ready to continue supporting responsible business measures in order to improve our economy.

1. This request includes the date requested for moving to Phase II as June 6, 2020; and
2. A letter from the emergency manager attesting that county first responders have sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

### Contact Tracing:

Crook County Health Department currently has three nurses trained to support investigation and contact training, and three additional staff including health educators as contact tracers. St. Charles Healthcare has also offered six health educators for the region with one individual assigned to Crook County for contact tracing. To address health equity issues, the department is hiring a community health worker (Spanish speaking) who will also be trained in contact tracing. Currently, the department has a full-time interpreter (Spanish Speaking) who is assisting staff members.

### Changes to the Original Plan:

There are no significant changes to the plan, but in several areas additional planning and improvement has been completed as noted below:

Original Prerequisites are Being Met:	
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.	Measure is met.
2. Over the previous 14-day period, a county must show stable or declining hospital admissions for COVID-19 (Only	Measure is met.

applies to counties with more than 5 hospitalized cases in the last 28 days).	
3. A county must have an adequate Contact Tracing System.	<p>Crook County Health Department currently has three nurses trained to support investigation, contact training, and three additional staff including health educators as contact tracers. St. Charles Healthcare has also offered six health educators for the region with one individual assigned to Crook County for contact tracing. To address health equity issues, the department is hiring a community health worker (Spanish speaking) who will also be trained in contact tracing. Currently, the department has a full-time interpreter (Spanish Speaking) who is assisting staff members.</p> <p>The number of trained contact tracers has increased since the original plan.</p>
<b>4. County must continue to maintain:</b>	
4a. Adequate Isolation/Quarantine facilities.	<p>The department continues to work with partners and there is no significant change. The department has gained a new partner in the area of wrap services with the addition of Best Care Treatment Services who will provide assistance with housing, food, and social services as needed. Best Care was an option for services since there is not a Community Based Organization that serves Crook County.</p>
4b. Minimum Testing Regimen.	<p>Testing continues to improve in the region and in Central Oregon a new hospital/public health group has formed and will meeting weekly to discuss testing and how the system is working. We are still waiting for the state contract for Walmart to begin testing in Redmond.</p>
4c. Sufficient Health Care Capacity - 20% increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations and sufficient hospital PPE.	<p>St. Charles Healthcare System continues to maintain ability for a 20% increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalization and sufficient PPE.</p>

**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.	<p>100% per metric table; since the original plan, the department has two additional staff training to provide case investigation as needed along with additional contact tracers as noted above. We will hire a</p>
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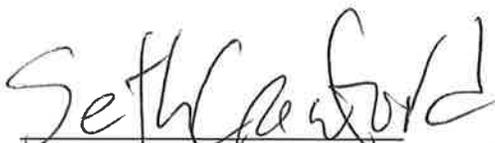
	bilingual community health worker in the next month.
6. Successful Tracing: a minimum of 70% of new COVID-19 positive cases must be traced to an existing positive case over the previous 7-day and 14-day time periods.	The few cases in Crook County were traced to a positive case and investigation was completed through Memorial weekend to complete all investigations and reach out to contacts to set up a system of communication. Successful tracing will continue with the additional trained staff members.
7. No increase in incident cases or positivity: a) There cannot be a five percent or greater increase in new cases in the county over the past 7 days; or b) There cannot be a significance increase in the percentage of positive cases out of total tests taken in your county over the past 7 days.	Crook County has a total of six cases with 100% follow-up and contact follow-up. The last positive case was over 7 days ago. There is not a significant increase in % of positive cases out of total tests in Crook County.

Crook County will continue to utilize its Emergency Operations Center in support of Crook County Health Department to provide an Incident Command Team for monitoring conditions, implementation, coordination, and support of our healthcare providers, businesses, and community as reopening continues. Crook County Health Department will adhere to all COVID-19 tracking and reporting requirements in coordination with Emergency Management. The Public Health Preparedness Coordination/Public Information Officer will continue to coordinate information to the community through various means.

The required letter is submitted which addresses the prerequisites checklist and completes all the requirements necessary to reopen. In full accordance with Oregon guidelines, Crook County requests moving to Phase II on June 6, 2020. Thank you for your consideration and consent to move forward.

Sincerely,

CROOK COUNTY COURT

  
Seth Crawford  
County Judge

  
Jerry Brummer  
County Commissioner

  
Brian Barney  
County Commissioner



# SHERIFF

"PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE"

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Sheriff John Gautney

June 1, 2020

Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown  
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Ref: Crook County PPE Certification Phase II

Muriel,

As part of the Crook County COVID-19 Recovery Frame work and the requirement for Crook County Emergency Management to acknowledge the status of our Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) held in Cache.

I hereby attest and certify that Crook County and its agencies have sufficient PPE on hand in the event the county has a resurgence in COVID-19 cases. The quantities on hand are as follows;

	FEMA PUSH	County Agency Owned
Surgical Masks	6,131	2,905
N95 Masks	6,190	20,634
Face Shields	2,214	132
Safety Glasses	33	50
Procedure Masks	14,944	0
Gloves	2,609	115,909
Gowns	915	791
Sanitizer	60g	54 8 oz

Sincerely,

  
Michael Ryan, Commander  
Crook County Emergency Management  
Crook County Sheriff's Office