



Hood River County Administration

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June 8, 2020

Governor Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Hood River County COVID-19 Reopening Request to Enter Phase II

Dear Governor Brown:

In accordance with Oregon guidelines, Hood River County requests a Phase II reopening date of June 12, 2020.

- Hood River County will have been in Phase I for 21 days as of June 4, 2020.
- Hood River County first responders continue to have sufficient supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Hood River County Public Health has 10 trained, experienced contact tracers on paid staff, with additional capacity available through OHA and Eastern Oregon Modernization Collaborative, as well as a local volunteer registry through GetReadyGorge.com. A number of our tracers are reflective of our community; Spanish-speaking, bilingual and bicultural.
- There have been no substantive changes to the Phase I application submitted in May.
- There has been no significant increase of incident cases or positivity.

Hood River County, as a small rural county, has had few positive COVID-19 cases until recent outbreaks. Most of the recent positive cases are associated with an outbreak and are all epi-linked. In Hood River County there has been one hospitalization, and that case is fully recovered.

We believe the County is in a good position to move forward with Phase II of Reopening.

A Small County with a big mission: Providing Quality of Life for all.

The County's plan follows the framework of the State, is consistent with plans from other Counties, and allows the County to scale and modify the plan as needed.

With this letter, the Hood River County Board of Commissioners requests to move to Phase II of reopening and attests to an adequate supply of PPE.

Thank you for your consideration and consent to move forward.

Sincerely,

Hood River County Board of Commissioners



Michael J. Oates, Chair



Karen Joplin, Commissioner

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Rich McBride, Commissioner



Robert Benton, Commissioner



Les Perkins, Commissioner

Criteria Checklist

| Criteria | Notes | County | Region | State |
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| 1. Over the previous 14 days, the percentage of emergency department visits for COVID-19-like illnesses (CLI) are less than the historic average for flu at the same time of year. | OHA tracks these data and will confirm whether county meets this metric | MET | | Required. data to be provided on OHA website |
| 2. Over the previous 14-days, county shows stable or declining hospital admissions. | OHA tracks these data and will confirm whether county meets this metric | MET | | Required data to be provided on OHA website |
| 3. County has adequate Contact Tracing. | County has 10 trained contact tracers and surge capacity through EOM and OHA | MET | | |
| 4. County maintains adequate isolation/quarantine facilities, a Minimum Testing Regimen, sufficient health care capacity to accommodate a 20% increase in suspect or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, and sufficient PPE supply. | Isolation/quarantine facilities are available. Testing exceeds minimum. Surge capacity is available. PPE supply is sufficient. | MET | | |
| 5. Timely follow-up: A minimum of 95% of all new cases are contact traced within 24 hours. | Contact tracing team is able to meet this criteria. | MET | | |
| 6. Successful tracing: A minimum of 70% of new COVID-19 positive cases are traced to an existing positive case over the previous 7 and 14 day time periods. | Contact tracing team has successfully traced 75% of positive cases to an existing positive case over previous 7 and 14 day time periods. | MET | | |
| 7. No increase in incident cases of positivity: a. There cannot be a 5% or | a. Because of our low number of cases, any new cases may | 7a. MET | | |

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| <p>greater increase in new cases in the county over the past 7 days; or b. There cannot be a significant increase in the percentage of positive cases out of total tests taken in the county over the past 7 days.</p> | <p>constitute a large percentage change. b. There has not been a significant increase in the percentage of positive cases out of total tests in the county over the past 7 days.</p> | <p>7b. MET</p> | | |
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Hood River County Health Department

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To: Hood River County Board of Commissioners
From: Christopher Van Tilburg MD
Re: Reopening Phase II: Attestation Letter
Date: June 8, 2020

I attest that Hood River County has sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders for entering Phase II Reopening.

I created Task Force 1: PPE two months ago and I have been directly involved with procuring, storing and distributing PPE to our county. First responders have adequate supply. Medical providers have adequate supply. The Health Department has an adequate supply to provide the entire county health providers and first responders with PPE for two months and a secondary supply for surge.

I am the Hood River County Public Health Officer and Medical Examiner. I am board certified in Family Medicine and I've lived in and practiced medicine in Hood River County for 25 years.

 Christopher Van Tilburg, MD

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