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The purpose of this document is to reaffirm and provide information to the State of Oregon as to Lake County's state of preparedness for entering Phase II.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners created and convened the Lake County Reopening Committee for the purpose of addressing Phase 1, 2 and 3 of Reopening Oregon, and how the States phased plan can be implemented in Lake County.

The Committee consists of our Incident Commander, Public Health Director, Public Health Medical Officer, Emergency Manager, Medical Providers/Doctors and a County Commissioner.

Due to the ever-changing nature of our fluid situation, information associated with COVID-19 guidelines will be handled as an adaptive management plan and/or living document.

Lake County moving to Phase II:

1. Lake County would like to enter Phase II by June 5th.
2. Lake County can attest that our county first responders have more than sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as resources to acquire more if needed.
3. Lake County maintains a total of 6 trained contact tracers. 4 RNs and 2 bilingual staff employees who have been performing at a highly efficient level, and will continue to do so.
4. There have been no substantial changes to Lake County's response or process.

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.*
 - For the time period between 5/13 – 5/30/2019 Lake Health District had a total of **142 ER visits**. Visits for Shortness of breath and/or fever, 10 (**7% of total**).
 - For the time period between 5/13 – 5/30/2020 Lake Health District had a total of **97 ER visits**. Visits for Shortness of breath and/or fever, 9 (**9.2% of total**).

Lake County is below the historic average for flu like symptoms in emergency department visits, and Lake Health District has not treated any patient for COVID-19 in their Emergency Room.

2. *Over the previous 14-day period, a county must show stable or declining hospital admissions for COVID-19.*

This metric does not apply to Lake County, as we have had 0 hospitalized cases of COVID-19.

3. *A county must have an adequate Contact Tracing System, as previously defined.*
Lake County maintains a total of 6 trained contact tracers. 4 RNs and 2 bilingual staff employees who have been performing at a highly efficient level to maintain adequate Contact Tracing in Lake County.

4. *Lake county will continue to maintain adequate isolation/quarantine facilities as described in our Phase 1 plan.*

- We continue to maintain a Minimum Testing Regimen, as previously defined in Section 2 of our Phase 1 plan.
- Our Health-care capacity continues to be sustainable to accommodate a 20% increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, with sufficient PPE supply as reported to OHA's Hospital Capacity system.

Additional criteria required to enter Phase II:

OHA tracks these data. Counties should consider how they are meeting these criteria before requesting to move to Phase II, and describe mitigation efforts when criteria are not met.

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.*

Contact Tracing for our first case was complete within several hours. Lake County can and will continue to meet these criteria via methods outlined in our Phase 1 plan. Should additional support be needed, Lake County Public Health will contact OHA Acute and Communicable Disease Program for additional assistance.

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.*

Lake County has had 2 cases. Our first case is asymptomatic and is considered "ground zero" for Lake County. As such, we do not feel it should count towards our percentage, as it is our first case. Our second case was traced directly to/from the first. Therefore, we feel our tracing success rate is at 100%.

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 significant increase in the percentage of positive cases out of total tests taken in your county over the past 7 days.

We in Lake County do not feel that we have had a "significant increase" for the following reasons:

- Our low numbers of 2 cases giving us a percentage increase of 200% simply because we have maintained 0 cases throughout the last 12 weeks is deceptive and fails to factor in our local healthcare system capacity.
- The terms “Significant increases” and/or “Absolute incidence” are problematic for Lake County and Counties with low numbers.
- We feel that we have control over any potential spread, contact tracing has been completed, and people are appropriately isolated. These duties are easier to achieve in smaller rural communities such as Lake County.
- Lake County continues to remain fully prepared to address and manage any potential outbreak.
- Lastly, Lake County has had only 2 cases and our regional hospital capacity has not been threatened by cases in Lake County.



Requests

Outdoor Recreation Sites

Request that all outdoor recreation sites may fully open with social distancing guidelines in conjunction with state and federal partners. This includes, but is not limited to, boat ramps, trailheads, and campgrounds. Lake County acknowledges the degree at which many of our public lands are already open, and we feel this has been a very good thing.

Phase III

Lake County would like to see no more than a 21 day timeline for Phase II before entering Phase III on June 26th after a re-evaluation of how successful region 7 is in Phase II. We feel this method better reflects our response timeline to potential infection rates and our original intent to slow the spread and flatten any spike that may threaten overwhelming our healthcare system.

Feedback

If this plan is not accepted, please refer back to the Lake County Board of Commissioners with changes, deficiencies and/or other recommendations.