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June 8, 2020

The Honorable Kate Brown
900 Court Street, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of Polk County and the Polk County Board of Commissioners, I respectfully request to enter into Phase II COVID-19 re-opening, effective June 12, 2020.

Polk County was approved to move into Phase I on May 20, 2020, and has continued to work closely with our community partners to expand testing, to promote physical distancing and to provide information to our citizens on safety and hygiene.

Polk County certifies the following:

- Our first responders continue to have a 30 day supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on hand. (see attached letter)
- We have more than sufficient staff and resources to test, trace and isolate new cases. Currently, Polk County has 25 staff which have already been trained, with additional resources available to enhance that number if needed.
- Health care partners continue to work together to ensure access to care and treatment for all residents of Polk County.
- COVID-19 testing is readily available.
- There are no substantive changes to the original application.

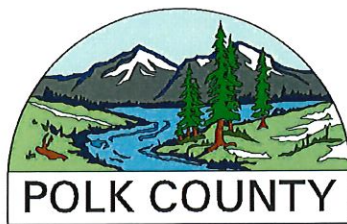
In addition, Polk County meets the following additional criteria to enter Phase II as tracked by Oregon Health Authority:

- Timely follow-up
- Successful tracing
- Avoiding significant increase in percentage of positive cases out of total tests taken during the past seven days.

We appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,

Greg Hansen
Polk County Administrative Officer



Sufficient PPE for Level II Status

To: Polk County Board of Commissioners
From: L. Dean Bender, County Emergency Manager
Date: June 8th, 2020
Subject: PPE Certification Letter

Over the past twelve weeks, Polk County Emergency Management has focused on supporting our Public Health Department by responding to the Coronavirus Pandemic that has struck our entire State. Polk County activated its Emergency Operations Center on March 5th in support of Public Health and as the disaster continued to escalate, the County declared a State of Emergency on March 17th. As cases increased and then finally decreased, Polk County applied for reopening status and was ultimately approved for “Level 1” reopening on May 22nd. Polk County COVID-19 cases have continued to decline and the County will now be applying for “Level 2” status on or about June 10th.

Polk County Emergency Management continues to have sufficient PPE inventory supplies on hand for our First Responders and local hospital. Emergency Management continues to monitor this supply level and is prepared to order additional supplies if needed, either through the State or through the private sector as the supply chain begins to function/operate again.

We will continue to work closely with our First Responders and local hospital by leaning forward on any supply needs or gaps. As for other entities like our long and short term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, group homes, human service providers, Fire Departments, Police Departments, Correctional Facility, Sheriff’s Office, Medical Examiner, and other critical/essential providers here in Polk County, we have the inventory on hand to continue supplying these critical supplies that had been in short supply.

To date, we have filled 149 (PPE) orders for these essential service providers within Polk County with supplies that were either purchased solely by the County, received through Oregon Health Authority (OHA) via the National Stockpile or from Federal Emergency Management Agency under the State of Oregon’s PPE Push Model. All of these supplies have been accounted for as well as inventoried by Emergency Management.

Polk County Public Health and Emergency Management continue to maximize our supplies and distribute them across the County quickly; following State guidelines to ensure our First Responders and local hospital have adequate supplies.

Please consider this letter as our “Recertification Letter” that we have sufficient PPE supplies on hand to provide our County first responders here in Polk County.

Current PPE Stock for First Responders on hand:

Face Shields = 9,346	Hand Sanitizer = 6,206	Gowns = 400
N95 Masks = 4,690	Gloves = 10,100	
Procedure Masks = 68,080	KN-95* Masks = 30,403	