



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM: Weekly Watch Report

**July 13-19, 2020**

OEM Weekly Watch Reports are available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/OEM/Pages/weeklywatch.aspx>

### Message from the Director

OEM Director Andrew Phelps talks about hazard mitigation and some of the things we do as a state to reduce the impacts of hazards on our communities, and our lives. This includes developing defensible space around homes during a wildfire, not building in flood plains, slowing down in construction zones - and wearing face coverings as we work to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 during the ongoing pandemic.

### **Weather and Hazards**

View current watches and warnings [here](#). Check out our weather dashboard [here](#).

- [NWS Portland](#)
- [NWS Pendleton](#)
- [NWS Medford](#)
- [NWS Boise](#)

Interested in a quick overview of hazards currently affecting Oregon and surrounding areas? Check out our [Leadership Briefing](#) product.

### **State ECC Status: *Activated***

OEM is supporting OHA's COVID-19 response through the ECC. Operational period is Thursday through Wednesday. ECC coordination calls held on Thursday afternoons. All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311 or directly through OpsCenter. In addition to participating in the PPE and Communities of Color MAC subcommittees, OEM is lead for the Emergency Management subcommittee.

### **COVID-19**

On June 30, Governor Kate Brown extended the COVID-19 State of Emergency for 60 days (until September 4). This extension allows for the executive orders she has issued over the past several months to remain in effect.

- As of July 15, Oregonians statewide are required to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces, and outdoor public spaces when physical distancing of 6ft or more cannot be maintained. This applies to businesses and members of the public visiting indoor/outdoor public spaces.
- As of July 10, Oregon has 11,454 cases (positive and presumptive) of COVID-19 and a total of 232 deaths.
- COVID-19 information including case counts, testing, county data, reopening phases and guidance is available in multiple languages at <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>.

### **Drought**

The following Oregon counties have local drought declarations: Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Jackson, Jefferson, Klamath and Wasco. For updates on the latest drought conditions and declarations, visit: [www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch/](http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch/).

### Wildfire

OEM joins forces with OSFM, Keep Oregon Green and the Oregon Department of Forestry to promote wildfire awareness. As a reminder, OEM has several resources on wildfire preparedness including a [Wildfire Communications Toolkit](#) and a “Fire Activity” tab on our RAPTOR [Leadership Briefing](#) webpage.

### In the News

- [Three lessons the coronavirus pandemic has taught us](#)
- [Willamette Valley having cool and wet summer; Central Oregon could become wildfire hot spot](#)
- [American Red Cross Announces Plan to Utilize Hotel Rooms for Wildfire Evacuees Amid COVID-19](#)
- [As Drought Grips Oregon, A Water Warning in Bend](#)

### Public/Private Partnership Program

For tips on being better prepared for a disaster, access our [Business Preparedness Checklist](#) online. For additional questions or for hard copies of the Checklist, reach out to Public Private Partnership Program Manager Sonya McCormick at [sonya.mccormick@state.or.us](mailto:sonya.mccormick@state.or.us).

### Training

The [Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup](#) (CREW) and the [Pacific Northwest Seismic Network](#) (PNSN) have developed the Water Utility Earthquake Resilience Symposium that convene 2-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14th through July 30, 2020. This 6-session symposium consists of ~60 minutes of presentations followed by a 30 minute Q&A and discussion on the topic of the day. Each session includes expert presentations related to water utilities and earthquake impacts. There is no cost to attend. Participants receive certificates of completion that may be used in some cases to obtain continuing education credits. [Register](#).

Oregon’s Current Training Calendar: <http://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Pages/Training.aspx>

Washington State Training Calendar: <https://mil.wa.gov/training-and-exercise>

Idaho State Training Calendar: <https://www.idahoprepares.com/preceptorStudent/calendar.k2>

FEMA Region X Training calendar: <http://fema.mhsoftware.com/ViewNonBannerMonth.html>

### RAPTOR and OpsCenter

- We have released a new iteration of the public version of RAPTOR, which now allows for viewing in 2D and 3D, allowing all users to see hazard data in both views. You can access the new iteration of public RAPTOR here: <https://arcg.is/1qr5bS>.
- Our leadership briefing application has also been updated to show a broad overview of all hazards in an infographic, providing an at-a-glance view of the status of all hazards within Oregon. You can view the updated leadership briefing application here: <https://bit.ly/2zNczuF>.

### Grants

- **Emergency Management Performance Grant Program COVID-19 Supplemental (EMPG-S)** - Oregon has been awarded EMPG-S to help with the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are available to EMPG eligible jurisdictions. Guidance is coming; watch your inbox for more information. Visit: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/187029> for more information.

- **SPIRE** – The equipment procurement and delivery process has been slowed due to COVID-19. More information coming soon.

### **Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants**

- July 20 is the deadline to submit a Letter of Intent for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program for DR-4519- OR (February 5-9, 2020, severe storms, floods and landslides that affected Umatilla, Union and Wallowa Counties, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation). HMGP funds can be used for projects specific to flooding, natural hazard mitigation plans (NHMP) and Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP). Further guidance can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279>.
- Registration is open for FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Summer Engagement Series. Visit [BRIC Summer Engagement Series](#) to register for sessions. FEMA hosts an engagement session, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. PDT, each Wednesday in July. The virtual sessions bring FEMA subject matter experts and partners together to discuss key elements of the newly developed BRIC program. The sessions are geared toward leaders in states, local communities, tribes and territories, as well as private sector entities, private non-profit organizations and individuals interested in learning more about the grant program. Each engagement will be recorded and posted online. Topics include:
  - July 22 - BRIC and Community Lifelines
  - July 29 - BRIC and Nature-Based Solutions

Note: This series does not replace Hazard Mitigation Assistance’s annual notice of Funding Opportunity webinars, which provide detailed information to apply to a grant program before the grant application cycle opens. For more information on the BRIC program, visit <https://www.fema.gov/bric>.

- Applications and materials for HMGP 4452 (April 6-21, 2019, impacting Umatilla, Wheeler, Grant, Linn, Douglas and Curry Counties) are due Monday, September 7; submit items to [shmo@mil.state.or.us](mailto:shmo@mil.state.or.us).

### **Search and Rescue**

- The OSSA SARAC committee for updating and reviewing policy standards for K9 SAR in Oregon has been completed. Committee lead Deputy Scott Meyers, Clackamas County Sheriff SAR, released the approved version for 2020 to SARAC Chairperson Bruce McGuire and the council. After review, it will be distributed to all 36 county Sheriff SAR teams. This was the first revision since 2003. A yearly review is now in place to keep the policy relevant to the ever-changing SAR environment.
- The link below is for the latest edition of “Journal of Search and Rescue (JSAR), to which Robert J. Koester, Ph.D. is one of the editors. Oregon provided data for this latest issue, as well other SAR heavy states. Page 194 is the beginning of his specific detailed report on SAR during the COVID pandemic. [http://journalofsar.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/v4i2\\_full\\_issue.pdf](http://journalofsar.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/v4i2_full_issue.pdf)
- SAR events and workshops for 2020 to date are now virtual. Monthly SAR team meetings and/or training in Phase 1 or 2 counties are being held with physical/social distancing guidelines in place. For general SAR information and statewide training, contact State SAR Coordinator Scott Lucas at [scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us](mailto:scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us) or 971-283-6135.