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There's no place like home

If you are reading a paper copy of this edition, chances are you are a coastal resident. After a weekend that saw crowds descend on the Oregon Coast despite strong advice to the contrary from the state and federal government, coastal counties and cities took the matter into their own hands, adopting a range

of measures to either encourage or require visitors to return to their hometowns.

As I type these words, Oregon has yet to announce a shelter-in-place order of the kind seen in California and New York, but it seems increasingly likely that such a move is necessary if we are to effectively

slow the progress of Covid-19 and give our healthcare system the time it needs to deal with the expected onslaught.

Oregon Coast TODAY has suspended deliveries to all hotels, motels and vacation rentals, but we plan to be with you throughout this 'coastal quarantine' for the long haul. Look

for us at grocery stores and pharmacies along the coast, as well as our distinctive blue outdoor racks (perfect for grabbing a copy while walking the dog or taking a stroll).

Through our print edition, website and Facebook page, we hope to provide a much-needed community connection

during this time of social distancing. Pick us up each week to find interesting columns, fun activities, challenging puzzles and suggestions for how to responsibly enjoy your coastal surroundings when you need a breath of fresh air.

We're in this together. Be smart, stay home, stay safe.

