

Face masks now required in most public spaces

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Marion County is one of a handful of Oregon counties where masks are now required in public spaces.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) released full details of mask requirements Monday, June 22.

Masks are required in grocery stores, fitness-related organizations, pharmacies, public transit agencies and providers, restaurants, bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, tasting rooms, retail stores and malls, ride sharing services, pools and sports courts, indoor entertainment facilities, recreational sports centers and indoor entertainment venues.

Cloth face coverings are now available at most major retailers.

Businesses in those sectors are required to provide masks or face shields to employees and customers are required to wear masks unless they are eating or drinking. Business

owners should also post signs regarding mask policies at their businesses. There are downloadable versions of the signs at govstatus.egov.com.

Businesses should, but are not required to, provide disposable face coverings for customers and educate employees on mask policies. There may be times when masks need to be removed while communicating, with a customer, for instance.

Businesses are allowed to turn away customers without masks or ask them to return with a face covering. Business representatives can ask if wearing a mask interferes with a medical condition, but should not inquire about specifics or ask for proof.

Children between ages 2-12 are not required to wear masks, but it is encouraged with close supervision on proper use, (e.g., excessively touching the face covering, not changing the face covering if visibly soiled, risk of strangulation or suffocation,

etc.) Children under 2 years old should not wear masks.

Even when wearing a face covering, the OHA still recommends:

- Limit social and recreational activities where people cannot stay six feet apart.
- Stay at least six feet from others during necessary trips to grocery stores, pharmacies or health care places.
- Cover sneezes and coughs with a tissue and throw it away immediately; or cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not into your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth or face.
- Clean your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water or use hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content) if you cannot wash your hands.
- Isolating yourself when you are sick. Stay away from work, family and friends. Stay away until 72 hours after both fever and cough have gone away without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

Now open: FruitBox on River Road

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FruitBox Snack Bar has rolled into Keizer. The brick and mortar store, located on Lancaster Drive, has expanded to using a food truck once again. They have taken up residence on River Road alongside Uncle Troy's BBQ and Thai Food Express, completing Keizer's very own food pod.

FruitBox is a family run business that started with Fabiola Baulenzula and her brother when they were in college. Disappointed by the lack of year-round fruit offerings in the area, they hatched the idea for fruit truck.

"Being able to provide something the entire year gives people options," Baulenzula said.

They started out with a truck before opening a store. They are bringing the trailer back into use as a way to expand their business.

"The idea was to start off with a smaller trailer, almost a shaved ice trailer, and then it became a brick and mortar store," Baulenzula said.



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Fabiola Baulenzula, a family owner of FruitBox, and Adela Cortez another member of the family opened at 4570 River Road N. last week.

The truck offers everything from fruit salads to fresh squeezed juices to ceviche, which they've received high praise for. One of their most popular offerings is the strawberries and cream fruit salad, which is made with a homemade cream.

"At our actual location we sell a lot of tortas, it's like a Mexican sandwich, but here we're selling a lot of mangoniada. Mostly the mango ones," Baulenzula said. Mangoniada is

likened to a spicy mango slushy. FruitBox Snack Bar rounds out the offerings of the food pod, name coming soon, with a lighter alternative to a full meal. There is limited seating due to COVID-19 restrictions but more tables will be added when it is safe and legal to do so.

"I just want to invite anyone to come and try a fresh fruit salad or smoothie or one of our refreshing mangoniadas," Baulenzula said.

Keep fireworks safe and legal

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Oregon Fire Service is asking Oregonians to use caution when using all fireworks this summer.

For residents who purchase legal fireworks, the OSFM encourages everyone to practice the four Bs of safe fireworks use:

- Be prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.
- Be safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Be responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Be aware: use only legal

fireworks and use them only in legal places.

Oregon law prohibits the possession, use, or sale of any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground, without a permit issued by the OSFM. Bottle rockets, Roman candles and firecrackers are illegal in Oregon without a permit.

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