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# Geneva's Closed for Good

## Legacy business a victim of COVID-19

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Geneva's Shear Perfection, the legacy barbershop and salon grounded in African American life in the heart of northeast Portland for the past 30 years, will not survive the loss of business brought on the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Paul Knauls Jr. and his father Paul Knauls Sr. confirmed to the Portland Observer Monday that Geneva's has closed for good due the economic turmoil brought on by the public health crisis. The business, located at 5601 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., has been shuttered



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Paul Knauls (left) and Paul Knauls Jr., owners of Geneva's Shear Perfection, a legacy barbershop and salon located in the heart of Portland's African American community, announce the closing of their landmark business due to economic losses caused by the coronavirus public health crisis.

for eight weeks under the stay-at-home orders of Oregon Gov. Kate Brown to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Even if allowed to open under the loosening of public health restrictions in the coming weeks, businesses such as Geneva's would be difficult to operate amid the restrictive actions recommended to avoid spreading the disease, Knauls Jr. posted on Facebook.

In a letter, he thanked staff and explained the decision.

"As you know COVID 19 has had devastating effect on so many businesses large and small including Geneva's Shear Perfection," he said. "It is with a heavy heart that after almost 30 years Geneva's Shear Perfection will not reopen. I want to express my sincerest gratitude to all who have stuck with our family for so many years. Thank you for your dedication and professionalism."

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Demetria Hester reacts in court to the guilty verdicts against Jeremy Christian. (AP pool photo)

## Racism at Every Step

Victim in Max attacks blames 'white supremacy'

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As Jeremy Christian awaits sentencing for his deadly and racist attacks on TriMet, a brave survivor

from the violence wants the community, judge and jury to understand how the legacy of white su-

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## Phased-in Openings Begin

### Safety and distancing requirements continue

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown is allowing the vast majority of smaller cities and counties to reopen in a first phase of allowing businesses closed by the coronavirus pandemic to reopen under safe distancing requirements. Portland and the major population centers around the city expect to take similar actions over the next several days and weeks, officials said.

Under the phase one guidelines, restaurants and bars in approved counties can reopen for



Oregon Gov. Kate Brown

sit-down service if they maintain six feet of distance between customers, limit groups to a maximum of 10 people, and require employees to wear face masks.

Salons and other "personal services" can also reopen in all but the Portland area for now, but only if they screen clients and follow other

protocols. That screening consists of asking the customer if they feel sick, even though the coronavirus can be transmitted by infected people who feel no symptoms.

Retail stores in Portland and across the state, regardless of whether they received phase one approval, can be open as long as they're not in shopping malls or shopping centers and they limit the number of customers to maintain at least six feet of distance between people and employees in the store. The business must also post signs listing COVID-19 symptoms and frequently clean and sanitize work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces, and require all employees to wear masks.

"In each of these counties, we

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