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Many of these are under the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control, with the minimal mandate encouraging social distancing. "This includes limiting public and private gatherings, restricting restaurants to take-out and delivery services and extending school closures," said Henry, who added that now wasn't the time to point fingers or discriminate against those who may become infected.

"The virus does not discriminate. We cannot combat COVID-19 if we turn on each other or stigmatize people who test positive and become ill," Henry said. "That only puts sick people and the broader community at-risk because it discourages people from getting tested, getting care and staying home."

"We are all afraid of the unknown and how this virus will end up impacting our lives. It is our job to remain kind and supportive during these uncertain times."

Henry's letter to the community comes on the heels

of yet another major closing in the area the day before, Three Rivers Casino Resort.

"These are very uncertain times and tough decisions have to be made to ensure the health and safety of our tribal members, team members and guests," said Tribal Chairman Doc Slyter with the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. "We will cease all gaming, hotel and restaurant activities on tribal property ... for the duration of two weeks."

Slyter said the casino's plan is to reopen April 1, with the tribe providing emergency paid leave and benefits for Three Rivers employees in both Florence and Coos Bay during the temporary closure period.

"We will continue to monitor the situation nationally and locally," he added.

Updates on casino operations will be posted at [www.threeriverscasino.com](http://www.threeriverscasino.com) as new information becomes available.

In his March 19 letter, Henry was clear in requesting that citizens not only take the pandemic serious-

ly, but also to consider the source of the information that they are listening to and do their best to determine the validity of the source.

"Please educate yourself through trusted and official resources to reduce the spread of misinformation. Much of what is shared on social media does not have a reliable or trackable source," Henry said. "We urge our community to be diligent in ensuring the information they consume and share is from official sources."

"I urge you to stay safe and healthy, stay informed, and continue to be the caring and compassionate community I know we are. And, may God bless the City of Florence."

The city has also announced a change to the format for an upcoming special meeting of the Florence City Council set for Monday, March 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The city will consider updating public meeting procedures and making an emergency declaration.

"These actions will be considered in response to recent executive orders from

Governor Brown concerning COVID-19 and social distancing requirements," the city said in a press release on Thursday.

The meeting will occur via a conference call and be shown live on Charter Cable Channel 191 and livestreamed online.

"It is strongly encouraged that the public not attend the meeting in person," the release said. "To protect safety and ensure social distancing, only a limited number of audience members will be allowed to attend the meeting. In person meeting attendance will be subject to applicable regulations in place at the time of the meeting, which are subject to change."

For details regarding the upcoming City Council meeting, contact City Recorder/Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437.

The city has also provided an extensive list of recommendations and actions taken to reduce the spread of the pandemic locally in addition to the strategies put in place by Oregon's gover-

nor and to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The City has implemented the following:

- Suspended all city committee meetings until further notice.

- Suspended all programming and gatherings at the Florence Events Center, as well as closed the facility to the public, through April 13, along with the Florence Senior Center

- The Public Works Operations Facility is closed to the public. City staff continue to operate essential functions from that facility.

- As of March 18, Florence City Hall began limiting its front counter service.

- Senior Meals formerly provided through Florence Senior Center's Café 60 can still be obtained by calling 541-682-3353 or visiting [lcog.org/160/Senior-Meals](http://lcog.org/160/Senior-Meals).

The City of Florence has outlined the measures being taken locally that are COVID-19 related and provided links to Lane County Public Health and the Oregon Health Authority at [www.ci.florence.or.us/covid19](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/covid19).

# Siuslaw Outreach Services implements COVID-19 changes

To address safety concerns for its most vulnerable population and continue to provide services to those in immediate crisis, Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) has made the following changes:

- The Service Center and clothing room is closed to "drop-ins" through March 31.
- Anyone experiencing

domestic or sexual violence can call the SOS crisis line at 541-997-4444.

- For all other services, call 541-997-2816, message SOS on Facebook or email SOS at [exec@florencesos.org](mailto:exec@florencesos.org).

"We are working with government and private funding sources to secure funding for rent and utilities for those who have been

laid-off or hours reduced due to COVID-19 responses," said SOS executive director Bob Teter. "We know this is difficult times for all. The current situation is unprecedented."

"Please stay safe, be considerate for all, especially for those who are most vulnerable to the effects of this virus. We will get through this together."

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all entities other than C-Corporations, such as trusts or estates. IRS will automatically provide this relief to taxpayers. Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this relief.

Penalties and interest will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of July 16, 2020. If you file your tax return or request an extension of time to file by April 15, 2020, you will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by July 15."

This relief only applies to federal income tax (including tax on self-employment income) payments otherwise due April 15, 2020, not state tax payments or deposits or payments of any other type of federal tax. Taxpayers also will need to file income tax returns in 42 states plus the District of Columbia. State filing and payment deadlines vary and are not always the same as the federal filing deadline. The IRS urges taxpayers to check with their state tax agencies for those details.

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to file by April 15. Now, the deadline will be extended into the summer.


Earlier in the week, Mnuchin said that individual and small business filers would be able to defer payments of up to \$1 million and corporations can defer up to \$10 million without incurring interest or penalties.

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Taxpayers can still request a six-month extension to file returns, like they could in any other year.

The new deadlines announced by the administration apply to federal tax income payments only. It's up to states to set their own deadlines.

More information is available at [www.taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies](http://www.taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies).



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<p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS</b> Located at Munsel Lake Road and North Fork Road Worship Services 10:00 AM Sunday All are welcome! 541-997-7268</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 4590 Hwy. 101, Across from Fred Meyer — 997-7418 Sunday School, 9:30a.m. – Worship, 10:45 Wed. Prayer - 6:00 p.m. – Wed. Ministries 1-8 Grade 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>CROSS ROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Corner of 10th &amp; Maple –997-3533 We will be live streaming from Facebook at 10am Sunday morning. Link to our website <a href="https://www.florencecrossroadag.org/church-online">https://www.florencecrossroadag.org/church-online</a> All other platforms will be update after the service. <a href="http://florencecrossroadag.org">florencecrossroadag.org</a> <a href="mailto:office@florencecrossroadag.org">office@florencecrossroadag.org</a></p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - SBC</b> 1935 25th St. – 997-7660 • Pastor, Ron Allen This morning the Leadership Team met and discussed how God would like his Church to follow the laws set forth while serving him. This weeks update: Sunday 11 AM and Wednesday 6PM will be on Facebook Live - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pg/First-Baptist-Church-Florence-OR-262800031046006/posts/?ref=page_internal">https://www.facebook.com/pg/First-Baptist-Church-Florence-OR-262800031046006/posts/?ref=page_internal</a> All Bible studies held at the church including Sunday morning, Thursday Ladies study, and Children's Programs are suspended. Blessings on you and your family.</p> <p><b>FLORENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 2nd &amp; Ivy – 997-2961 –Non-Denominational Services suspended this week. We will continue to meet as The Church through our Community Groups. We are working on options for you and will communicate that with you soon.</p> <p><b>FLORENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Pre-Denominational (Romans 16:16) 1833 Tamarack Street (2 blocks east of Hwy. 101 on 18th St.) Bible Study: Sunday 10 a.m.; Worship: Sunday 11 a.m. <a href="http://www.churchofchristflorence.org">www.churchofchristflorence.org</a></p> <p><b>FLORENCE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 12th and Nopal – 997-9020 Services will be available via YouTube. Follow the link at <a href="http://florencechznaz.church/">http://florencechznaz.church/</a></p> <p><b>FLORENCE EVANGELICAL CHURCH</b> 1318 Rhododendron Dr. • 541-997-2523 Sunday Service 11am ( Children Sunday School) Mid-Week Activities, all ages.</p> <p><b>FLORENCE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</b> 4445 Hwy 101 (South of Fred Meyer) – 997-3951 Worship on Saturday 10:30 A.M. Adult/Children's Sabbath School 9:15 A.M.</p> <p><b>FLORENCE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP</b> 87738 Hwy 101 at Heceta Beach Road All are welcome to explore the answer. In lieu of our regular service, we will be videotaping the sermon and have it available from YouTube (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1h3s3lhuRKRCXNxbF8H3Nw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1h3s3lhuRKRCXNxbF8H3Nw</a>). <a href="http://www.FlorenceUUF.org">www.FlorenceUUF.org</a> - (541) 997.2840</p>	<p><b>FLORENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 2nd &amp; Kingwood • (541) 997-6025 Sunday Services: as of 3/13/2020, cancelled for at least 2 weeks for COVID-19 spread prevention. Please check back for updates.</p> <p><b>FOURSQUARE CHURCH</b> 1624 Highway 101 (next to A&amp;W) — 997-6337 Pastor George Pagel – Something for the entire family. Sun. Services: 10:45 a.m., Wed. Bible Study 6pm-7pm Website:<a href="http://florence4square.com">florence4square.com</a></p> <p><b>NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A.</b> 21st &amp; Spruce Street – 997-8113 Pastor Rachel Simonson – All are welcome Church leadership has decided to cancel all worship services (Wednesdays included) between now and the end of April. Sermons are on YouTube at <a href="https://youtu.be/jcTJVWp_6ps">https://youtu.be/jcTJVWp_6ps</a>. <a href="http://www.florencewife.org">www.florencewife.org</a></p> <p><b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE SIUSLAW</b> 3996 N Hwy 101 997-7136 Traditional Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Reverend Greg Wood Worship services and all group meetings in the church have been temporarily suspended at least until the end of March. Our 10am Sunday worship service will be available via Zoom using your phone, tablet or computer. Church members and friends will be called this week and given phone in/logon information. You can also call the church office for this information. All Welcome. Come as you are.</p> <p><b>RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)</b> "War is still not the answer." FCNL We worship in homes at 11am Sundays Call 997-4237 or 902-9511 for locations.</p> <p><b>RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, L.C.M.S.</b> Every Sun., Bible Class 9 a.m., Worship Service 10 a.m. 85294 Hwy. 101 S. – 997-8038 DVD of Weekly worship service available. Pastor Randy Benschoter</p> <p><b>ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 2135 19th St. — 997-6600 8:30am, Tuesdays, Morning Prayer Sunday Services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Wed, 11 a.m. Everyone Welcome – Come walk our Labyrinth.</p> <p><b>SAINT MARY, OUR LADY OF THE DUNES CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 1.5 miles south of river on Hwy 101 – 997-2312 No Mass schedule until further notice.</p>
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