

**COVID from page 1A**

"I expect local law enforcement to continue to use an education first approach, but Oregonians need to understand that these rules are enforceable under law. A large majority of Oregonians continue to do the right thing to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their neighbors," Brown said Tuesday. "However, when Oregonians don't take COVID-19 seriously, and don't take steps to reduce the spread of the disease, they put all of us at risk. We need all Oregonians to use common sense, make smart choices, and take seriously their individual responsibilities during a public health emergency."

The new restrictions come in the wake of the state's third day with more 1,000 COVID-19 cases since reaching that milestone last Thursday, when the Oregon Health Authority reported 5,177

new cases — up 46 percent from the last week of October. Health authority officials say small social gatherings are driving the surge, and during a press conference last week to announce targeted restrictions in the most-affected counties, Brown implored Oregonians to alter or cancel get-together plans for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For the next two weeks, the following restrictions and guidelines apply statewide:

**Immediate closures through Dec. 2:**

- Gyms and fitness organizations
- Indoor recreational facilities, museums, all indoor entertainment activities, as well as indoor pools and sports courts
- Outdoor entertainment and public activities such as aquariums, gardens and tours

• Any venues that include both indoor or outdoor events, including fundraisers and community meals

**Businesses restrictions:**

- Employees are strongly encouraged to work from home if possible and offices are asked to be closed to the public
  - Restaurants are limited to delivery and take-out only
  - Grocery stores, pharmacies, retail stores and malls — both indoor and outdoor — are being limited to 75 percent capacity and, whenever possible, are encouraged to implement curbside pick-up.
- Social gathering restrictions:**
- Must be limited to no more than 6 people total, from no more than 2 households. This includes gatherings either indoors or outdoors
  - Faith-based organizations are limited to a maximum of 25 people indoors or 50 people outdoors

• There are no indoor visitation at long-term care facilities or group homes

**The two-week freeze does not apply to, or change, current health and safety protocols for the following:**

- Personal services, such as barber shops, hair salons and non-medical massage therapy
  - Congregate homeless sheltering
  - Outdoor recreation and sports
  - Youth programs
  - Childcare
  - K-12 schools
  - K-12 sports that are currently allowed
  - Current Division 1 and professional athletics exemptions
  - Higher education facilities
- All of these are allowed to continue operating under the guidance and regulations previously issued by the Oregon Health Au-

thority (OHA). For more information, visit [govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19](http://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19). Brown has also announced a travel advisory in coordination with California and Washington. Effective immediately, those entering Oregon from another state for non-essential travel — including returning residents — "... should limit their interactions to their immediate household for 14 days," according to the advisory. This recommendation does not apply to individuals who cross state or country borders for essential travel. Essential travel includes "work and study, critical infrastructure support, economic services and supply chains, health, immediate medical care, and safety and security." Brown said areas with the highest rates of infection might remain under the freeze for longer than two weeks.

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**PLAN from page 6A**

Lastly, Reynolds brought to the council's attention the need to begin the process of selecting a person to fill the vacant position on the council. The general recommended process would include an application process and recruitment period, where the vacant position would be posted on the city's website and through local media outlets. After the open application

recruitment period, in January 2021 the council would then either hold a work session to review applications and determine which candidates to interview, or simply hold interviews — depending on how many candidates submit applications. In addition, the new city council sworn in during a January meeting, will need to decide what to do after completion of the interviews. It could be decided to deliberate and vote for the

new candidate at a future council meeting or schedule a special meeting. Meetings will be scheduled for the week of Jan. 4, after the new council has been sworn in. City staff recommended the council initiate the application process now so that the interview and appointment process can occur as early as possible in January 2021. Reynolds' City Manager Report was brief but did

point out to councilors that the weekend's heavy storm front had presented a challenge for Public Works employees, as well as telecommunications companies in the area. She noted that high wind warnings would likely return later in the week and praised the dedication and professionalism of the Public Works Department in dealing with the severe weather conditions of the past weekend.

**STORM from page 1A**

As weather worsened

again, the PUD posted, "Remember that we do have high winds and heavy rain in the forecast. We're keeping our fingers crossed that we have no outages — our crews really need some rest! — but Mother Nature has a way of surprising us sometimes." The storm's debris continues to pose a problem as newly fallen trees remain an impediment to residents and motorists. "We started our day Tuesday early with a reported tree

blocking the south bound lane on Rhododendron Drive," Miller said. "We received the call at 6 a.m. I called two staff members in early to deal with that tree prior to the regular start of the workday. We also responded to a tree down on 11th Street (between Rhody and Alder Court) and are continuing to clean up storm debris. We have been addressing several calls regarding leaning trees that potentially pose a risk to structures

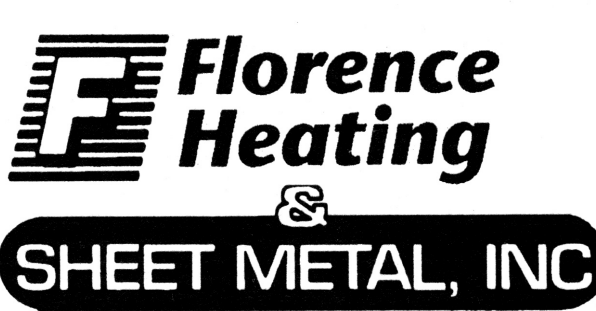
and fences. Also, the street sweeper is out once again today to pick up the debris in the gutter line of the streets." The forecast for the rest of the week looks to be less intimidating as moderate rain, with sun breaks and winds of approximately 20 mph expected. To report power outages, people can contact the Central Lincoln Outage Hotline at 877-265-3211. There is also an outage map online at [clpud.org](http://clpud.org).

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