

City cancels events, temporarily closes some facilities

The City of Cottage Grove has been carefully following the information from Lane County Public Health, Oregon Health Authority, Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization.

Gov. Brown has ordered that all large gatherings over 25 people be canceled statewide effective immediately for four weeks. A gathering is defined as any event in a space in which appropriate social distancing of a minimum of six feet radius cannot be maintained.

In order to comply with this order and the guidance from Lane County Public Health, effective immediately all events in the Cottage Grove Armory are canceled. City staff has contacted the event organizers.

The Climate Action Town Hall organizers canceled their event last week and may be organizing online opportunities.

Additionally, to comply with the governor's orders to reduce activities, especially for organizations with individuals at increased risk of severe illness and to help reduce the possible spread of the COVID-19 among vulnerable people the Cottage Grove Community Center and Library will be closed to the public through March 30.

Library services will remain available online and by phone. Staff will continue working at the facility and the facility will undergo more advanced cleaning to prepare the facility for possible use in the future.

Staff carefully considered the demographics of the population that use the Community Center and the ability to follow social distancing recommendations.

At this, time no cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Cottage Grove but one 69-year-old resident of the Eugene Springfield area was identified as the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Lane County yesterday (March 17).

Anyone with questions about COVID-19 should visit the Lane County Public Health website or call the Lane County Community Call Center at 541-682-1380. The Lane County Public Health website includes links to the Oregon Health Authority, Centers for Disease Control and World Health Organization.

These actions are being taken as a precaution and to protect the operation of essential city services.

City Hall remains open to the public and city services will continue.

Douglas County Commissioners, Public Health issue joint appeal to communities

Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Public Health Official, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, officials from Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN), Douglas County Emergency Management, as well as leaders in our local health community are working to cooperatively provide accurate and timely COVID-19 information to Douglas County residents.

Nineteen new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Oregon since Sunday, March 15. That brings the total to 66 reported cases, spanning 14 counties in Oregon.

The breakdown of cases (as of March 16): Washington County has 21 cases; Linn County has 15 cases; Clackamas and Deschutes County have 6 cases each; Marion County has 4 cases; Multnomah has 3 cases; Benton, Jackson, and Umatilla have 2 cases each; and Douglas, Klamath, Polk, Lane and Yamhill County have 1 case each.

A Multnomah County veteran is the only confirmed death in Oregon associated with COVID-19.

With the new social distancing measures put into place by Oregon's governor, Oregonians will need to increase their efforts to minimize direct contact with others in order to help "flatten the curve of coronavirus transmission in Oregon," according to the governor's press release.

In addition to the measures put into place on March 12, these new measures will also be put into effect:

- A statewide cancellation of all events and gatherings larger than 25 people — exempting essential locations like workplaces, grocery stores, pharmacies and retail stores.

It's additionally recommended that Oregonians avoid gatherings of 10 people or more.

- Restaurants, bars and other establishments may not offer food or beverages for on-site consumption; they are restricted to carry-out and delivery only.
- Food service at health care facilities, workplaces and other essential facilities will continue.
- All other businesses are urged to assess their practices, implement strong social distancing measures, and close their doors temporarily if they cannot put the new guidance in place.

How can I help others?

Many of our citizens, young and old, have asked how they can help during the COVID-19 outbreak. Here is a list of ideas on ways to help your neighbors, families and friends:

- Donate blood to a Red Cross Blood Bank
- Volunteer at the local COVID-19 Call Center
- Volunteer at local senior dining sites
- Volunteer or donate with COAD
- Provide daycare, elder care or childcare relief
- Support local restaurants and businesses

The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed to donate now to help patients counting on life-saving blood.

Find a local blood drive here.

The public is encouraged to utilize the local call center 541-464-6550 to answer COVID-19 related questions and concerns.

NOMINATE NOW!

IT'S TIME TO NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE COTTAGE GROVE BUSINESSES

Go online today cottagegrovesentinel.secondstreetapp.com/Best-Of-South-Lane-County/ to nominate!



TODAY THROUGH MARCH 31ST

Only the TOP FIVE in each category will move on to the voting phase
APRIL 1ST - APRIL 15th

This year we have a two-part process to determine your choices for Best of South Lane County 2019!

NOMINATION PHASE

MARCH 1 - MARCH 31, 2020

Nominate your top choices in dozens of categories.
We'll tally the five with the most votes in each category.

VOTING PHASE

APRIL 1 TO APRIL 15, 2020

Readers vote for the top three from the five that received the most nominations in each category.

FOOD & DINING
Appetizer/Small Plate _____
Asian Cuisine _____
BBQ _____
Best Restaurant _____
Breakfast _____
Brunch _____
Burger _____
Burrito _____
Dessert _____
Family Restaurant _____
Fast Food _____
Mexican _____
Pizza _____
Restaurant Atmosphere _____
Restaurant Service _____
Salsa _____
Sandwiches _____
Seafood _____
Steak _____
Taco _____
Vegetarian/Vegan _____

DRINKS
Bar _____
Bloody Mary _____
Cocktail _____
Coffee _____
Craft Brew _____
Happy Hour _____
Margarita _____
Wine Selection _____

HOME SERVICES
Carpet Cleaner _____
Contractor _____
Electrician _____
Estate Liquidator _____
Handyman _____
Internet Service Provider _____
Landscape Service _____
Pest Control _____
Plumber _____

Self Storage _____

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
Accountant _____
Attorney _____
Bank/Credit Union _____
Bookkeeper _____
Bank Teller _____
Computer Help/Repair _____
Financial Planner _____
Insurance _____
Mortgage Lending _____
Photography _____
Publisher/Publishing Company _____
Real Estate Office _____
Real Estate Agent _____
Tailoring/Alterations _____

WELLNESS & BEAUTY
Acupuncturist _____
Barber Shop _____
Day Spa _____
Dental Office _____
Dentist _____
Denturist _____
Hair Salon _____
Health Club _____
Hearing Aide Provider _____
Manicure/Pedicure _____
Massage Therapist _____
Medical Facility _____
Medical Professional _____
Optometrist _____
Pharmacy _____
Stylist _____

SHOP LOCAL
Art Supply Store _____
Antiques _____
Appliances _____
Books _____
Clothes _____
Convenience Store _____

Gift Store _____
Grocery Store _____
Furniture _____
Home Improvement Store _____
Garden Nursery _____
Florist _____
Jewelry _____
Pet Supplies _____
Thrift Store _____
Kids Clothing _____

AUTOMOTIVE
Auto Body & Paint _____
Auto Mechanic _____
Auto Parts Store _____
Auto Repair _____
Car Dealership _____
Car Detailer/Wash _____
Oil Change _____
Tire _____
Used Car Dealership _____

ENTERTAINMENT
Art Gallery _____
Golf Course _____
Museum _____
Musician _____
Public Art Display _____
Live Music Venue _____
Performing Arts Group _____
Performance Venue _____
Indoor Entertainment _____

COMMUNITY
Early Child Learning _____
Bed & Breakfast _____
Hotel/Hostel _____
Place to Volunteer _____
Retirement Community _____
Service Club _____
Support Group _____
Theatre _____

GO ONLINE AND VOTE TODAY OR YOU CAN FILL THIS FORM OUT WITH YOUR PICKS
AND SUBMIT IN PERSON TO 110 N. 6TH STREET, PO BOX 30, COTTAGE GROVE, OR 97424
ONLY ONE BALLOT PER PERSON WILL BE COUNTED.

BALLOT SUBMITTED BY: _____ PHONE: _____

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN A SPECIAL BEST OF SOUTH LANE COUNTY 2019
SECTION OF THE COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL THAT WILL PUBLISH ON APRIL 23, 2020.