

Food *from A1*

Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to noon., to-go packs are provided at the Cottage Grove and Creswell school locations and can be picked up by a simple walk-up or a drive-through option.

Food for Lane County has been running the Summer Food Program for more than 20 years.

“This year is just extremely different,” said Fox. “Our theory behind planning this year was picking up where school districts leave off, which is not what we normally do.”

A mandate from Gov. Kate Brown this year stated that nutrition services must continue through all the school districts.

“I think it really helped a lot of families that were struggling otherwise to continue to receive food for their kiddos,” said Fox.

Food for Lane County worked with the school districts to weigh community needs and sent out about 3,000 meals on the program’s first day, about double the meals from the previous year.

“But that could fluctuate pretty intensely,” added Fox.

The light breakfast



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Site Supervisor Terri Madsen hands breakfast and lunch take-out packs to a parent at Harrison Elementary School on Tuesday.

and lunch packs contain food such as fruit, cereal, milk, sandwiches, yogurt and pasta handed out by staff outfitted with masks and gloves.

“We have all the precautionary measures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible,” said Fox. “I feel like it’s a very low-risk type of situation — definitely lower

risk than walking into a grocery store.”

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the program is passing most of its meals through vehicle windows.

“Normally for the Summer Food Program all the kids sit down and they eat together,” said Fox. “And this year, we’re just doing the exact same

thing that the schools were doing, which are the grab-and-go meals.”

Children are not required to be present for a pick-up, freeing parents and guardians to simply drive up and say how many children need a meal.

The program’s site supervisor at Harrison Elementary School

Terri Madsen heard of the increased demand in the community and was compelled to do her part.

“I’ve volunteered with [Food for Lane County] before and loved it, so I really just felt called to do it,” she said. “Everybody is so grateful ... So

it’s really rewarding.”

For more information, visit the Food for Lane County website at foodforlancecounty.org or call 541-343-2822.

A map of meal sites is available online at tinyurl.com/fflc-summer-food.

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practice six feet of physical distancing in public, wash our hands regularly, and stay home when we are sick, then we can avoid the worst-case scenarios that are now playing out in other states.”

Brown said she wants to avoid the need to close down businesses again like other states have begun doing. “If you want your local shops and restaurants to stay open, then wear a face covering when out in public,” she added. “Please keep your Fourth of July celebrations small and local. We saw a lot

of new COVID-19 cases following the Memorial Day holiday. Another spike in cases after the upcoming holiday weekend could put Oregon in a dangerous position.”

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) will take the lead, along with other state and local agencies, in enforcing face covering requirements for all covered Oregon businesses.

A spokesperson from the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems said they support the governor’s decision for a statewide public face covering requirement.

“With cases on the rise rapidly across the state, it is now more important than ever to take this step to protect our loved ones, our neighbors, and our communities,” said Becky Hultberg, CEO of

the OAHHS. “Further, if we are to coexist alongside the disease, wide adoption of public face coverings is an essential factor in keeping our businesses and public spaces open.”

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