

# Governor says more restrictions possible if coronavirus doesn't improve

Travel, other restrictions possible

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With the spread of coronavirus in Oregon holding fairly steady, Gov. Kate Brown on Friday said she is prepared to impose new restrictions if things don't improve.

Brown said, to hasten the opening of schools around Oregon for in-person instruction, she is prepared to impose restrictions on travel in and out of Oregon, and potentially other restrictions too.

Defending her past decisions as a balancing act, Brown said, "unfortunately, it's still not enough. Our infection rate is still too high to get all of our kids safely back in classrooms at most of our schools this fall."

She said the current infection rate is still way too high.

"If we cannot improve our trajectory over the rest of the month," she said, "unfortunately I will need to

add more restrictions."

Under the latest projections, she said, it looks to be about 200 days before schools can reopen for classroom instruction. But with significant improvements that figure can be cut as low as six weeks.

Oregon health officials in the same press conference said the latest modeling report indicates the state continues to hold steady in transmission rates, with

each case of coronavirus leading to one more.

That reproduction rate needs to drop from 1 to 0.75, they said.

However, Oregon Health Authority Director Pat Allen said he thinks the modeling report is lagging the current situation. He cited encouraging signs in recent weeks that he said show improvement, such as a drop in confirmed cases and in the rate of positive coronavirus tests.



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# Emergency relief check program funds fully dedicated, no new appointments to be made

Unprecedented program to wind down starting today

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As the states' \$500 Emergency Relief Check Program entered its third day Friday, state officials announced all 70,000 available payments were distributed or dedicated to Oregonians in need.

The program began winding down Friday morning, according to a press release from offices

of the House speaker and Senate president. Financial institutions participating in this public-private partnership had a final funding allotment cap for the day and could not accept new walk-in applications once they reach the allotment cap. Previously scheduled appointments will continue through the end of the month, but new appointments will not be made.

"I want to thank the financial institutions that have stepped up in an emergency and are continuing to work so hard to get money into the hands of desperate Oregonians," Senate President Peter Courtney said. "We've said from the beginning that we know this is not enough money to



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"These last couple days have put a spotlight on just how dire

the need is all across the state," House Speaker Tina Kotek said. "We have to get more money to help people. The federal government has the ability to make direct stimulus payments to Americans whose lives are in jeopardy and are not doing so. I find this incredibly

frustrating and disappointing."

After two days, the program delivered funds to payments to nearly 40,000 eligible Oregonians in need. On the first day of the program, 62% of \$500 payments went to zip codes outside the Portland Metropolitan Area.

The offices of the House speaker and Senate president will follow up with more detailed information and data about the program as soon as it is available, including which geographic locations were served.

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