

# Emergency: Lodging begins reopening June 5

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Unless the county commission votes differently from what's expected, camping and short-term lodging can reopen at 60 percent capacity beginning June 5. Three weeks later, on June 26, those businesses can return to 100 percent capacity if coronavirus cases hold steady.

Warrenton expects to have City Hall and other public buildings open June 8, with protection such as plexiglass screens in place for employees who meet with the public.

## CASES

Clatsop County Public Health Department was notified of three new COVID-19 cases on May 22, but there had been no additional new cases by Wednesday afternoon.

The three new cases involved a woman in her 50s, a man in his 40s and a teenage girl, all of them from north county. All were recovering at home.

The county has recorded a total of 45 cases since March



**Above:** A family sets up camp at Stub Stewart State Park before the park was closed. **Left:** Campers chat at a site in Milo McIver State Park.



Oregon State Parks

23. Thirty-eight have recovered; none has died.

**CAMPING AND LODGING**  
Cannon Beach and Seaside

rescinded their emergency orders and opened hotels and other lodging Tuesday. The beach in Seaside reopened May 18.

## STATE CAMPGROUNDS

Some Oregon state parks will open to limited use on June 9.

Camping at Fort Stevens

remains closed, but day use will be allowed. Day use also will be allowed at Stub Stewart, Gleneden Beach, Fogarty Creek, Cascadia, Bristow, Cottonwood Canyon and at most parks that don't have camping facilities.

No state coastal campgrounds north of Lincoln City will open.

State park camping closed statewide March 23 in an effort to contain the spread of coronavirus and limit travel to smaller communities and rural areas.

"Oregon needs what its parks can provide," says Lisa Sumption, parks director. "This is less service than Oregonians are used to, and we're doing our best to stretch the budget, but it will take continued cooperation and support from visitors to make this work."

## CONTACT TRACING SCAM

The Federal Trade Commission issued a warning about a text-messaging scam involving supposed COVID-19 contact tracing.

Scammers posing as government workers send text messages to potential victims asking them to click a link sent in the text. Clicking on the link downloads software onto a victim's phone that allows scammers access to personal and financial information.

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Contract tracing – in which people who have been in contact with someone carrying the virus are warned and advised to quarantine – is an important tool in slowing spread of the virus.

If you're unsure about a text or call from someone claiming to be a contact tracer, contact the Clatsop County Public Health Department at 503-325-8500. You will be connected with a public health nurse who can verify whether you're being contacted as a part of a local investigation.

## COURT CHALLENGE

A U.S. Federal Court judge denied a request by a group of businesses and a nonprofit entity to temporarily block Gov. Brown's stay-at-home executive orders.

The judge's decision recognizes that states have broad legal authority to take actions that protect public health.

On May 18, a Baker County Circuit Court judge ruled the orders were invalid because governor's orders infringe on personal religious freedom and the ability to earn a living. But later that day the state's Supreme Court stayed the ruling.

## RETURN TO CCC

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., thinks the country might benefit from a program launched to help the nation recover after the Great Depression.

Earlier this month he introduced the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corps for Our Health and Our Jobs Act.

The plan would create "desperately needed jobs and support rural economies," Wyden said.

The plan would build on the existing Service and Conservation Corps network and invest in programs that increase job training and create jobs to restore public lands and watersheds.

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