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CDC says wear masks in public

The world's leading healthcare experts are learning more everyday about the new Covid-19 virus and guidance to help people do their best to stay safe and healthy is increasing with the new information. The Center for Disease Control is now recommending that individuals wear a mask in public. Don't assume that wearing a mask takes the place of staying home, frequently washing hands, six feet distance from others, staying home when sick and not touching your face. All of these actions are necessary to reduce your chances of getting sick from the Covid-19 virus. It is now known that some people are contagious before they show signs of illness and others don't feel sick and therefore can unknowingly infect others. Covid-19 virus is spread through droplets from coughing and sneezing but the CDC now has learned it is also spread during talking and breathing. Standing next to someone who doesn't appear sick or touching surfaces where the virus has transferred from these individuals could be another way to contract the virus. Even with wearing a mask in public or around

others it is not guaranteed you will not get sick from the covid-19 virus. Remember, homemade masks are not medical masks. Besides homemade masks providing some protection from droplets being shared between people, everyone is helping to save medical masks to be available and protect the frontline emergency responders and health care workers who are helping others in emergencies.

Those wearing a mask should avoid touching the mask, adjusting it, or scratching under it as the virus can spread from unwashed hands. Hand-made masks should be made from tightly woven sturdy fabric that can be washed in hot temperatures with bleach and dried on high temperatures. The masks should cover the area around the nose and mouth from the bridge of your nose to below your chin, to the cheeks past the corners of your mouth. The masks should fit snug. The masks should be washed and dried after every outing or changed if they become moist from breathing, soiled or have been damaged and don't fit correctly.

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Lone schools provide instructional materials, meals

In a letter to parents sent March 30, Principal Rollie Marshall outlined the instructional materials that are available to Lone students. He recommended that all students in grades seven through 12 check their email account to access the materials the teachers are sending out.

Beginning April 1, online and paper packets for students were put together and delivered by the bus company. The district is

also providing breakfast and lunch to all children 18 and under Monday through Friday. Bus routes continue to evolve as stops are added. For information regarding the meals, send email to cathy.mccabe@ionesd.org.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade have access to iReady reading and math via their regular login. For assistance with the child's login, email mary.riemann@ionesd.org.

MC schools implement learning plan

The Morrow County School District has kicked off their new supplemental learning program for students. Beginning April 13, buildings will be holding teacher staff meetings and from there the teachers will reach out to students and families regarding their instructional model.

Recently the district provided materials for each student at their grade level as well as providing meals. Chromebooks were checked out to students to use at home and technology support is available. They

are now transitioning to the new Distance Learning Model which will allow teachers and students to connect.

Parents and students are encouraged to contact their building principal if they have questions or need to check out a Chromebook. They are currently working with partners in hopes of providing hotspots to support students who do not have access to internet.

Additional information can be found on the district website or on their Facebook page.

OREGON TRAIL LIBRARY DISTRICT TEMPORARY CLOSURE

To protect the health of our communities, all library branches are closed to the public

VIRTUAL HOURS

Library staff are available via phone and email at each branch
Tues-Fri 10am-6pm
Sat 10am-2pm
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During this challenging time, know that the caregivers of Morrow County Health District continue to be here for you.

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County remain open by appointment. Please call your clinic location to schedule an appointment with your care provider.

Pioneer Memorial Clinic
(541) 676-5504

Irrigon Medical Clinic
(541) 922-5880

Lone Community Clinic
(541) 422-7128

Morrow County Health District Supports the State-Wide Order
"Stay Home, Save Lives."

Joel Peterson

MORROW COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1

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FREE DUMPING

Until further notice to aid in the protection of our residents the north and south transfer stations will only be open on Saturday's 9am - 4pm.

It is recommended that everyone follow precautionary guidelines to help prevent the spread of illnesses.

- If you feel sick, stay home.
- Practice social distancing by maintaining 6 feet or more between you and someone else.
- Wash your hands with soap or hand sanitizer.

SATURDAY ONLY
9AM - 4PM

CLOSED ON SUNDAY



MORROW COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS



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69900 Frontage Ln.
Boardman, Oregon 97818

SOUTH TRANSFER
57185 Highway 74
Lexington, Oregon 97839

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