## Protecting farmworkers from coronavirus

**Oregon Department** of Agriculture distributes free masks to farmworkers

By NADA SEWIDAN STAFF WRITER

The Oregon Department of Agriculture distributed 90,000 KN95 masks and 280 cases of hand sanitizer to Hermiston and Ontario agriculture and farmworkers on Thursday, May 28 as part of a statewide personal protective equipment giveaway.

At the Hermiston site, growers arrived at the Department of Agriculture building on Feedville Road throughout the day to collect bags of boxes that each contained 10 masks and large bottles of hand sanitizer. Due to limited supply, farms were allowed a 10-mask box per employee, up to 300 masks

Distribution of PPE statewide comes after Gov.



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Boxes of masks and hand sanitizers sit ready to give away to farmers and ranchers on May 28 at the Hermiston office of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Kate Brown announced \$30 million will go into providing resources to agricultural and farmwork-

an effort to maintain occupational safety.

"PPE has been challenging for the public ers in the state of Oregon in and some businesses to

access," Oregon Department of Agriculture Communications Director Andrea Cantu-Schomus said in an email. "Oregon Gov. Brown has been distributing PPE to many of Oregon's sectors including long term care facilities and the agricultural community."

Cantu-Schomus stated these resources are some of the best practices to help minimize the risk of contracting the virus.

"Oregon's agricultural workers are on the frontlines during this COVID-19 crisis, working to provide food for Oregon families," Cantu-Schomus said. "This investment provides critical resources to keep workers safe and mitigate COVID-19 outbreaks while protecting the food supply chain."

Funding for PPE giveaways are coming from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security and the CARES, Act, which are a part of a \$200 million COVID-19 aid package.

Cantu-Schomus said distribution throughout the state will continue through appointment only.

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

#### **Umatilla County reaches** 119 COVID-19 cases

Umatilla County Public Health reported two new confirmed COVID-19 cases on June 2, bringing the county's total to confirmed cases to 119.

The county also reported an increase in recovered cases, with a total of 106 recoveries, up from 92 people last week. No new deaths have been reported in the county.

There are currently five presumptive cases in the county, all of which have not been confirmed positive but are displaying symptoms after being in close contact with a case.

Health Oregon Authority reported 33 new and presumptive cases in the state of Oregon on June 2 and three new deaths—one in Washington County and two in Multnomah County.

Confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases in the state have reached a total of 4,335, and the death toll is up to 157.

Nationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 1.8 million confirmed cases and 105,157 total deaths.

Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is encouraged to contact their primary care provider.

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A public meeting of the Hermistor Urban Renewal Agency will be held on June 8, 2020 at or after 7:00 pm at Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 215 NE Gladys Street, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. or online at www.hermiston.or.us. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as was used the preceding year.

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Telephone: 541-567-5521 Email: mkrawczyk@hermiston.or.us FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES Contact: Mark Krawczyk, Director of Finance **Approved Budget** 

**Adopted Budget TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS Actual Amount** 2018-2019 This Year 2019-2020 Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital Federal, State and All Other Grants 400.000 Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt Interfund Transfers

All Other Resources Except Division of Tax & Special Levy 173.781 181,655 Revenue from Division of Tax 205,425 Revenue from Special Levy **Total Resources** 173,781 581,655 602,725 FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

Personnel Services 38,503 190.045 427,500 Materials and Services Capital Outlay **Debt Service** 110,778 114.130 109.287 Interfund Transfers

Contingencies All Other Expenditures and Requirements 65,938 277.480 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance Total Requirements 149,281 581,655 602,725
FINANCIAL SUMMARY-REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR

Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program 50,000 30,000 90,000 Façade Grants Festival Street 2,487 3,000 3,000 FTE Way Finding Signs 73 55,000 48,500 300,000 Parking Improvements 0 0 Non-Departmental / Non-Program 116,721 433,655 201,225 **Total Requirements** 149,281 602,725

Total FTE STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS Estimated Debt Outstanding LONG TERM DEBT **Estimated Debt Authorized. But** Not Incurred on July 1 July 1 \$1,310,000 **General Obligation Bonds** 

581,655

Other Bonds Other Borrowings Total \$1,310,000

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