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May 1, 2020

Honorable Governor Kate Brown
254 State Capitol
Salem OR 97301-4047

RE: Linn County's Plan to Reopen - Phase I

Dear Governor Brown:

The Linn County Board of Commissioners hereby petitions you to reopen Linn County for business on Friday, May 15, 2020. Below is our response to your May 1st prerequisite phase for reopening Oregon.

1. Declining prevalence of COVID-19:

- A. Historically, this time of year it is such a minimal number that we would like to work with your staff to establish some type of baseline number.
- B. We don't believe we have a single resident hospitalized in Linn County today.

2. Minimum Testing Regimen:

- A. The current population of Linn County is 120,000. We are currently under contract to be able to access up to 1,000 tests per week. We will submit a detailed plan next week addressing frontline and essential workers.
- B. Samaritan Health Services has both an adequate supply of tests and multiple test sites throughout the County to meet this requirement.
- C. We have more than adequate hospital capacity at the County level. We need further discussion as to what our health region is. It would make the most sense for the Health Region to be Linn, Lincoln and Benton Counties as it is our CCO region. We clearly meet the regional hospital requirements when considering the three County areas served primarily by Samaritan Health Services.

3. Contract Tracing System:

- A. Linn County currently meets the required minimum and today we trained 20 contact tracers that meet your requirements.

4. Isolation Facilities:

- A. We are in the process of negotiating and will have successfully signed those contracts within the next seven days.

5. Finalized Statewide Sector Guidelines:

- A. We are concerned that some details in the proposed sector guideline documents will not support or advance an economic recovery. Oregon is a diverse state with dozens of local economic hubs and one size does not fit all. We would welcome a vigorous conversation about sector guidelines and how they apply to Linn County.

6. Sufficient Health Care Capacity:

- A. The Linn, Benton and Lincoln CCO region has more than adequate capacity to meet this requirement.

7. Sufficient PPE Supply:

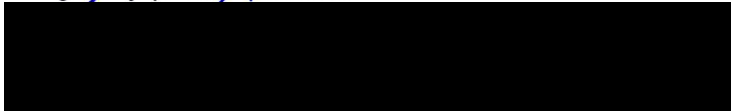
- A. This requirement highlights the need for a regional health care strategy for our area that would be consistent with the boundary of our current CCO. Given that we easily can meet and manage this requirement.
- B. Linn County recently spent \$20,000 dollars acquiring reserve PPE to meet this requirement.

We will continue to collaborate with other counties in our region. Linn County has gone above and beyond in bringing necessary resources to the table. We anticipate spending \$750,000 in the next ten weeks to meet the prerequisite as you outlined this morning. The unemployment rate in Oregon is above 20 percent; the current shutdown is not sustainable. We respectfully request that you grant our request of a May 15, 2020 reopening of our economy.

Sincerely,

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chairman


John K. Lindsey, Commissioner


William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Tucker, Will

From: MEANS Sarah * GOV [Sarah.Means@oregon.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2020 11:58 AM
To: MEANS Sarah * GOV
Subject: Prerequisites for Phased Reopening of Oregon
Attachments: Phase 1 Prerequisites_Final.pdf

Good Morning,

Please find attached the final draft document that goes into detail regarding the prerequisites for phased reopening of Oregon that Governor Brown announced this morning.

Please feel free to reach out with questions.

Stay well,
Sarah

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COVID-19 Resources

State of Oregon – [Governor Kate Brown](#)
Health Updates – [Oregon Health Authority](#)
Student and Family Resources – [Oregon Department of Education](#)
Child Care Resources for Providers and Families – [Oregon Early Learning Division](#)
Business Layoffs, Closures and Unemployment Information – [Oregon Employment Department](#)
Business Resources and Information – [Business Oregon](#)
Oregon's Small Business Resource Navigator – [Business Oregon](#)
Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources – [US Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#)
Tourism Industry Resources and Updates – [Travel Oregon](#)
Restaurant and Lodging Industry Resources – [Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association](#)

PREREQUISITES FOR PHASED REOPENING OF OREGON

Each of these seven prerequisites must be met before a county or region can enter phase one of Reopening Oregon. While many of these prerequisites are set at the county level, some are set at the Health Region or Statewide level.

1. **Declining prevalence of COVID-19** (OHA detailed reference document: "[The Three Health Signs We Must See to Re-open Oregon](#)")
 - a. The percentage of emergency department visits for COVID-19-like illnesses (CLI) are less than the historic average for flu at the same time of year.
 - b. A 14-day decline in COVID-19 hospital admissions.
 - c. This metric only applies to counties with more than 5 cases.

2. **Minimum Testing Regimen** (OHA detailed reference document: "[COVID-19 Strategic Testing Plan for Oregon](#)" and "[Oregon COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing Strategy](#)")
 - a. Regions must be able to administer COVID-19 testing at a rate of 30 per 10,000 people per week. Regions must implement a testing regimen that prioritizes symptomatic persons and individuals who came into contact with a known COVID-positive person and includes testing of all people in congregate settings when there is a positive test. This includes long-term care facilities and county jails among others. The plan must include frequent tests of frontline and essential workers and industries where workers may not be able to practice optimal physical distancing (e.g., agricultural processing, meat packing).
 - b. Regions must maintain an appropriate number of testing sites to accommodate its population and must fully advertise where and how people can get tested. The region must work with local public health and OHA to use the collected data to track and trace the spread of the virus. Testing must be accessible to low-income and underserved communities.
 - c. This metric is measured at the Health Region level, not at the county level. An individual county cannot move into phase one if regional hospital capacity is beneath that level.

3. **Contact Tracing System** (OHA detailed reference document: "[Oregon's Plan to Stop the Spread of COVID-19](#)", "[Oregon COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing Strategy](#)" and "[Interim Investigative Guidelines](#)")
 - a. Counties must have a minimum of 15 contact tracers for every 100,000 people. Every county must be prepared to contact trace 95% of all new cases within 24 hours, with OHA certifying a county's readiness. The contract tracing workforce must be reflective of the region and be able to conduct tracing activities in a culturally appropriate way and in multiple languages as appropriate for the population.

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4. **Isolation Facilities**
 - a. Counties must have hotel rooms available for people who test positive for COVID-19 and who cannot self-isolate. The Department of Public Health at the Oregon Health Authority will provide support to local public health to identify needs and help with resources.

5. **Finalized Statewide Sector Guidelines** *(OHA detailed reference documents: sector-specific guidelines by sector)*
 - a. Each sector must adhere to Oregon Health Authority statewide guidelines to protect employees and consumers, make the physical work space safer and implement processes that lower risk of infection in the business.

6. **Sufficient Health Care Capacity** *(OHA detailed reference document: "[Guidance on resumption of non-emergent and elective procedures at hospitals](#)")*
 - a. To maintain the phased re-opening plan, each region must be able to accommodate a 20% increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations compared to the number of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in the region at the time Executive Order No. 20-22 was issued.
 - b. This metric is measured at the Health Region level, not at the county level. An individual county cannot move into phase one if regional hospital capacity is beneath that level.

7. **Sufficient PPE Supply** *(OHA detailed reference document: "[Guidance on resumption of non-emergent and elective procedures at hospitals](#)")*
 - a. All hospitals in the health region must report PPE supply daily to OHA's Hospital Capacity system. Large hospitals and health systems in the region must attest to a 30-day supply of PPE, and rural hospitals must have a 14-day supply. This metric is measured at the Health Region level, not at the county level.
 - b. Counties must attest to sufficient PPE supply for first responders in the county.

Health Regions Defined:

Health region 1: Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas

Health region 2: Yamhill, Polk, Lincoln, Benton, Marion, Linn

Health regions 3 & 5: Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine

Health regions 6 & 9: Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Malheur

Health region 7: Jefferson, Deschutes, Crook, Wheeler, Grant, Klamath, Lake, Harney

Prerequisites Checklist

Each of these seven prerequisites must be met before a county or region can enter phase one of Reopening Oregon. While many of these prerequisites are set at the county level, some are set at the Health Region or Statewide level.

	County	Health Region	State
1. Declining prevalence of COVID-19	Not required if <5 cases		
a. The percentage of emergency department visits for COVID-19-like illnesses (CLI) are less than the historic average for flu at the same time of year.	NA	NA	REQUIRED Data to be provided on OHA web site.
b. A 14-day decline in COVID-19 hospital admissions.	REQUIRED if >5 cases	NA	Data to be provided on OHA web site.
2. Minimum Testing Regimen			
Regions able to administer testing at a rate of 30 per 10k per week	NA	REQUIRED	OHA will evaluate and approve at the region level
Sufficient testing sites accessible to underserved communities	NA	REQUIRED	OHA will evaluate and approve at the region level
3. Contact Tracing System			
County has 15 contact tracers per 100k people	REQUIRED		OHA will evaluate and approve at the county or region level
County contact tracing workforce is reflective of the county and able to work in needed languages	REQUIRED		OHA will evaluate and approve at the county or region level
County is prepared to trace 95% of all new cases within 24 hours	REQUIRED		OHA will evaluate and approve at the county or region level
4. Isolation Facilities			
Counties have hotel rooms available for those who cannot self-isolate	REQUIRED		OHA will support, evaluate and approve at the county or region level
Counties provide a narrative of how they will respond to three different outbreak situations in the county (e.g. nursing home, jail, food processing facility, farmworker housing, other group living situation)	REQUIRED		OHA will evaluate and approve. OHA can provide a list.
5. Finalized Statewide Sector Guidelines	NA	NA	REQUIRED OHA will finalize
6. Sufficient Health Care Capacity			
Region must be able to accommodate a 20% increase in hospitalizations	NA	REQUIRED	
7. Sufficient PPE Supply			
Hospitals in region are reporting PPE supply daily through HOSCAP		REQUIRED	OHA will certify
Hospitals in region must have 30 day supply of PPE	NA	REQUIRED Hospital leadership must attest in writing.	OHA will confirm receipt of hospital attestation.
Counties must have sufficient PPE for first responders.	REQUIRED		OHA will confirm receipt of county attestation.

Meyer, Marsha

From: Nyquist, Roger
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Subject: LINN COUNTY'S PLAN TO REOPEN - PHASE I
Attachments: doc03340620200501163617.pdf

Importance: High

Attached is Phase I of Linn County's plan to reopen.

Roger Nyquist, Chairman
Linn County Board of Commissioners

Meyer, Marsha

From: ANDREW Jennifer J * GOV <Jennifer.J.ANDREW@oregon.gov>
To: Nyquist, Roger
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2020 4:55 PM
Subject: Read: LINN COUNTY'S PLAN TO REOPEN - PHASE I

Your message

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