Situation Report Number: 2020-OERS-0302	
Incident Name: COVID-19 - MultCo Coordination	
OERS Number: 2020-0279	
EOC Activation Level: Partial	**Incident Commander:** Kim Toevs, Multnomah County Health Department & Alice Busch, Multnomah County Emergency Management
Date: 03.02.2020	Please review the [Multnomah County Coronavirus FAQs](#) or call **211**. If you can't find an answer, submit [your questions](#) to Multnomah County.
Time: 1700	

General

Emergency Operations Center, EOC Updates

- Situation Reports will be sent daily at 5pm.
- Internal and external liaisons have been activated to support the community..
- Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) TableTop Exercise templates for community and county partners are being created to enhance preparedness. General COOP and agency specific scenarios are being developed and are expected to be released Thursday, March 5, 2020 on the [Multnomah County Coronavirus Webpage](#).
- Multiple media interviews were given throughout the weekend.
- Continuing to support information and resource needs for our diverse partners including: school districts, congregate settings, health care system, served agencies and more.
- Community Health Worker trainings and work with our culturally specific populations are in process.
- Working closely with state agencies to process resource requests and determine scarce resource allocation and prioritization.

Health Department's Key Talking Points. Facts not Fear

The current risk to Oregonians is low

- This is an evolving situation and we're monitoring this closely.
- People in communities with ongoing community spread of COVID-19 are at elevated though still relatively low risk of exposure.
- Travelers visiting affected locations internationally may be at elevated risk of exposure.

The region is responding for COVID-19

- Federal, state and local officials are working to detect cases of this virus.
- People under monitoring are in communication with public health. Any residents who develop symptoms of the flu, or anyone who was in close contact, are asked to stay home during the virus' incubation period (14 days).
- Health officials have plans in place to test, isolate and treat sick people and protect the public with careful contact identification and follow up.
- Testing is reserved for the most severely ill (unless you are contacted directly by Public Health).
- We know from other countries that most people recover.

Keep healthy

The same things that protect against cold and flu germs, also prevent COVID-19:
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your cough and sneeze into a tissue.
- Stay home if you're sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Keep your immune system strong by eating a healthy diet, getting enough sleep and regular exercise, and by taking care of underlying health conditions.
- Don't touch your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth unless you have washed your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects like doorknobs and surfaces like countertops. Use cleaning products as directed.
- Masks are not recommended for the public.
  - It's important to follow this recommendation so that health care providers are able to get the supplies they need while caring for ill patients. Health care providers need masks for themselves and their patients.
- If you think you may have been exposed locally, please stay home at the first sign of a cough or fever and take care of yourself. Remain at home until at least 24 hours after your symptoms have ended.
- If you are sick with cough, fever, or difficulty breathing, please stay home and take care of yourself. Remain at home until at least 24 hours after your symptoms have ended.
- If your illness becomes severe or you have difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical attention. Your healthcare provider will help you make a plan. They will talk about whether you need to be seen and if so, how to do so safely without exposing others.
- Only seek medical care if you really need it and only call 911 in an emergency.

Ways to prepare

- Establish a childcare plan in the event your kids need to stay home from school.
- Check your work's sick leave and telecommuting policies.

- Make sure you have the kinds of foods, drinks, medications and pet supplies you would want if you needed to stay home and limit your contact with other people for a couple weeks.

Support one another

- This situation can cause fear and anxiety in all of us. Residents who need support can call the County's [Mental Health Call Center](#) any time of day or night. Call 503-988-4888.
- We have heard reports of discrimination and stigma. Asian American owned businesses have reported a drop in sales. We want to remind everyone that a person's ethnicity, language or association with a country is not a risk factor.
- Get to know your neighbors, especially those who might need extra help like seniors or people living alone.

Please review the [Multnomah County Coronavirus FAQs](#) and [submit your questions](#) if you can't find the answer.

Timeline of Events

December 2019: A [respiratory virus identified as a novel coronavirus has spread from Wuhan, Hubei Province, China](#) (population ~11 million) to other countries, including the US, through person-to-person transmission. Wuhan is a major air transportation hub in mainland China and infected travelers (mainly air) are known to be responsible for introductions of the virus in other cities. This incident was formally named COVID-19 by the [World Health Organization](#) in February.

December 2019: A Multnomah County team of nurses and epidemiologists began working full-time and on-call 24/7. This team established a response plan based on potential levels of risk to guide its actions.

January 21, 2020: The first case reported in the United States was in Washington State.

January 30, 2020: Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to coordinate contingency planning efforts for potential Coronavirus impacts.

February 28, 2020:
- Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) began to test for COVID-19 ([News for OSPHL Submitters](#))
- Oregon Health Authority has confirmed Oregon's first, presumptive case of novel coronavirus ([OHA Press Release](#)).

February 29, 2020:
- CDC is operationalizing all of its pandemic preparedness and response plans. (CDC 2/29/2020 Sitrep).

- A Regional Joint Information System (JIS) for COVID-19 was established. Agencies currently participating include the counties of Clackamas, Clark, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington; Multnomah Education Service District, Northwest Regional Education Service District, and the City of Portland. This is primarily a forum for information sharing and mutual support for regional stakeholders; local stakeholders are welcome to listen in and ask questions or provide updates as time allows.

March 1, 2020:
- Oregon Health Authority announced the second presumptive case of COVID-19 (OHA Press Release)
- Nike Headquarters closed in abundance of caution.

March 2, 2020:
- Oregon identifies third presumptive positive case of COVID-19 (OHA Press Release)

- Multnomah County Communicable Disease (CD) has activated a COVID-19 hotline (503-988-3406). This hotline allows for providers to quickly reach a CD team member.

Emergency Support Function 7: Resource Support

- The County Logistics Section is activated and supporting Multnomah County EOC

Emergency Support Function 8: Health & Medical

This is a dynamic situation. Information and case counts are changing rapidly and the incident is on-going.

Epidemiology Updates

Global Cases* (Source: World Health Organization Situation Report 42)
- 88,948 confirmed (1804 new) and 3,043 confirmed deaths worldwide

  - China 80,174 confirmed (206 new) 2,915 deaths (42 new) Outside of China 8,774 confirmed (1598 new) 64 countries (6 new) 128 deaths (24 new), with 64 countries affected.
  - 90 confirmed cases in the region of the Americas, with 2 confirmed deaths.
  - Washington State Health Department reports 6 deaths as of 2:00PM, 3/2/2020 (https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus).

*please note these numbers are changing rapidly and now include clinical cases

CDC Travel advisories
> Warning Level 3: China, Iran, Italy, & South Korea
> Alert Level 2: Japan
> Watch Level 1: Hong Kong

[United States](#)

- Total cases: 43
- Total hospitalized: 17
- Total deaths: 2
- States reporting cases: 10

** Does not include PUIs in the US that were evacuated from the Diamond Princess cruise ship

[Oregon](#)

Situation in Oregon

Test Results for Persons Under Investigation (PUI)*
Last updated 3/2/2020, 11:00 AM

Positive	3
Negative	11
Pending	5
Total PUI since 1/24/2020	19
PUI who have completed monitoring without developing COVID-19	2

*PUI are individuals with COVID-19 symptoms—but not necessarily the virus—who may have been exposed through close contact with a confirmed case, travel to an affected region (China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or South Korea), or who have severe respiratory illness requiring hospitalization with no more likely diagnosis and no source of exposure has been identified.

Persons Under Monitoring (PUM)*
Last updated 3/1/2020

Current	86
PUM who have completed monitoring without developing symptoms	231
Total PUM since 1/24/2020	317

*PUM are individuals who do not have COVID-19 symptoms but who may have been exposed through close contact with a confirmed case or from travel to mainland China.

County Enterprise Outreach Efforts
- Multnomah County Health Department's Community Partnerships & Communicable Disease units are developing educational events and material to share with Multnomah County staff.

Culturally Specific Outreach Efforts
- Multnomah County Health Department's Community Partnerships & Communicable Disease units are hosting four [train-the-trainer workshops for community healthcare workers, home visitors, and other community leaders](#). Training dates and sign-up information can be found in the link above.
- Educational and outreach material is being translated into multiple languages.
- Ongoing outreach and education is being provided to community based organizations.

Emergency Support Function 14: Public Information

For media inquiries related to COVID-19 please contact: Kate Willson, Public Information Unit Leader: 503-410-4524.

Social Media Posts
- [Multnomah County Facebook](#)
- [Multnomah County Twitter](#)

- [Multnomah County Health Department Facebook](#)
- [Multnomah County Health Department Twitter](#)
- [Multnomah County Emergency Management Facebook](#)
- [Multnomah County Emergency Management Twitter](#)

Resources:
- [Multnomah County COVID-19 Response:](#) Information about the county's response activities.
- [Multnomah County Coronavirus FAQs](#): Read FAQs related to COVID-19 topics, such as general health, traveler health, provider health, and animal health.
- [Novel Coronavirus Questions Submittal Form](#): Still have a question about this virus? Ask our health experts through this online form.
- [Public Health Alerts](#): Read current and past public health alerts.
- [Oregon Health Authority Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication](#): COVID-19 fact sheets, flyers, and templates.
- [CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information](#): Information for specific audiences, situation reports, and information about COVID-19.
- [WHO Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information](#): Information about protecting yourself, Q&A's, travel advice, situation reports, technical guidance, and global research.
- [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Global Map](#): John Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering map of the global outbreak (updated daily).

Partner Updates

Partners departments, divisions, and any activated Branch/Group/Unit/Section please submit updates/actions taken related to COVID-19. Information submitted will be included in the Multnomah County COVID-19 Situation Reports.

To submit updates/actions, email the Multnomah County Emergency Management Duty Officer (em.dutyofficer@multco.us) with the subject line: *Partner Update for COVID-19 Situation Report.*

Activated EOCs/ICPs

Operations Center	*Status of Activation*
Oregon Health Authority	Enhanced
Multnomah County	Partial

Activated Call Centers

Call Center	*Phone Number*	*Hours*
COVID-19 Communicable Disease Provider Hotline	503-988-3406	24/7
Mental Health Call Center	503-988-4888	24/7
211	211	7 days a week 9am-5pm

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