



NEWS RELEASE

Friday, March 13

City of Eugene implements Emergency Operations Centers; public meetings suspended

As our region continues to respond to COVID-19, the City is implementing its emergency plan and standing up its Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with regional partners. This ensures our ability to maintain critical and essential services, as well as support state and county health efforts.

Public meetings are suspended while the City determines online or other remote options for participation.

Our first responders have been, and continue to be, ready to respond. Our first responders have the proper personal protective equipment, training, and protocols they need to protect themselves and their patients.

Protecting community members within city facilities is another priority. Last week, based on lead agency recommendations, staff intensified cleaning protocols for city facilities. Facilities staff have modified routines and increased cleaning frequency in City buildings to help reduce the potential spread of the disease.

Ten handwashing stations are being placed in strategic locations throughout the community, including downtown, today. The handwashing stations will be available until further notice, and a map of the locations will be available online as soon as possible.

All three Eugene Libraries have suspended programming and are waiving late fees for materials returned late due to health concerns, and the Downtown Library has reduced hours (now open 12-6 p.m. daily). We have suspended all Eugene Rec program starting March 16. The Campbell Community Center will close starting March 16. All [City-related closures](#) can be found on our website.

[Lane County Public Health](#) is the primary source of information for COVID-19 in our area. Through this event we remain committed to our community and working with our regional partners to ensure the safety of our community.

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