



## July 23 City of Eugene Community Update - COVID-19

This update provides information on the latest City activities and links to more information. For health and safety information about COVID-19 including confirmed cases and testing data, please visit [Lane County Public Health](#) or [Oregon Health Authority's](#) websites.

### New Statewide Requirements Effective July 24

The number of COVID-19 cases in our area and across Oregon continue to rise. On Wednesday, July 22, Governor Kate Brown announced new statewide requirements that will become effective Friday, July 24:

- Face coverings are required for ages 5 and up
- Restaurants and bars must close at 10 p.m. statewide
- Face coverings are required when exercising indoors, plus outdoors when you can't physically distance
- Capacity limit for restaurants, gyms, venues (e.g. concert halls, movie theaters) is reduced to 100 people indoors, including staff.

Governor Brown also announced that her team, in coordination with the Oregon Health Authority, is looking into further restrictions on tourists coming from states that are currently considered hotspots, and is evaluating the counties on the state's watch list. She said announcements could be coming later this week.

While we realize these changes are difficult, it takes the entire community and state working together to make a difference and stop the spread of COVID-19.

### New Face Covering Requirements

Starting tomorrow, Friday, July 24, face coverings, including masks or face shields, are required statewide for anyone age five and up in indoor public spaces and outdoors when six feet of distance cannot be maintained.

Children who are three and four years old are recommended, but not required, to wear a mask, face shield or face covering as long as they're able to remove it themselves.


Here are a few ideas to help your child feel comfortable if they feel unsure about wearing a mask or other face covering:

- Let your child choose and decorate their mask.
- Try different styles to see which is the most comfortable.
- Put a mask on a favorite stuffed toy or draw one on a favorite book character.
- Introduce the mask when everyone is relaxed but not too sleepy.
- Practice wearing the mask at home to help your child get used to it.


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- Play some “let’s pretend” games with characters who wear masks.
- Point out other people wearing masks while you’re out.

If someone with a disability is unable to wear a mask or alternate face covering (like a face shield), they can request a reasonable accommodation from the business. These accommodations might look like grocery store pick-up or pharmacy delivery. Learn more about [face covering requirements](#).

### New Business Requirements

Also beginning Friday, July 24, the following requirements apply to businesses statewide:

- The maximum indoor capacity limit is capped at 100 for all venues, such as larger restaurants, bars, community centers, churches or other houses of worship, movie theaters, and gyms.
- Restaurants and bars will be required to stop serving customers at 10 p.m.

### COVID-19 Test Site Finder

Are you wondering where you can find a COVID-19 testing site? Oregon Health Authority has introduced a [new online tool to find the nearest testing site](#).

1. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, please contact your healthcare provider or telehealth program to discuss whether you should be evaluated for testing.
2. Each coronavirus test provider will determine if testing is appropriate based on your symptoms, risk factors, and test availability.
3. Due to an increase in demand, there may be longer than usual wait times for testing and results in certain areas.

Call the COVID-19 testing site before you go to learn about testing criteria, availability and hours.

### Lane County Public Health Hosting Frontline Worker Testing Event

Lane County Public Health is offering free testing for frontline workers on Wednesday, July 29, from 1-5 p.m. at the Lane Events Center. Lane County Public Health considers frontline workers to be individuals with public-facing jobs who have worked throughout the outbreak. Examples include grocery store workers, gas station attendants, food and coffee servers, or anyone who has a public-facing job but does not have access to ongoing testing. This event is not designed to serve individuals who are already being regularly tested as part of their employment, such as many first responders and healthcare workers. Please bring your insurance card if you have insurance. The test is free regardless of insurance status. Learn more on [Lane County’s website](#) or call Lane County Public Health at 541-682-4041.

### How You Can Help

#### Practice the 4 Ws

It’s up to all of us to do our part. Help protect yourself and others:

1. **Wear a face covering** – indoor and out, it’s a statewide requirement
2. **Watch your distance** – stay 6-feet apart from those outside your household
3. **Wash your hands** – often with soap and water for 20 seconds throughout the day
4. **Wait it out** – stay home if you are sick

#### Answer the Call – Contact Tracing is Important to Stop the Spread

If you get a call or voicemail from a Public Health contact tracer, please answer or return the call. Contact tracing is critical to our community’s ability to continue limiting the spread of COVID-19. People who participate in contact tracing are actively helping to keep their community safe by helping public health officials track the virus. For more information from Lane County Public Health on contact tracing please visit their [contact tracing webpage](#). The [State of Oregon’s contact tracing web page](#) also offers useful information and resources.

## Broadway Street Closure for Expanded Streatery Supports Downtown Businesses

Beginning July 16, the section of East Broadway between Willamette and Olive streets was closed to motor vehicle traffic to enable expanded café seating for area bars and restaurants. The Broadway Streatery is a temporary measure to support business activity, safe social gathering and community recovery in response to COVID-19. The initiative will be evaluated on an ongoing basis to determine whether it is having a positive impact for downtown Eugene and our community as whole. If it is successful, the Broadway Streatery will remain open until at least October 31, 2020. The City of Eugene is working directly with the business owners on this section of Broadway, who are all supportive of this arrangement. Physical distancing and proper hand hygiene are strongly encouraged, and face coverings are required if 6-feet of distance cannot be maintained. Learn more about the Broadway Streatery and how businesses can apply for a streatery permit as part of the [City of Eugene's Streatery Program](#).

### More resources

See a list of [Community Resources](#) for physical and mental health, food, housing, businesses, employees, schools and children, as well as information in Spanish. Also learn how you can help.



Our partners have a significant amount of information available online. Please visit these resources for the most up to date information:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [State of Oregon](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority](#)
- [Lane County Public Health](#)
- **Lane County Call Center:** Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 541-682-1380

### Previous Community Update

- [COVID-19 Community Update](#) (July 14, 2020)