



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM: Weekly Watch Report

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### Message from the Director

Welcome back to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management Weekly Watch Report. Director Phelps thanks all state and local partners who continue to work on Oregon's statewide COVID-19 response as we look at other ongoing activities affecting the state.

### **Weather and Hazards**

View current watches and warnings [here](#). Check out our weather dashboard [here](#).

- [NWS Portland](#)
- [NWS Pendleton](#)
- [NWS Medford](#)
- [NWS Boise](#)

Interested in a quick overview of hazards currently affecting Oregon and surrounding areas? Check out our Leadership Briefing product here: <https://arcg.is/1Tnz8g>.

### **Civil Unrest**

Protests in response to the death of George Floyd (May 25, Minneapolis, MN) are now in their second week across the country. Portland, Salem and some other Oregon cities instituted curfews, and Salem and Portland declared a state of emergency. OEM continues to monitor the situation via regular phone calls with ESF and state partners. Local jurisdictions should submit any resource requests into OpsCenter.

### **COVID-19**

As of Monday, June 8, 29 counties in Oregon have been approved for Phase 2 reopening. Phase 2 allows for expanded gatherings (limit of 50 persons indoors, 100 persons outdoors); limited return to work; later hours for bars and restaurants; and limited reopening of certain sectors (e.g., movie theaters, places of worship) with occupancy limits based on the size of the venue and a cap of 250. Physical distancing and sanitation requirements remain in effect. For additional Phase 2 guidance, visit <https://youtu.be/E1suDiLsqvk>.

- On March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency to address the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon.
- As of June 7, Oregon has 4,922 cases (positive and presumptive) of COVID-19 and a total of 164 deaths.
- OHA is reporting weekly on COVID-19 outbreaks in workplaces of more than 30 employees with five or more reported cases.
- A wealth of information on COVID-19 including case counts, testing, county data, reopening phases and guidance is available in multiple languages at <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>.

## **Umatilla, Union, Wallowa County and CTUIR Flooding – DR4519**

On April 3, 2020, Oregon received a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4519-DR-OR) for Umatilla, Union and Walla Counties in Oregon, and the confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, which experienced severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides during the period of February 5-9, 2020. The declaration allows for FEMA Public Assistance (PA) for damage to infrastructure in all three counties as well as the CTUIR. In addition, Individual Assistance (IA) is available to eligible residents in Umatilla County and CTUIR to help recover from damages to homes and livelihoods. The Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering federal disaster loans for property damage and economic impacts caused by the event.

- 21 applicants have submitted Requests for Public Assistance (RPA's). There is an estimated \$26 million in damages for this disaster. FEMA is making exploratory calls to set up local recovery scoping meetings to help applicants start building projects for FEMA reimbursement.
- As of June 3, more than [\\$3 million in disaster assistance](#) funds have been awarded to Umatilla Co. and CTUIR residents.
- The Small Business Administration has approved 22 disaster loans for individuals and families.
- The deadline to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance, and accompanying recovery funding, is extended to July 2, 2020.
- A [story map](#) for this event has been created and continues to be updated as information changes.

## **Drought**

According to the NWS, drought has improved since the beginning of May; however, the following counties have current drought declarations: Curry, Gilliam, Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath Counties. [Watermasters and regional managers](#) are the first and best connection with the water users (e.g., industry, water districts) who would be affected by a drought declaration.

## **Wildfire**

As campgrounds and forested recreational areas reopen under Governor Brown's Reopening Oregon plan, OEM joins forces with OSFM, Keep Oregon Green and the Oregon Department of Forestry to promote wildfire awareness. As a reminder, OEM has several resources on wildfire preparedness including a [Wildfire Communications Toolkit](#) and a "Fire Activity" tab on our RAPTOR [Leadership Briefing](#) webpage.

## **New OEM Staff**

Oregon Office of Emergency Management is happy to introduce several new staff members. Please join us in welcoming all of them to the OEM team!!

- Amanda Mathis is our new State Exercise Officer position. Amanda started in mid-February.
- Traci Naile became the OEM Operations and Preparedness Section Manager in early March.
- Shannon Bryers (Office Specialist 2) and Mike Walker (Program Analyst) joined OEM's 9-1-1 team in mid-March.
- Chris Ingersoll and Bobbi Doan are new OEM PIOs who came to OEM in May, amid the COVID-19 response. Bobbi is the new Public Affairs team lead and Chris is an OMD PIO on job rotation.

## **In the News**

- [ODF talks fire season; changes training protocol to accommodate social distancing](#)
- [Hours of protest, speeches and peaceful march mark one of Salem's largest demonstrations](#)
- [Oregon lawmakers allocate \\$247 million in COVID-19 relief funds](#)
- [Portland metro high schoolers serve as SAR volunteers](#)
- [Empowerment Tips for Wildfire Season](#)

## Public/Private Partnership Program

OEM's Public/Private Partnership Program has been integrally involved in the COVID-19 response in Oregon, building relationships regionally and across the nation, to share best practices and navigate the unique challenges faced during the pandemic. We extend a huge thanks to Business Oregon for their tireless support, partnership and leadership during this crisis!

- For the first time in OEM operations, Oregon hosted weekly grocer calls to support information sharing between key partners and the public sector.
- Within months, Oregon built its base of private-sector connections from a list of only a few to hundreds of businesses. We fostered a partnership with the League of Oregon Cities, who supported our weekly brief to their officials.
- We continue to support the business community in Oregon through shared resources and communications on COVID-related safeguards. Oregon has built a 'Reopen Oregon' [Business survey](#) in which businesses may share their opening status, along with specific guidelines of patronage if applicable.

## Training

Louisiana State University's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training/Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education (LSU NCBRT/ACE) has developed several new courses to address the novel coronavirus, including an *EOC Operations during Social Distancing* course. Participants can register or request the courses at <https://ncbrt.lsu.edu/courses/COVID19.php>.

Several National Domestic Preparedness Consortium partners have transitioned training to a virtual environment. Check out these options that can be requested for delivery:

- AWR-219-C Site Protection through Observational Techniques, Customized: <https://www.ncbrt.lsu.edu/courses/dhs/AWR-219-c.php>
- AWR-148 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents – Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems: <https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/courses/awr-148/>
- AWR-232 Mass Fatalities Planning & Response for Rural Communities: <https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/courses/awr-232/>
- MGT-381 Business Continuity Planning: <https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/courses/mgt-381/>
- MGT-416 Introduction to Continuity of Government Planning for Rural Jurisdictions: <https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/courses/mgt-416/>

Oregon's Current Training Calendar: <http://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Pages/Training.aspx>

Washington State Training Calendar: <https://mil.wa.gov/training-and-exercise>

Idaho State Training Calendar: <https://www.idahoprepares.com/preceptorStudent/calendar.k2>

FEMA Region X Training calendar: <http://fema.mhsoftware.com/ViewNonBannerMonth.html>

## RAPTOR and OpsCenter

Throughout the COVID-19 response, more than 30 new GIS, mapping application and dashboard products and initiatives were created. As we look to the future, lessons learned from these applications will be applied to other components of OEM operations. We look forward to introducing and testing new solutions for standard operations with our agency and the emergency management community.

- We will conduct an after action report/questionnaire for the systems that are and were utilized during the COVID response (to include OpsCenter and relevant GIS mapping products). Please stay tuned as we will send a notification email to everyone with the survey link.

- RAPTOR has recently been updated to include new wildfire data, which now provides access to view sub-acre fires across the landscape. You can see these new data points on the public and secure versions of RAPTOR, as well as our leadership briefing application.
- Lastly, we have created a new survey and mapping application to display businesses that are open. Check out the details on our [COVID-19 response website](#) and forward [this link](#) to any business that would like to sign up and be featured on the application.

### **Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants**

- FEMA will be rolling out and hosting training for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program in the coming weeks, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/bric> for the latest BRIC information.
- Reminder: Applications for DR-4432-OR (February 23-26, 2019, winter storm that impacted Jefferson, Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry Counties) are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020; please send items to [shmo@mil.state.or.us](mailto:shmo@mil.state.or.us).
- The deadline to submit a Letter of Intent for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program for DR-4519-OR (February 5-9, 2019, severe storms, floods and landslides that affected Umatilla, Union and Wallowa Counties, and the confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation) is July 20, by 11:59 p.m. HMGP funds can be used for projects specific to flooding, natural hazard mitigation plans (NHMP) and Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP). Further guidance can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279>.
- For those who are currently working applications for HMGP 4452 (April 6-21, 2019, winter storm that impacted Umatilla, Wheeler, Grant, Linn, Douglas and Curry Counties), applications and materials are due Monday, September 7 by 11:59 p.m.; please send items to [shmo@mil.state.or.us](mailto:shmo@mil.state.or.us).

### **Search and Rescue**

Reopening efforts by counties means greater accessibility to recreational areas by the public. County SAR teams are equipped with approved PPE to adhere to COVID-19 protocols. For general SAR information and statewide training, contact State SAR Coordinator Scott Lucas at [scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us](mailto:scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us) or 971-283-6135.

### **Preparedness Tip**

June is Pet Preparedness Month and pets need an emergency supply kit, too! The kit should contain the basics for survival such as pet food and water, extra collar/leash and veterinary records. Include a favorite toy, treats or bedding to help reduce pet stress. Don't forget a pooper scooper, cat litter or plastic bags. More pet preparedness tips are available at [www.ready.gov/pet-toolkit](http://www.ready.gov/pet-toolkit).

### **ECC**

The State ECC is currently activated to support the Oregon Health Authority's response to COVID-19. All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311.