

Here is a brief update for you from this week ending 8/7. Generally, all operations are carrying on business as usual.

- We currently have everyone back from any type of COVID-19 self-quarantining, which hasn't been the case for quite a while now.
- The splash park at City Hall is in full operation and is being well used, which is always good to see.
- We are working on trying to get a design for a permanent remodel of the front counter area worked up so that we can use CARES funding to accomplish the project. We're not sure if the timing will work out because our allotment needs to be spent down prior to December 30, and we're not sure if we can get the project designed, bid, and built in that time. Additionally, Tim and Shane are working on securing grant funds to push out into the business community and also seeing where we can partner with local 501C organizations to help our citizens. This is all a little frustrating to me because the State has been sitting on these federal funds for quite some time now and only recently agreed to allocate \$190M to local governments, after quite a fight by the League of Oregon Cities. Now the time line is so constrained that Cities are having a very difficult time actually putting the funds to work in their communities before the deadline where any unspent funds go back to the US Department of the Treasury. We'll do our best, however, to get as much into the community as we can.

LOC COVID-19 Weekly Conference Call:

Governor's Office: Department of Education is developing guidance and metrics to allow rural schools to potentially reopen to in-person school. OSAA has created the sports schedule for next year which will create three shortened seasons starting in December and going through the end of June. The Governor created a racial equity panel to help guide decision making for policy and budgeting at the state level and also to provide guidance for equity issues through the recovery. Travel restriction is still a possibility but language has not yet been decided upon. Also a potential executive order on worker protections. The watch list for counties that have high case-load will be updated this week also.

Oregon Health Authority: 20K cases in Oregon as of today and some increase in hospitalization this week. There are some signs though that we are stabilizing now and the trends may move down now. Most current cases are in 20-29 year olds with most deaths in those over 70. Being on the Governor's watch list means that your county has high case-load and high incidents of community spread. This allows OHA to ramp up support for those counties who need it the most. Should not be seen as a report card. In terms of school metrics, case rates and test positivity are two measures used to determine school opening. Revision in the works that may have better paths forward for remote and rural schools.

Oregon Emergency Management: Making every effort to get more tests available and test results expedited. Wildfire season is underway and we have 44 active fires that are being fought throughout the state right now. OEM is holding a seminar on cyber security. 45-states are seeing a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases now, which is good news.

LOC Advocacy: Still working on getting the \$1.3B of federal CARES Act funding pushed out to localities. Special Legislative Session starts next week. Likely going to revolve around the budget and police reform.

National League of Cities: Deadlock at the Federal Legislature on new relief package. If there IS a deal in the offing, it may or may not have any funding for revenue replacement for local governments. A glimmer of hope yesterday from the White House but if a deal isn't reached by tomorrow, it's unlikely that any real deal will be reached that includes local government aid.