



Monday March 23, 2020

Dear Chamber Members and Community Partners,

This morning Gov. Kate Brown issued a new executive order with expanded business closure requirements and directives to businesses remaining in operation to implement work-at-home policies as much as possible and, where remote work is not feasible, to implement mandatory social distancing practices.

The list of business closures has expanded to include primarily consumer-facing businesses where social distancing is difficult or impossible to avoid. The list is on page four of [Executive Order 20-12](#).

If a business or industry is not specifically listed for closure, it can continue to operate with the required social distancing measures.

All businesses and nonprofits that can telework must do so to the maximum extent possible. Where it is not possible, businesses must do the following:

- Appoint a person who is in charge of setting and enforcing social media guidelines at your business
- Maintain appropriate social distancing guidelines for employees

For individuals, it includes:

- Prohibiting non-essential social and recreational gatherings outside of a home
- Any time you leave your home, at all times maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any person
- Individuals can go outside to walk, golf, hike, or other similar, non-contact recreational activities while still maintaining social distancing.

The Chamber and the Oregon business community continue to work closely with Gov. Brown on her efforts to address this crisis. Many Chamber members report implementation of work-at-home practices, with several saying that as many as 90% of their employees are already working remotely.

Companies like our manufacturing members report that they have implemented social distancing practices, with some making changes in operating practices to accommodate social distancing.

Our Action Alert continues to be live on The Chamber's [Southern Oregon Strong \(S.O.S.\)](#) page. Please keep telling us your impact stories in case they continue to be necessary for economic assistance, and, so we can use them as we retool to best meet your needs and get this local economy up and running again. Also, please take the time to take our [survey](#) so we can continue to better serve your business.

In a letter on Sunday, The Chamber and other business partners asked the governor to specify what workers and businesses will be considered "essential" if additional closures are called for. We continue to work on that effort. If you don't see yourself on this list, you may continue to operate, while abiding by social distancing rules, etc.

If you have a question, please email us at lydia@medfordchamber.com or brad@medfordchamber.com.

Keep up the good work out there. Continue to support our local businesses by buying gift certificates, booking future events, ordering takeout, shopping at local businesses with an online presence and, of course, donating money in places that will make a real difference.

Remain Southern Oregon Strong!

Here is a list of businesses the Governor ordered closed:

- Amusement parks
- Aquariums
- Arcades
- Art galleries
- Barber shops
- Hair salons
- Bowling alleys
- Cosmetic stores
- Dance studios
- Esthetician practices
- Fraternal organization facilities
- Furniture stores
- Gyms and fitness studios
- Hookah bars
- Indoor and outdoor malls
- Indoor party places
- Jewelry shops and boutiques
- Medical spas
- Facial spas
- Day spas
- Non-medical massage therapy services
- Museums
- Nail and tanning salons
- Non-tribal card rooms
- Skating rinks
- Senior activity centers
- Ski resorts
- Social and private clubs
- Tattoo and piercing parlors
- Tennis clubs
- Theaters
- Yoga studios
- Youth clubs

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad S. Hicks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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