

Reopening Washington County Frequently Asked Questions

AREA OF CONCERN	RESPONSE—Updated 5/22
Why didn't the County apply to reopen on the 15 th ? / When will the County open?	Oregon counties need to achieve seven prerequisites before applying to reopen. The County has completed all but one of the prerequisites. The public can track the status on our website at https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19/reopening-criteria-status.cfm . Our Board of Commissioners (BOC) has stated our goal is to apply in early to mid-June, but the ability to meet the state's standards and public health science will guide the timing.
What is allowed to open during "Baseline" (pre-phase 1)?	As of May 15 th , the following sectors may operate statewide: local outdoor recreation activities, stand-alone retail stores, childcare, ski resorts, summer camps and summer schools.
What businesses can open in Phase 1?	Businesses that can open in Phase 1 include: restaurants and bars, personal services (defined as barber shops, hair salons, esthetician practices, medical spas, facial spas and day spas, non-medical massage therapy services, nail salons, tanning salons, and tattoo/piercing parlors), malls, and gyms/fitness (includes but are not limited to gyms, fitness centers, personal training, dance studios, and martial arts centers). Once Washington County is approved for Phase 1, businesses can begin operating provided they are following the Governor's guidance for reopening: https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19
What businesses must remain closed in Phase 1?	The following businesses must remain closed during Phase 1 unless identified in upcoming OHA guidance approved by the governor: Amusement parks Aquariums Arcades Bowling alleys Cosmetic stores Fraternal organization facilities Hookah bars Indoor party places (including jumping gyms and laser tag) Museums Non-tribal card rooms Skating rinks Senior activity centers Social and private clubs Theaters Youth clubs
What if my business isn't listed in either of those answers?	If you were not included in the executive order 20-25, your business is allowed to operate/continue operating in Phase 1 as long as you can follow proper physical distancing guidance.

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When can malls open?	Traditional shopping malls (indoor and outdoor), including outlet malls, fall under separate guidance and can reopen under Phase 1.
What guidelines do I have to follow if my business can open in Phase 1?	Please visit Governor Brown’s COVID-19 webpage (https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19) for sector specific guidelines.
Do I have to apply to the County to reopen?	Businesses do not need to send anything to the County to reopen. You do, however, have to wait for the County to enter the Phase in which the governor determines your business can open.
I need PPE to operate. Where can I get it?	<p>The Washington County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is providing medical personal protective equipment (PPE) to healthcare organizations provided they are providing direct medical care or daily living assistance for persons who are COVID-19 positive or symptomatic.</p> <p>While the Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-22 permits medical, dental, or other healthcare offices to reopen for the purposes of providing non-emergent or elective procedures, medical PPE is not being provided for the purpose of assisting organizations meet the executive order’s reopening criteria. For organizations seeking to reopen to provide non-emergency and elective procedures, they must have an open supply chain, or a 2-week on-hand supply of NIOSH or FDA approved medical PPE.</p> <p>Business Oregon has created a list of vetted PPE providers through which your organization can purchase PPE. Washington County does not endorse any of the organizations listed. https://www.oregon4biz.com/Coronavirus-Information/PPE.php</p>
Are face coverings required for my employees or my clients?	<p>If you are currently operating, you must adhere to the current guidance which requires employees to wear face coverings in almost all settings. To find out what will be required of your business, please visit: https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19.</p> <p>This new guidance strongly recommends that customers wear face coverings; however, it is not mandatory. If your leadership would like to develop a policy to require customers to wear face coverings, consult with your legal counsel to determine whether such policy can be enforced.</p>
Do I have to supply masks/face coverings to my employees? How many per employee?	New OHA guidance requires employers to provide face coverings for their employees. Guidance does not specify how many face coverings are required per employee. To see more guidance specific to your business and sector, visit: https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19 .
Are workplaces allowed to open again? Do my employees need to continue teleworking?	The return to workplace will not occur during Phase 1 of reopening and may begin gradually during Phase 2. Workplaces will have to adhere to physical distancing guidelines as well. To learn more about planning for workplace reopening and factors to consider, visit the county workplace guidance page: https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19/workplace-guidance.cfm

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<p>Can I be a contact tracer for Washington County?</p>	<p>Washington County Public Health is hiring for multiple positions related to the COVID-19 response, including contact tracers and resource coordinators. Jobs are posted at https://www.phi.org/employment/current-opportunities/. We are committed to hiring locally. Bilingual/bicultural applicants are encouraged to apply. Please direct all questions to the hiring agency.</p>
<p>What type of gatherings are allowed? How many people?</p>	<p>During baseline (pre-phase 1): social gatherings of 10 individuals or less with physical distancing are allowed, and civic, cultural, and faith-based gatherings of 25 individuals with physical distancing.</p> <p>During Phase 1, gatherings of 25 individuals or less with physical distancing will be allowed. For more information, visit: https://govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon#baseline</p>