

March 22, 2020

The Honorable Kate Brown
Governor of Oregon
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Dear Governor Brown,

As associations representing the breadth of Oregon's business community, we strongly support your efforts to protect the health of Oregonians during the national crisis resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.

Our primary concern is with the health of all Oregonians, and Oregon employers are following your directives to take steps that will help stop the spread of this virus. We are also concerned about the economic crisis that has resulted from this pandemic, and we are focused on ensuring Oregon can maintain economic stability in the short term so Oregonians have jobs to return to in the longer term.

While we support your efforts to date, it is clear that additional bold steps must be taken immediately to stop the spread of coronavirus. Specifically, we urge you to:

1. Provide clarity to Oregonians – as local governments consider stay at home orders, we believe you must provide a single, statewide standard that gives certainty to Oregonians, including what steps are necessary and when they must be executed to protect the health of Oregonians.
2. Ensure our economy continues to function - any statewide order must include a statewide list of employees exempt from the order who work for essential businesses to ensure Oregonians will continue to receive critical services, and business functions essential to our economy can continue. Essential businesses should adopt appropriate social distancing practices and should encourage remote work where possible. We encourage you to follow the lead of other states, adopting the federal critical infrastructure guidance including any future updates, along with additions that address the specific needs of Oregonians. We have provided a short list of Oregon-specific business functions that we believe should be recognized as critical along with the federal guidance.
3. Require statewide application - using your emergency powers, we believe any executive order must pre-empt local government from adopting an ordinance that impacts the provision of essential business functions as defined by the state of Oregon. Oregonians need certainty during this time of crisis. The only way to provide certainty is to have a single, statewide standard for any stay at home order.

Governor Brown, we appreciate the bold steps you have taken to address this crisis. Your leadership is essential to ensuring that Oregonians remain healthy and our businesses continue to function to provide products and services Oregonians need. We are committed to working with you in the weeks ahead.





NW Automotive Trades Assn.



TO: Governor Kate Brown
Legislative Leaders

FROM: Oregon Business COVID-19 Response Coalition

RE: Essential Business List

In addition the CISA guidance, in order to address the unique aspects of Oregon's economy, workers that support these essential businesses should also be exempted from the shelter in place order:

- All construction including residential housing and critical suppliers of goods and services for the construction industry
- Other agriculture, including farming, livestock, fishing and all commercial activities in conjunction with cultivation that are necessary for the production, processing, sale and transportation of agriculture products
- Services that support the healthcare workforce including childcare
- Businesses that supply products needed for people to remain in their home and work from home including businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences
- Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate, including all suppliers in the supply chain for an essential business
- All transportation services including trucking and vehicle sales, delivery and maintenance for consumers
- Organizations that support e-commerce, ensure physical and digital infrastructure, security and safety, maintain continuity of operations management and enable supply chain operations, including warehousing and distribution. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences including businesses that supply products needed
- Hotels/lodging to ensure Oregonians are able to obtain temporary shelter in necessary situations
- Electricity, natural gas, oil refining, telecommunications (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), internet, video, water and sewer service providers, and all businesses necessary to support those critical services, including but not limited to retail locations, call centers and the deployment of technicians
- Businesses that supply feed for livestock, pet food and animal health products, other necessities of life for animals, including animal shelters, rescues, shelters, kennels, and adoption facilities.
- Newsroom operations including support personnel, production personnel and all facets of distribution including printing
- Services related to ensuring the completion of real estate transactions including, but not limited to, title searches, appraisals, permitting, inspections, construction, moving, and the recordation, legal, financial and other services necessary to complete the transfer of real property
- Services related to property management
- Professional services, such as legal, accounting, or insurance services, when necessary to assist in the function of and compliance with legally permitted activities
- Healthcare operations and essential infrastructure, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, dispensaries, insurance providers, other healthcare facilities, home healthcare services, behavioral health providers, companies and institutions involved in the research and development, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, and supplying of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology therapies, consumer health products, medical devices, diagnostics, equipment, services and any other healthcare related supplies or services. This shall be broadly construed to include all other activities, supplies and services required to maintain supply chain operations

without disruption. Healthcare operations also include veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals

- Business activity related to drive-thru, delivery and take-out food and beverage service
- Workers necessary for solid waste collection, processing and removal companies and related businesses, including garbage haulers, recyclers, bottle drop facilities, landfill operators and key outlets for materials being diverted from the waste stream like metal plastic, and paper recyclers
- Manufacturing businesses. Operators should encourage non-production employees to work remotely and utilize risk-based visitor screening
- Workers that process local, state and federal permits necessary for the operation of essential businesses