

DATED this 22nd day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

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Bill Baertlein, Chair

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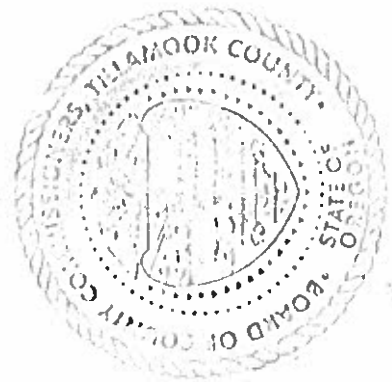
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ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil, County Clerk

BY: Tassi O'Neil
Special Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William K. Sargent
William K. Sargent, County Counsel



MEMO

April 17, 2020

To: Bill, Baertlein, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Tillamook County

From: Lt. Gordon McCraw, Incident Commander,
Tillamook County COVID-19 Incident Command Team (ICT)

Subject: Resolution R-20-006

1. The above subject resolution was a continuance of a Local State of Emergency within Tillamook County. This resolution ordered the closure of parks, parking lots, boat launches, campgrounds, transit lodging, and more. This Resolution is set to expire on April 28th, 2020.
2. I have advised the ICT that we will be discussing this in more detail at our regularly scheduled meeting Monday, April 20th but in a preliminary discussion with the Tillamook County Health Department, we think the current April 28th date would be premature for a complete reopening of all the listed facilities.
3. While the State believes the models show a flattening of the COVID-19 curve, we are still not seeing a decrease in this curve. Our concerns are:
 - a. Tillamook County continues to have positives at a rate of 1 to 2 a week. While these number are considered low, to increase the rate of positive cases above this level would put a strain on our smaller Medical Systems.
 - b. The counties to our east, Washington, Multnomah, and Marion County alone, from which many of the visitors would travel from, continue to have much higher increase rates and their positive cases currently ranges from over 200 recorded cases, to nearly 400 cases. These three counties alone also account for over ½ of the Oregon deaths.
 - c. Testing and medical PPE equipment remains at very low levels throughout the state.
 - d. Grocery deliveries continue to be outpaced by customer purchase levels which also directly affects our restaurant's ability to serve current customer levels.
4. Because of the above, we recommend extending the Resolution through the middle of May. We will also recommend convening a workgroup, with a facilitator, made up of members of the affected businesses to work though the best manner to bring back the businesses in a phased approach. This may also require the workgroup be broken into subgroups to look at the different areas and recommend a fair and safe solution to that particular industry.
5. The phased approach mentioned above would allow the health professionals the ability to evaluate what effect each level increase has on COVID transmission before moving to the next level and thus prevent an unexpected spike in cases that would overwhelm our small system.

6. We recognize it is important to the economy to open up businesses once again but feel that to have a reopening of all services, all at once, could have a catastrophic effect by causing a big spike in Positive Cases in Tillamook County that would then cause a reclosure of these businesses as well as overwhelming the medical systems in the county at the same time.
7. We do not know what the State will recommend.

Sincerely,

Gordon McCraw