



June 1, 2020

Governor Kate Brown  
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 Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

Governor Brown,

Deschutes County is requesting to enter Phase II of the State's Reopening process on Friday, June 5.

In making this request, we certify the following:

- We attest that County first responders currently have sufficient Personal Protective Equipment;
- Deschutes County has 12 trained contact tracers available and is in the process of hiring three additional employees to assist with these efforts. We are working to expand contact tracing capacity by training local volunteers. This team has to date and is currently tracing 100% of all cases within 24 hours.
- Deschutes County has not identified any substantive changes since our Phase I application was submitted.

We are carefully monitoring the six public health indicators that the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is tracking:


County	% ED visits for COVID-like illness is below 1.5%*	Percent of tests that result positive does not trend up in last 7 days	New cases do not increase more than 5% in last 7 days	New cases not traced to a known source is below 30% for last 7 days	COVID-19 hospital admissions decline over the last 14 days	Follow up initiated within 24 hours for 95% or more of cases in last 7 days
Clackamas	100% ✓	Downtrend ✓	100% X	10% ✓	•	100% ✓
Clatsop	100% ✓	Downtrend ✓	100% X	10% ✓	•	100% ✓
Columbia	100% ✓	Downtrend ✓	100% X	10% ✓	•	100% ✓
Coos	100% ✓	Downtrend ✓	100% X	10% ✓	•	100% ✓
Crook	100% ✓	Downtrend ✓	100% X	10% ✓	•	100% ✓
Curry	100% ✓	Downtrend ✓	100% X	10% ✓	•	100% ✓
<b>Deschutes</b>	0.6% ✓	Downtrend ✓	100% X	10% ✓	•	100% ✓
Douglas	100% ✓	Downtrend ✓	100% X	10% ✓	•	100% ✓

As you will see in the table above, we are currently meeting all but one of the indicators on percent increase in new cases. However, as you know, this indicator appears to be an either/or metric and we are currently meeting the companion metric, which is a decline in percent of positive tests.

Additional information about how Deschutes County is meeting the State's public health indicators is available in the attached slides.

Thank you for your consideration of our application to enter Phase II. Please feel free to contact us if you or your staff have follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

  
 Patti Adair, Chair

  
 Anthony DeBone, Vice-Chair

  
 Phil Henderson, Commissioner

# OHA COVID-19 County Indicators

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7 - Either/Or

6

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3 & 5



# OHA COVID-19 County Indicator #1

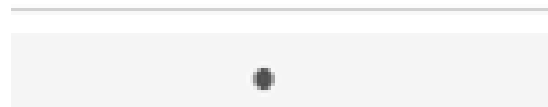
- Over the previous 14-day period, the percentage of emergency department visits for COVID-19-like illnesses (CLI) for the state as a whole must be less than the historic average for flu at the same time of year.



# OHA COVID-19 County Indicator #2

- Over the previous 14-day period, a county must show stable or declining hospital admissions for COVID-19.  
(\*This metric only applies to counties with more than 5 hospitalized cases in the last 28 days.)

**COVID-19 hospital  
admissions decline  
over the last 14 days** **§**



# OHA COVID-19 County Indicator #3 & 5

- A county must have an adequate Contact Tracing System, as previously defined.
- Timely Follow-Up: A minimum of 95% of all new cases must be contact traced within 24 hours as reported in the state's ORPHEUS system over the previous 7 day and 14 day time periods.
- DCHS has 12 staff trained to do contact tracing & is hiring 3 more (anticipated start 7/1/20).

**Follow up initiated  
within 24 hours for  
95% or more of cases in  
last 7 days**

100% ✓



# OHA COVID-19 County Indicator #4

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- Maintain adequate isolation/quarantine facilities.
- Minimum testing regimen (>30 per 10k population).
- Sufficient health care capacity to accommodate 20% increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations.
- Sufficient PPE supply as reported to OHA Hospital Capacity system.

*Currently meeting all listed for #4.*



# OHA COVID-19 County Indicator #6

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- Successful tracing: A minimum of 70% of new COVID-19 positive cases must be traced to an existing positive case over the previous 7 day and 14 day time periods.

**New cases not traced  
to a known source is  
below 30% for last 7  
days**

10% ✓





# OHA COVID-19 County Indicator # 7

No increase in incident cases or positivity:\*

- a) There cannot be a five percent or greater increase in new cases in the county over the past 7 days; **or**
- b) There cannot be a significant increase in the percentage of positive cases out of total tests taken in your county over the past 7 days.

Percent of tests that result positive does not trend up in last 7 days	New cases do not increase more than 5% in last 7 days
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Downtrend ✓

100% ✗

