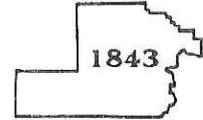


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OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

June 3, 2020

The Honorable Kate Brown
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KENNETH HUFFER
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

JUSTIN HOGUE
BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTOR

Dear Governor Brown,

Yamhill County has been diligently working to minimize the impact of Covid-19. Yamhill County entered Phase I on May 15, 2020 and Yamhill County now requests your support in moving forward to Phase II of Re-opening on June 6, 2020.

During a Special Session of the Yamhill County Board of Commissions that was held on June 3, 2020, Yamhill County Commissioners authorized the County Administrator to submit this letter to support this request.

In support of this request, we attest:

- Yamhill County Public Health continues to work closely and communicate regularly with county first responders and area hospitals. Yamhill County first responders have sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Both hospitals in Yamhill County have attested to maintain 20% surge capacity and have sufficient PPE.
- Yamhill County Public Health currently has sixteen (16) contact tracers, which complies with the requirement for the population of Yamhill County. Seven (7) of these contact tracers are bilingual and five (5) are bilingual/bicultural.
- No substantive changes have occurred to responses submitted in Yamhill County's Phase I application regarding Phase I prerequisites.

Yamhill County has met or is meeting all the original prerequisites required to enter Phase II. It is important to note that emergency department visits and hospital admissions continue to be very low. With regards to the additional criteria to enter Phase II, Yamhill County is meeting all but the following additional criteria:

- "Successful tracing" – Yamhill County has been able to trace new cases to a known source approximately 40% of the time based on the most recent OHA data. While this does meet the OHA threshold we believe our low volume of cases that have continued to drop in the last 7 and 14 days would still allow us to move safely from Phase I to Phase II. Yamhill County has initiated 100% of all investigations within 24 hours and will continue to provide timely and thorough case investigation and contact tracing.

Our mitigation strategies to address the unmet metric include:

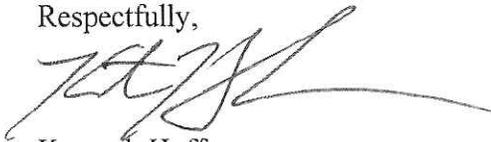
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- Continue building trust and dispel myths with our community to assure they feel safe in providing comprehensive information during case investigations and contact tracing. This will be done in consultation with community members and through coordinated efforts with various sectors in our county.
- Partner with our business community and other organizations such as Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center and Unidos for community messaging regarding the importance of following guidelines from the Governor's Office.
- Continue timely and thorough case investigation and contact tracing.

We are prepared to respond to coronavirus long-term and in a way that also gives our businesses economic stability. We propose entering Phase II of reopening to allow those who've experienced significant financial loss an opportunity to return to work while maintaining our ability to handle coronavirus cases responsibly.

Thank you in advance for reviewing our request and approving the Phase II re-opening of Yamhill County.

Respectfully,



Kenneth Huffer
County Administrator

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on
6/3/2020 by Board Order
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