

Opening Curry County

Transient Lodging

1. The only motels that are ordered to stay closed in Oregon are those in Curry and Coos County and other coastal cities—Douglas has some motels on the coast that are still open
2. What measures are being taken for those motels that are still open:
 - a. Salem area motels are spending more time sanitizing rooms and public areas, having all workers wear masks and gloves, keeping pools and hot tubs locked and allowing one family at a time for use and sanitizing after they leave, allowing those customers that stay more than one night the option to have no maid service during that time, and sanitizing surfaces that are used often such as elevators etc.
 - b. In Salem, some motels are closed and others that are open have a very low occupancy rate.
3. Curry County needs to have some protocols in place before opening any transient facilities to the general public.
4. Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health has a report that gives guidance for motels and other lodging facilities during COVID-19.
5. Motels in Crescent City are only allowing essential workers to stay there.
6. Beachfront Inn made some suggestions for a safe opening:
 - a. Rotate rooms—only run 1/3 of available occupancy so that the rooms are used every 72 hours and staff and guests are not entering the rooms within the 72 hours. CDC states the virus can only survive on hard surfaces for 72 hours.
 - b. Check the temperature of staff before they start work and require them to wear masks.
 - c. Limit the number of people in a single room to avoid large groups from traveling together.
 - d. Limit stays to 1 night only so that the guests are only in town for one night excluding essential workers. They will go to restaurants for breakfast and dinner but be less likely to shop at the grocery stores and

impact our limited resources because they are not staying for an extended period of time.

- e. Explain to guests that the area is still practicing social distancing and that they can make a reservation but they must shelter in place, and only utilize take out or delivery options.
 - f. Start slow and on a small scale and see how it goes. If we ease into it, we can see what we are getting into and then decide to open more or slow down.
 - g. Even with hotels closed, tourists are coming to our beaches daily.
7. The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington has done a study of the United States and it projected when there should be an easing of social distancing in the various states. In its' latest report that was done on 4/22/20, the Institute indicated that social distancing in Oregon could be eased from 5/25-5/31.
 8. Summer Maddison has emailed all transient lodging entities to ask what protocols they will be using when they open.

Testing

1. Curry County has done testing for approximately .5% of our population and the demographics (age and underlying health problems) would indicate that we are at higher risk for COVID-19. This percent of testing is insufficient. We need scientific data to determine what percent is sufficient.
2. The State recommends that robust testing and contact tracing be done before phase 1 lifting of restrictions.
3. We have not tested our most vulnerable population like those in rest homes, those working in correctional facilities, and those working in a mill where an individual was tested positive.