



Wheeler County Re-Opens Government Buildings to Public Access

After careful consideration and consultation with department heads the decision has been taken to re-open the Wheeler County Courthouse and the Jeanne E. Burch building to public access, effective immediately.

When visiting your local public buildings you will be asked to observe social distancing and to take personal responsibility for your health as well as the health of the local government workers with whom you will be interacting by knowing and following all [applicable public health guidelines](#).

These guidelines include:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- To avoid exposure to COVID-19, people who are at risk for severe complications (over age 60 or have underlying medical conditions) should stay home even if you feel well.
- If you become symptomatic (cough, fever, shortness of breath) while in public, please return home and self-isolate immediately. Contact your health care provider if you need medical attention.
- Practice good hand hygiene with frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content).
- Cover coughs/sneezes with elbow or tissue. If you use a tissue, immediately discard tissue in garbage and your wash hands.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Practice physical distancing of at least six (6) feet between you and people who you do not live with.
- Use cloth, paper or disposable face coverings in public. As Oregon is reopening and restrictions are being lifted on businesses and public spaces, it may be difficult to ensure that you can stay six (6) feet away from others at all times. Please review [Mask and Face Covering Guidance for Business, Transit and the Public](#).
- Stay close to home. Avoid overnight trips and minimize other non-essential travel, including recreational day trips to destinations outside the community where you live. Travel the minimum distance needed to obtain essential services; in rural areas, residents may have to travel greater distances for essential services, while in urban areas, residents may only need to travel a few miles for those services.

Wheeler County will continue to monitor the situation while providing essential governmental services safely and effectively. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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N. Lynn Morley
Wheeler County Judge

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Wheeler County Emergency Manager