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## Covid-19 Corona virus update

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Dear [[family\_first]],

We are continuing to monitor the changing landscape in Oregon as it relates to the Covid-19 coronavirus.

Today, the governor [declared a state of emergency](https://www.opb.org/news/article/oregon-coronavirus-ohsu-patient-tests-positive-covid-19-updates/) for Oregon (see <https://www.opb.org/news/article/oregon-coronavirus-ohsu-patient-tests-positive-covid-19-updates/> for details):

Excerpt from article noted above:

"The number of presumptive positive cases of novel coronavirus in Oregon has doubled again as of Sunday morning, with seven new cases – one in Douglas County, one in Marion County and five more in Washington County. That brings the Oregon total to 14.

In response, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has declared a state of emergency over the novel coronavirus in the state. The state of emergency will remain in effect for 60 days, but could be extended if necessary.

"This emergency declaration gives the Oregon Health Authority and the Office of Emergency Management all the resources at our state's disposal to stem the spread of this disease," Brown said in a press conference Sunday.

OHA continues to recommend that all people in Oregon take everyday precautions to prevent the spread of many respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and influenza: Cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, avoid close contact with people who are sick and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Most people with COVID-19 have mild symptoms. If you are feeling sick with mild symptoms and do not need to seek medical care, stay home while you recover. If you are sick and plan to seek care, please call before going in for care so arrangements can be made to prevent exposing others. For urgent medical needs, call 911.

In addition, the Oregon Health Authority also issued guidance today to schools which Village Home will be following with one exception (see #5). There is a recommendation to continue normal school schedules for now:

1. Stay home if you are sick. If you have symptoms consistent with the cold or flu (fever, coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath), do not attend classes at Village Home.
2. Remind your child to wash hands frequently with soap and water (teachers will also reinforce this).
3. Teachers will be watching closely for signs of colds or flus. If your child exhibits any symptoms, you are required to pick them up immediately.
4. We are continuing with our daily disinfection protocols on high touch surfaces.
5. There is a recommendation to alter lunch schedules and recess schedules so as to increase "social distancing". (Because we have an average class size of 10, and no large group meal times, we are not taking these measures at this time. This is presuming a cafeteria full of 100's of students.)

In addition, we have a spring break period approaching, and we ask families who are traveling anywhere with a level 2 or level 3 designation from the CDC to self-quarantine for at least two weeks after returning home. See the [list](#) of Level 2 and 3 countries.

David Bangsberg, M.D., M.P.H., Dean of the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health said, "This recommendation represents a reasonable and thoughtful approach given the information that is available at this time. This is a dynamic situation and will require continued partnership between schools, colleges and universities and the public health community to make real-time decisions for each situation."

The Village Home community remains focused on making decisions that will maximize our community's health and safety. Because the response is moving from containment to management, our responses may also change. Please remember to keep up with your email notifications to stay abreast of changes. If you have questions, please contact me at [lori.walker@villagehome.org](mailto:lori.walker@villagehome.org) or 503-597-9100.

Students, families and staff can find more information about COVID-19 at:

- [The Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 web page.](#)
- [The Oregon Department of Education's COVID-19 resources for schools.](#)
- Call 211.

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