



City of Umatilla

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Update to: *Umatilla to Temporarily Modify Operations and Services*

In response of and in accordance to Oregon Governor Kate Brown's Executive Order 20-12 "STAY HOME, SAVE LIVES..." the following changes will go into effect at the City of Umatilla:

Updates effective 3/23/20: (these updates override or are in addition to any updates made previously):

- We request all persons to strictly follow the law as established in Executive Order No. 20-12 and remind them that this Executive Order is a public health law, as defined by ORS 431A.005 and violations of which may be subject to the penalties described in ORS 401.990.
- The City will be closed to the public effective at 10:30 am tomorrow (3/24/2020). You can make appointments for permits or other services or still reach us by calling our regular office number or your City representative directly. We are still here to serve you, but it may be in a little different of a way than you are used to and may take a little longer than we are all used to.
- The municipal court is closed until May 1st and is subject to change. All currently scheduled court dates will be rescheduled.
- The Marina and RV Park will remain open under normal hours of operation.
- The Police Department's lobby will be closed effective 10:30 am tomorrow (3/24/2020). Please call the non-emergency line for any questions or 911 for any emergency.
- Public Works crews are still out and fully operational to bring you safe and clean drinking water and ensure your sewer services are uninterrupted. We remind you that utility bills are still due, but we will not be issuing any shutoff notices until further notice.
- March's Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.
- April 7th's Regular City Council Meeting will be held electronically. The public is welcome to participate via Zoom or our livestreaming service. Please visit our website for more information on how to participate.
- The Library is closed to the public, but is available between 9:00am and 2:00pm to answer any questions or to help you get setup for ebooks or other online services.

Updates effective 3/18/20

Effective tomorrow (3/19/20) ALL City parks will close at 8:00pm (as opposed to our normal 10:00pm rule).

- All non-priority public safety calls will be handled by phone whenever possible.



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- Umatilla City Code 5-2-1 *Curfew Hours for Minors* will be strictly enforced. This law states that “no minor shall be in or upon any street, highway, park, alley or other public place between the hours of 10:00 pm and 4:00 am” Sunday through Thursday and midnight to 4:00 am Friday and Saturday.
 - If a juvenile is mobile (has a car) and they live within the Umatilla School District boundaries, an officer will follow them home. If they are non-mobile (including if they have a bike), Umatilla Police Officers will provide them a ride home.
 - First violators will receive a warning, subsequent violations will result in citation, including the likely citation to parents.
- The City is also allowing residents who are enrolled in the taxi ticket program for senior and disabled citizens to use their ride vouchers to cover the cost of delivery for food they have ordered. Call 541-567-6055 to reserve a ride or schedule your food delivery.

Updates effective 3/16/20

- The Umatilla Library is modifying our hours to be: Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm (closing one hour early).
- The Umatilla Library is limited to no more than 25 patrons at any given time, including staff.
- The City’s Budget Committee Meeting will be held electronically only. Members of the public that wish to witness the proceedings (sorry, we are not taking public comment at this meeting) can do so at: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/972080101>.
- The April 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting is also anticipated to be held electronically only. Please check the City’s website after April 3, 2020 for more information regarding how to participate in this meeting.

Updates effective 3/13/20:

- The Umatilla Library has suspended all additional services outside of normal business hours until further notice.
- All regularly scheduled services, including activities scheduled during what would have been Spring Break (March 23-27), will still occur. Library staff will be taking extra health and safety precautions; however, that include the required use of hand sanitizer upon entry to the library by all patrons, social distancing of three feet whenever possible, additional mandatory surface disinfection schedules, and limiting the number of total patrons at any one time to no more than fifty. We remind all families that youth under the age of 9 years old are required to be accompanied by an adult.
- The Umatilla School District operates the City’s Community Center, including events and senior meal programs. Beginning Monday through 3/31 the City is happy to partner with



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School District to assist with delivering meals to seniors participating in these programs as part of our community effort to limit social gatherings.

- We ask that anyone who may be exhibiting cold or flu symptoms to refrain from entering public facilities and may be asked to leave. City facilities will also increase cleaning protocols to ensure public areas and individual workspaces are disinfected.
- Open Gym activities are cancelled through April and may be longer.
- Water and Sewer services will discontinue non-payment shutoffs until further notice to ensure continued access to water and sewer for all residents. Bill payment and collection services will continue and all residents are still required to make payments.
- We encourage residents to stay informed with accurate information from the City's/County's/State websites as well as from the Center for Disease Control.
- If you are feeling ill, please stay home until fever or other symptoms have been gone for at least 24 hours and be sure to consult with your medical provider.
- We encourage workers to follow the guidelines established by Oregon Health by maintaining adequate social distances of at least three feet.
- We encourage employers to display signs reminding people to wash their hands and to take the time increase disinfecting of all surfaces.
- The City will update these modifications and recommendations as more information becomes available.