



City of Umatilla

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

In response to today's guidelines released from the White House and from the Governor's office, the City of Umatilla is making the following temporary modifications to City operations and services (*in addition to the changes previously made*).

In case there was doubt, unless otherwise ordered by the Governor of Oregon or the President of the United States, Umatilla City Hall will remain open. We are here to help you, however we can. If you have any questions about COVID-19, your utility bill, your building permit, or any other public health/safety or City service related question, we will be here to help you.

Updates effective 3/16/20 (these updates override or in addition to any updates made previously):

- 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.