



KATE BROWN  
Governor

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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners  
Chair Jim Bernard  
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Chair Bernard,

Thank you for your June 18<sup>th</sup> application to move into Phase 2 of reopening and for the effort you, your hospitals, and your public health experts have put into limiting new cases of COVID-19 in Clackamas County.

As I announced yesterday, we have made adjustments to our reopening strategy to reflect what we have come to know about the virus. Going forward we are grouping Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah counties together as a region for future reopening decisions in recognition of the interconnectedness of the metro area. Multnomah County entered Phase 1 effective today, June 19. Given the new tri-county grouping, the entire region will remain in Phase 1 for 21 days (until July 10<sup>th</sup>) before the three counties together can become eligible for Phase 2.

We know you are working hard to address the challenges COVID-19 presents. Clackamas County has seen a 46% increase in new cases over the last seven days and has recently experienced the second largest congregate care outbreak in the state. As of today, there are 98 confirmed cases and 9 deaths at the Canby facility. These data show that the work you are doing to build capacity for testing, tracing, and isolating new cases will be critical elements as you prepare to move into Phase 2, hopefully on July 10th.

Thank you for all of your hard work and vigilance on behalf of Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown