May 20th, 2020

Hello,

There isn't much to report due in part to the effort of the Incident Management Team in preparing a stock of PPE and securing locations for those that need to isolate/quarantine. This is a team effort and we thank you all for your help in this slow moving emergency.

The process for additional counties to move to Phase 2 has been created, with different criteria than the initial 10 counties. The option is available for Clark County and not for Klickitat County.

The messaging to the press has been well received. It is mostly, "we're enthusiastic and optimistic, but guarded." People visiting from outside are asked to respect the businesses and help us maintain our community health. Businesses are slowly opening to meet the guidelines and ensure the safety of their staff and customers.

There have been challenges with guidelines for Phase 2 continually changing. The guidelines around customer information and tracking for restaurants have been relaxed and is optional. Continue to send questions to the covid19questions@co.skamania.wa.us address.

The Sheriff and commissioners have been working with the various land management agencies on coordinating openings across state lines and in a similar manner to avoid confusion and overcrowding. Gifford Pinchot is open as I stated last week, while the trail to the top of Beacon Rock will remain closed.

Skamania County Elections received $130k in CARES Act funds. Cities will receive emails this week regarding contracts with Commerce for funding.
Skamania County Community Health is testing congregation living settings weekly or every-other week. As of Tuesday morning they had 238 test kits.

The Fire Departments are talking about how to reopen drill nights in a safe manner.

There is a list of businesses reopening on the Skamania County COVID-19 site (https://www.skamaniacounty.org/departments-offices/advanced-components/covid-19-microsite). It is updated regularly as businesses adjust to meet guidelines.

As we head into a three-day weekend, with favorable weather, anticipate a busy weekend (or a normal Memorial Day weekend).

There will be one more update of the council packet after the noon deadline for comments tomorrow. A calendar meeting notice with the Zoom details was sent out yesterday to make it easier to connect. If you have questions or challenges, please let me know.

Thanks,

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City Administrator