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News from Representative Walden



As the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread across our state, our nation, and the world I wanted to update you on the latest information. My top priority is ensuring that our local health care providers have the resources they need.

The situation is rapidly changing, but I will continue to provide updates and resources. I am in constant contact with local and federal officials and will continue to provide updates on my COVID-19 [resource page](#). Additionally, you can stay updated by following my Twitter [@RepGregWalden](#) or my Facebook page [@RepGregWalden](#).

Below you will find some helpful updates and resources on the coronavirus.

It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Congress.

Best regards,

Greg Walden
U.S. Representative
Oregon's Second District

The latest on the coronavirus: *The situation is rapidly changing, but I wanted to share the latest information and news on the outbreak and relief efforts.*

Deadline to Enter Direct Deposit Information for Economic Relief Payment:

If you have not received your economic relief payment and you want to receive it via direct deposit, tomorrow is the deadline to enter your information. Go to the IRS's "Get My Payment" web portal [here](#) to do so. If you do not enter your direct deposit information by tomorrow your payment will come via a check in the mail. Learn more [here](#).



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The Paycheck Protection Program in Action:

With all of the fear surrounding coronavirus, it's good to know that the CARES Act and Paycheck Protection Program are helping small businesses in Oregon stay afloat. Here's a story from the Second District:

A single mom opened a new salon in Bend, Oregon late last year. She was getting into the groove of owning her own business when the world fell apart. According to her, she knew that staying home to flatten the curve was for the greater good -- but it threatened to crush her dreams.

She reached out to our office in April, scared that she was about to lose everything. As a new business owner, she wasn't sure if she was eligible for PPP. By April 15, everything was straightened out, but on April 16 the funding for the job-saving program had run dry.

Now that the PPP funding has been restored, this woman-owned small business has been saved from closing its doors forever. We're still working with the owner to secure her long-overdue unemployment and economic-impact checks, but her salon will be able to weather the storm.

More Funding for Oregon Community Health Centers

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded over \$2.4 million to 11 Community Health Centers (CHCs) in Oregon's Second District. The funding comes through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to help HRSA-funded health centers across Oregon expand COVID-19 testing. The health centers will be able to use the funding to expand the range of testing and testing-related activities, including the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE); training, outreach, procurement and administration of tests; laboratory services; and the expansion of walk-up or drive-up testing capabilities.

The following Health Centers in Oregon's Second District Received Funding:

- Asher Community Health Center -- Fossil -- \$114,514
- Columbia River Community Health Services -- Boardman -- \$162,409
- Klamath Health Partners -- Klamath Falls -- \$265,759
- La Clinica Del Valle Family Health Care Center INC. -- Medford -- \$471,649
- Lapine Community Health Center -- La Pine -- \$211,804
- Mosaic Medical -- Prineville -- \$438,229
- One Community Health -- Hood River -- \$284,269
- Rinehart Medical Clinic -- Wheeler -- \$114,709
- Rogue Community Health -- Medford -- \$283,774

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- Siskiyou Community Health Center -- Grants Pass -- \$352,699
- Winding Waters Medical Clinic -- Enterprise -- \$166,114

Read more [here](#).

Good News for Farmers and Ranchers:

The Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that agricultural businesses are now eligible for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) as part of the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. SBA's portal has reopened for farmers, ranchers, and certain other agricultural businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. More info [here](#).

SBA Delivers More PPP Loans:

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is still processing Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans. This comes after President Trump signed into law more funding for the PPP.

Over 4.1 million small businesses have had their loan applications processed through the PPP, and a total of more than \$530 billion have been approved. In the second round of funding, as of May 8, in Oregon 5,751 loans have been processed totaling \$3,217,222,676.

Learn more [here](#).

Watch out for COVID-19 Scams:

Both the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission are reporting a spike in coronavirus related scams including home testing kits, fake cures, and other malicious attempts to prey on COVID-19 fears. **The Treasury Department will NOT ask you to pay anything for the payment most Americans will receive as a result of the CARES Act and will not contact you for your bank account information.** If you are contacted by someone claiming to be from the government asking for this type of information, please report it to www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can learn more about how to protect yourself from these types of scams [here](#).

What's Walden Doing: *An update on my latest actions.*

[Greg Walden Announces \\$2.4 Million for Oregon Community Health Centers](#)

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[Greg Walden Calls on Governor Brown, Legislative](#)

[Leaders to Help Local Governments with COVID-related Expense](#)

Greg Walden called on Governor Kate Brown and Oregon Legislative Leaders to share a portion of the funds Congress sent to states with local governments to help them deal with unexpected COVID-19-related costs. Read more [here](#).

Resources to Know and Share: *Here are some helpful resources and information on COVID-19.*

Helpful Resources on PPE:

CDC updated the PPE Burn Rate Calculator, a spreadsheet-based model that will help health care facilities plan and optimize the use of PPE for response to COVID-19. More [here](#).

You can now see PPE shipments to Oregon counties [here](#).

ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing billions in funding toward job retention and certain other expenses.

Small businesses and eligible nonprofit organizations, Veterans organizations, and Tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they also meet program size standards.

- For a top-line overview of the program [CLICK HERE](#)
- If you're a lender, more information can be found [HERE](#)
- If you're a borrower, more information can be found [HERE](#)
- The application for borrowers can be found [HERE](#)

The Small Business Administration has also launched a hotline for lenders who need assistance accessing SBA's E-Tran system. That number is: 1-833-572-0502. More answers from the SBA can be found [here](#).

Other resources on the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Coronavirus.gov Small Business Resources Page](#)
- [Treasury Department Overview On The Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [SBA.gov/Coronavirus Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources Page](#)

INFORMATION FOR AMERICANS ABROAD:

The State Department has repatriated over 76,500 Americans from more than 130 countries.

The State Department is making efforts to bring home Americans, including through commercial flights, chartered flights, and military transport. Any American abroad who needs assistance should contact their local U.S. embassy and register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP),

available [here](#) or by calling 1-888-407-4747.

ASSISTANCE FROM HHS AND FEMA:

HHS and FEMA have fielded many requests to assist or partner with the Federal Government in response to the COVID pandemic.

- Organizations or individuals seeking to contract with the federal government to import or manufacture medical products to aid the U.S. response submit information to FEMA through the a Request for Proposal, available [here](#).
- Organizations or individuals that wish to donate medical supplies or equipment can submit that information [here](#).
- Other inquiries from organizations or individuals, including individuals who want to volunteer or organizations that want to produce a product related to the COVID response, among other inquiries, can be referred to <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help>.

How to schedule a blood donation appointment:

- Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org). Click on “Schedule an Appointment” under the “Donate Blood” tab. From there you can enter your zip code to find a blood drive near you.
- [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#)
- Call 1-800-RED-CROSS
- Use Amazon Alexa [Blood Scheduling Skill](#)

Fast Facts: *Here are some helpful stats on COVID-19 as of 5/11/20*

Cases of COVID-19:

U.S. current case count: There are currently at least 1,347,388 cases and 80,397 deaths in the United States, as reported by Johns Hopkins and other media sources.

Oregon current case count: 3,286

Baker: 1

Benton: 49

Clackamas: 268

Clatsop: 33

Columbia: 15

Coos: 30

Crook: 1

Curry: 4

Deschutes: 86

Douglas: 24

Grant: 1

Harney: 1

Hood River: 13

Jackson: 49

Jefferson: 24

Josephine: 24

Klamath: 40

Lane: 60

Lincoln: 6

Linn: 103

Malheur: 14

Marion: 694

Morrow: 12

Multnomah: 899

Polk: 87

Sherman: 1

Tillamook: 6

Umatilla: 85

Union: 4

Wallowa: 1

Wasco: 15

Washington: 587

Yamhill: 49

Testing in Oregon:

Positive: 3,222

Negative: 74,320

Total (since 1/24): 77,542

Total (since 1/27/17): 11,312

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