



The Honorable Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
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29 May 2020

Governor Brown,

In reference the letter received from your office "Process for Entering Phase II" dated 28 May 2020, Grant County respectfully requests to enter Phase II on 5th June 2020. In accordance the requirements outlined in you letter, Grant County Submits the following information.

1. Grant County requests to enter Phase II, **5th June 2020**
2. Grant County re-attests that county first responders as outlined in Phase I requirements has sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
3. Grant County maintains contact tracer(s) ratio per the state requirement of 1.0 FTE per 7,200 people.
4. There have been no substantive changes to responses in the Grant County Phase I application regarding meeting pre-requisites.

Original Prerequisites:

1. Over the previous 14-day period, the percentage of emergency department visits for COVID-19-like illnesses (CLI) for the state as a whole must be less than the historic average for flu at the same time of year. **OHA tracks these data and will confirm that the state meets this metric.*
 - a. **As Indicated, OHA tracks this information; however, Grant County is in compliance.**
2. Over the previous 14-day period, a county must show stable or declining hospital admissions for COVID-19. (*This metric only applies to counties with more than 5 hospitalized cases in the last 28 days.) **OHA tracks these data and will confirm whether the county meets this metric.*
 - a. **As Indicated, OHA tracks this information; however, Grant County is in compliance.**
3. A county must have an adequate Contact Tracing System, as previously defined. **Include number of contact tracers in request to move to Phase II.*
 - a. **As submitted in Phase I and re-attested above, Grant County maintains the required number of contact tracer(s) per the State of Oregon requirement, Grant County is in compliance.**



4. In addition, a county must continue to maintain adequate isolation/quarantine facilities, a Minimum Testing Regimen, as previously defined, sufficient health care capacity to accommodate a 20% increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, and sufficient PPE supply as reported to OHA's Hospital Capacity system.
 - a. **Grant County maintains compliance with the original pre-requisites for Phase I, Grant County is in compliance.**

Additional Criteria Required to Enter Phase II:

1. Timely Follow-Up: A minimum of 95% of all new cases must be contact traced within 24 hours as reported in the state's ORPHEUS system over the previous 7 day and 14 day time periods.
 - a. **At present Grant County has only had one (1) case of COVID-19 prior to Phase I implementation. The GCHD has not had the opportunity to test the timing but remain confident in the ability to meet the timeline requirements as outlined.**
2. Successful tracing: A minimum of 70% of new COVID-19 positive cases must be traced to an existing positive case over the previous 7 day and 14 day time periods.
 - a. **At present Grant County has only had one (1) case of COVID-19 prior to Phase I implementation. The GCHD has not had the opportunity to trace any positive cases but remain confident in the ability to meet the timeline requirements as outlined.**
3. No increase in incident cases or positivity:*.
 - a. There cannot be a five percent or greater increase in new cases in the county over the past 7 days; or There cannot be a significant increase in the percentage of positive cases out of total tests taken in your county over the past 7 days
 - a. **At present Grant County has not experienced any increase in COVID-19 cases in the county, however, due to the single case of COVID-19 experienced prior to Phase I as the only case to date, this creates a situation where even a single additional case represents an increase of 100%. We recommend the State identify an independent metric to address counties with significantly low case counts to avoid potential ineligibility when dealing with very small numbers.**

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Myers
Grant County Judge

Jim Hamsher
Grant County Commissioner

Sam Palmer
Grant County Commissioner