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Governor Kate Brown Announces Updates to County Risk Levels

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Risk levels and associated safety measures take effect Dec. 3, 25 counties in Extreme Risk

Salem, OR—Governor Kate Brown today announced updates to county risk levels under the state's new public health framework to reduce transmission and protect Oregonians from COVID-19. The framework uses four different risk levels for counties based on COVID-19 spread—Extreme Risk, High Risk, Moderate Risk, and Lower Risk—and assigns health and safety measures for each level.

Effective Dec. 3 through Dec. 17, 25 counties will be in the Extreme Risk level, five counties will be High Risk, two counties will be Moderate Risk, and four counties will be Lower Risk. A complete list of counties and their associated risk levels is available here (https://oregon.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=41b11f32beefba0380ee8ecb5&id=be61bd4f45&e=8b2ce66d7f) .

"Counties that are facing extreme risk of virus spread will need to continue with strict health and safety measures, similar to the Two-Week Freeze," said Governor Brown. "I

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want to stress that there is no zero-risk category. Until COVID-19 vaccines are widely available and we have high participation, health and safety precautions will remain in place so that schools, businesses, and communities can reopen—and stay open. I am asking all Oregonians to take these measures seriously. The best way to protect those closest to you is by maintaining physical distance from others, avoiding gatherings, wearing a face covering, staying home when sick, and keeping up with good hand hygiene."

The Oregon Health Authority will examine and publish county data weekly. County risk levels will be reassigned every two weeks. The first week's data will provide a "warning week" to prepare counties for potential risk level changes. The next assignment of risk levels will take effect Dec. 18.

Updates to Warning Week data and county risk levels will be posted to coronavirus.oregon.gov (https://oregon.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=41b11f32beefba0380ee8ecb5&id=d323362f8e&e=8b2ce66d7f) .

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