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OREGON — COVID-19 — 3/27/2020

Oregon Legislature. The Oregon legislature completed its regular annual session on March 5, 2020, but has since established a [Joint Special Committee on Coronavirus Response](#). The Committee met for the first time on March 18, 2020, and has met several times. The Oregon Capitol building remains closed to the public until further notice. An additional special session of the Oregon legislature is expected once a COVID-19 relief package has been proposed.

Related Information. Oregon Governor Kate Brown established a Coronavirus Response Team consisting of the directors of 12 separate state agencies on February 28, 2020. The Team is tasked with coordinating state- and local-level preparations for an epidemic of COVID-19 in Oregon and also must keep the governor informed on the COVID-19 situation internationally and give the governor advice on how to protect the public. On March 12, 2020, Governor Brown required the cancelation of all public gatherings of 250 people or more, and has since ordered that all Oregon schools be closed until April 28, 2020. On March 23, 2020, Governor Brown issued a stay-at-home order for the entire state. Violators of the stay-at-home order may be charged with a Class C misdemeanor under Oregon law.

Cases. As of March 27, 2020, there were 414 known cases of COVID-19 in Oregon, including 102 hospitalizations and 12 deaths. There have been 8,924 individuals tested for the virus in Oregon. Approximately 122 individuals, or 29.5% of positive cases, are individuals who reside in Washington County. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provides daily statistical updates on its [website](#). As of March 27, 2020, the OHA reports that it has 715 ventilators available for patient use, along with 360 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds and 2,294 non-ICU beds.

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