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## February ORVOAD Update

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**\*IMPORTANT: The upcoming ORVOAD General Meeting date has changed to April 21st\***

The past month, ORVOAD's leadership and members have been engaged in the response to flooding in northeast Oregon.

As you probably know, northeastern Umatilla County and parts of the Umatilla Indian Reservation have faced severe flooding since early January, which has led to the evacuation of many, loss of power, and damage to hundreds of homes. Here are some important updates:

- We have assessed 364 homes in 3 counties
- There are at least 280 homes impacted
- If your agency or organization has been responding to the flooding, please send the following information to Karen Layng at OEM ([karen.layng@state.or.us](mailto:karen.layng@state.or.us)) and cc [ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com):
  - The number of people served, sites operated, volunteers deployed, hours worked, as well as the type of work and duration of your work, broken down by county.
  - This information supports OEM's request for an Individual Assistance And Public Assistance Declaration from FEMA

## COVID-19

Initially identified in Wuhan, China, COVID-19 has since been identified in over 50 countries. As of this writing, there are several unexplained cases of the virus in the Pacific Northwest, including one death in Seattle and Washington has declared a state of emergency. Governor Kate Brown has created a Coronavirus Response Team, composed of directors from 12 state agencies, tasked with coordinating state-wide and local preparations. There is currently one presumptive case of COVID-19 in Oregon, which has led to the [closure of a Lake Oswego school](#).

Here are a few resources:

- Press release from Oregon Health Authority on first presumptive case in Oregon
  - [https://mcusercontent.com/84aba24doff387bf258ae73fa/files/00a1d8db-fedb-49e4-bf7b-65b8ec7c343c/2020\\_0178\\_COVID\\_19\\_News\\_Conf\\_Alert\\_FIRST\\_CASE\\_20200228\\_V01\\_2\\_.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/84aba24doff387bf258ae73fa/files/00a1d8db-fedb-49e4-bf7b-65b8ec7c343c/2020_0178_COVID_19_News_Conf_Alert_FIRST_CASE_20200228_V01_2_.pdf)
- World Health Organization's Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public
  - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), February 2020
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html>
- Oregon Health Authority's site on COVID-19
  - <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>

- A comprehensive list of resources from the Nonprofit Association of Oregon
    - <https://nonprofitoregon.org/news/covid-19-resources>
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## COAD Corner.

**If you represent a COAD and would like to attend the OEM Conference "Oregon Prepared" March 17-19, ORVOAD can provide scholarships to support attendance. Please contact [ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com) for complete details! For more information on the Conference, read the Upcoming Events/Conferences.**

If you're interested in becoming a part of the COAD Development Committee of ORVOAD, contact [ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com).

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## Upcoming Events/Conferences.

March 11, 2020 -- the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing a no-cost Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop to private and public sector individuals. Information on the training can be found [here](#).

March 17-19, 2020 -- OEM Oregon Prepared Workshop -- ORVOAD representatives will be giving the presentation "Coordinated and Complementary: the ORVOAD Goal" at the conference on the 17th. The

workshop will provide training and information on programs, current issues, lessons learned, and best practices related to all phases of emergency management. Registration for the conference linked [here](#).

April 21, 2020 -- The next General Meeting is being pushed to April as ORVOAD Leadership will be presenting at the OEM Conference. The meeting will be held at Mercy Corps Headquarters from 1-3 p.m. Conference call-in number is the FEMA Number: 1-800-320-4330 with the Participant Code 714633#

April 30 - May 1, 2020 -- [Mountain West VOAD Conference](#) is being hosted by WYVOAD in Jackson Hole, WY. If you're interested in attending as an ORVOAD representative, contact [ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com).

May 18 - 21, 2020 -- The annual [NVOAD Conference](#) "Building a Culture of Resilience" is being held in Phoenix, AZ. If you're interested in attending as an ORVOAD representative, contact [ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com).

FEMA Webinars -- FEMA will be hosting multiple webinars over the next month on their "2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program". They will be hosted on 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 and 3/26. More information [here](#).

For a detailed list of trainings available, [here](#) is the RDPO Newsletter.

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## Committee Updates.

**COAD Development Committee** - The committee plans on traveling to and visiting regions working on a COAD to facilitate collaboration. They have identified training and are currently in the process of coordinating classes and

instructors to bring the training to our regional COAD groups.

**Bylaws Committee** - The committee is drawing from previous versions of ORVOAD bylaws to inform the updated bylaws. They are also adding sections on dissolution and sexual harassment.

**Communications Committee** - The communications committee will be meeting at Mercy Corps Headquarters on March 12th at 1 p.m.

**Membership Committee** - This committee met at Mercy Corps and discussed the action plan and new strategy points.

**Long-term Recovery Committee** - Member Charlene Larsen is supporting Long Term Recovery in Umatilla County. You can contact her at [crl.larsen@charter.net](mailto:crl.larsen@charter.net) to get involved.

***If you're interested in joining a specific committee meeting, email [ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com).***

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