



March ORVOAD Update

COVID-19

Since the February newsletter, the number of confirmed cases has changed daily. To monitor the number of cases, you can visit [this map](#). Governor Kate Brown has issued a stay-at-home order (linked [here](#)) that orders Oregonians to only leave their home when it is essential. ORVOAD encourages members to keep up to date with OHA information and updates, as well as the CDC website.

ORVOAD Leadership is coordinating with the state on the COVID-19 response and reaching out to support COAD leadership. Robert Worlock represented ORVOAD at the state ECC last week and Michelle Hamrick identified a volunteer and donations platform for the State. ORVOAD Leadership is also participating in the State ECC calls, Mass Care calls and Volunteer and Donations Management calls to keep up with situational awareness and requests for assistance.

On March 25th, ORVOAD held a coordination call to hear from members and COADs on how they've been responding and what needs still exist.

Updates from COADs:

- Rogue Valley COAD is using recovery.org to track needs and coordinate responses to those needs. These needs vary from food to personal protective equipment to diapers. Currently, the number of cases in their area remains low.
- Central Oregon COAD is also focusing on tracking needs and connecting those in need with resources. The main impact of COVID-19 in their area is the loss of jobs. Many of the requests they are receiving are related to unemployment and transportation.

Member key points from the coordination call:

- Many organizations are adapting to working remotely and making sure everyone can use technology to pivot services
- As most ORVOAD members rely on volunteer work, the stay-at-home order means they are having to pivot how they offer services
- Many are moving to offer spiritual and emotional care services online. Christian Burgess hosted a coordination call for emotional and spiritual care. If you are interested in listening to a recording of this call, go to this [google folder](#) to view the slides and audio.

By organization:

- Mercy Corps is supporting Duty of Care guidance for 40 countries, donated 4,640 masks, 2,016 goggles and 775 Polypro coveralls to County health and emergency management, and is implementing an emergency grants program for small businesses in the Pacific Northwest.
 - United Methodist is developing a way to offer spiritual and emotional care remotely and applying for grants
 - American Red Cross has an ongoing critical need for blood and platelet donations amidst coronavirus uncertainties. The Red Cross continues
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their presence in the communities they serve; this includes continuing mission delivery to prevent and alleviate human suffering, carrying out mission-critical work by responding to non-COVID-19 disasters and supporting the lifesaving mission of blood collection.

- Adventist Community Services has delivered over 1400 meals
 - Oregon Food Bank is coordinating with ESF 6 & 11 and focusing on adapting and scaling to the need
 - Catholic Charities is moving to online services and is checking on those that access their services by phone. They are also partnering with food bank partners to deliver to those who can't leave their homes.
 - The Church of Scientology is offering Zoom services and has cleaning protocol and supplies in place. They are putting out an urgent call for members to donate to Red Cross blood drives.
 - Team Rubicon put out strict guidelines that volunteers over 60 are not allowed to volunteer in the public right now. They are approved to assist Oregon Food Bank as requested and have launched the #NeighborsHelpingNeighbors initiative to help individuals in need.
 - CEDR is sharing preparedness information on their social media platforms, as well as creating web pages that share resources for parents who are now homeschooling their children and information from CDC and WHO (linked here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)).
 - Mennonite Disaster Services is sharing the message to shelter in place and all long-term recovery projects are paused until Fall. They are also working with Hope Village, a senior retirement facility supporting the quarantine of 500 individuals.
 - Samaritan's Purse has put an age limit on deployment and is planning to utilize much smaller teams. All of their responses will look different due to COVID-19 restrictions in different areas.
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- Lutheran Disaster Services is working on stay home/stay safe and is focused on offering their services online through virtual meetings and streaming church services.
- LDS Disaster Response has mandated a shelter in place order for all. They are focused inward during this time and unable to assist externally.

If you tried accessing the call, but couldn't, the full notes are linked [here](#).

The next ORVOAD Coordination Call will be on April 1st from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. It will be available for video conferencing (<https://meet.google.com/bxs-inka-seb?hs=122>) and phone conferencing (+1 754-702-3131 PIN: 229 122 498#)

COAD Corner

The ORVOAD Leadership team will be holding weekly update calls with COAD leadership. If you are a newer COAD or thinking of forming a COAD, write to us at ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com to be included in the call.

Upcoming Events/Conferences

April 21, 2020 from 1-3 p.m. -- The next General Meeting will be available by conference call and we do not currently plan on having an in-person meeting. Conference call-in number is the FEMA Number: 1-800-320-4330 with the Participant Code 714633#

CANCELED - April 30 - May 1, 2020 -- [Mountain West VOAD Conference](#) is officially canceled due to COVID-19.

CANCELED - May 18 - 21, 2020 -- The annual [NVOAD Conference](#) has also been canceled.

Committee Updates.

COAD Development Committee - The committee is coordinating with COADs on any needs that arise due to COVID-19.

Bylaws Committee - Nothing new to report.

Communications Committee - The communications committee met in early March and further refined how Google Suite is being used for document creation, archiving and group communications, including internal and external access control. The ORVOAD Facebook page (facebook.com/ORVOAD) has been integrated into ORVOAD's main web page and will continue to be a means of communication. HAM radio work is ongoing to help ORVOAD members set up/tap into radio networks to keep communications flowing during a severe communication disruption. A survey is being worked on to send to our members to determine needs and interests in this area, including training. Please contact Robert (Robert.worlock@comcast.net) with ideas, questions or interest in helping.

Membership Committee - Nothing new to report. If anyone is interested in

joining the ORVOAD leadership team, please let Susan or Michelle know at orvodleadership@gmail.com

Long-term Recovery Committee - John Colvin attended the Umatilla Flood Relief Meeting in Pendleton on March 10th. John met with the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) Team on March 11th. Charlene Larson and John Colvin continue to make plans to support the Umatilla Flood Long Term Recovery in partnership with CAPECO. Additionally, they attended a virtual Long Term Flood Relief Group training & meeting with Blue Mountain Region Long Term Disaster Recovery Group.

If you're interested in joining a specific committee meeting, email ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com.

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