



May 22, 2020

Governor Kate Brown
254 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

RE: Re-Opening Plan for Washington County

Dear Governor Brown,

The Sherwood Area Chamber of Commerce asks that upon approving Washington County's application to reopen under Phase I guidelines that you authorize all businesses that meet the criteria to reopen immediately rather than Washington County's suggested start date of June 1st.

The Sherwood Chamber appreciates all the hard work of our Washington County officials to meet the criteria by the state to apply for reopening. We are confident that they understand the sacrifices that businesses and residents have made to flatten the curve successfully over these past weeks and months and that they believe that their cautious approach is best for all involved.

In anticipation of reopening, however, our businesses have also been working hard. They have been studying the guidelines, taking note of what others are doing, consulting with each other, and diligently creating plans that meet or exceed the guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Oregon Health Authority. They know what is at stake and are prepared to do all in their power to avoid setbacks that result in returning to a shut-down economy.

Not all businesses will be prepared to reopen immediately and will need extra time. This is okay. We will applaud them for waiting until they feel prepared. But those that are ready should be allowed to open immediately. The Sherwood Chamber urges you to quickly review and approve the well-thought and detailed re-opening plan that has been assembled by Washington County and allow our communities to join the vast majority of Oregon by opening immediately upon application approval.

Best regards,

Corey Kearsley
Executive Director