



STATE OF OREGON
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Guidance on Executive Order 20-25

Relating to Oregonians Experiencing Homelessness and Organizations Providing Services to Low-Income Oregonians

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Governor Brown is issuing the following guidance regarding [Executive Order 20-25](#), her order for building a safe and strong Oregon, which—during a phased reopening process—continues to direct Oregonians to minimize travel outside the home and adhere to physical distancing requirements whenever possible, in light of the ongoing coronavirus state of emergency. This guidance provides further information for programs that provide for the basic human needs of low and extremely low-income households, as well as individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

- **Social Service Agencies.** Social service agencies providing for basic food, water, shelter, and hygiene services needs of any person who is unable to meet those same needs without the service provider should continue to remain open, whenever possible, and use physical distancing guidelines provided by the Oregon Health Authority.
- **Shelter Providers.** Shelter providers are not expected to keep shelter residents from interacting within shelters or from leaving shelters, but should encourage residents to limit unnecessary travel and to practice physical distancing guidelines.
- **Persons Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness.** Individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness should not be subject to enforcement of the directives of Executive Order 20-25 merely because they are in public and unable to “stay at home.”

This guidance is consistent with the following information, previously provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services:

- OHA [COVID-19 Interim Shelter Guidance](#) (March 9, 2020)
- OHA and DHS [Recommendations for Unsheltered Homelessness](#) (March 11, 2020)
- OHA [Guidance for Noncongregate Sheltering in Hotels/Motels](#) (April 4, 2020)
- [CDC Interim Guidance on Unsheltered Homelessness and Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) for Homeless Service Providers and Local Officials](#). See the section “Considerations for Encampments” for information on camp sweeps.