

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 21-12-14-07

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENDING THE
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH RESPONSE TO COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared COVID-19 to be a national emergency;
and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Oregon has declared COVID-19 a statewide public health emergency;
and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has declared COVID-19 a Lane County
public health emergency on March 17, 2020 with Board Order 20-03-17-06; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose a health risk to Lane County residents, visitors and first
responders; and

WHEREAS, the National Centers for Disease Control has issued guidelines related to COVID-19
which state that individuals should follow recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions including
masking in crowded public spaces, rigorous hand hygiene, and social distancing practices whenever
possible; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown's statewide indoor and outdoor public space masking orders remain
in effect; and

WHEREAS, the arrival of the Delta variant of COVID-19 in Lane County in July 2021 generated
record levels of new daily reported cases, hospitalizations, and deaths across the pandemic and
remains the predominant strain of SARS-CoV-2 in circulation; and

WHEREAS, local medical supply resources and hospital bed availability continue to recover from
record COVID-19 census counts experienced from August through October with many patients now
receiving care deferred during the Delta variant surge for COVID19 cases in Lane County and
neighboring Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control have authorized
boost vaccinations for all adults six months following completion of the primary series of mRNA
COVID-19 vaccines and two months following the primary dose of an adenovirus COVID-19
vaccine; and

WHEREAS, individuals 4 years of age and younger remain ineligible for all COVID-19 vaccines as
stipulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Agreement; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 response and recovery requires the immediate and significant expenditures of resources at the local level for response in order to keep the public informed and safe. Resources related to disease investigation, community information, and mass vaccination are expected to be exhausted; and

WHEREAS, FEMA reimbursement for approved COVID-19 expenses incurred by Lane County will continue through at least March 31st, 2022 and potentially longer; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Lane County to act as an emergency management agency and includes authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Lane County has enacted a local ordinance (County Code Chapter 20.015) pursuant to the authority granted by ORS Chapter 401, that provides for executive responsibility in times of emergency and specifically delegates authority to declare a state of emergency to the County Chair, Vice-Chair (if Chair is unavailable), Remaining Board Member(s) (if Vice Chair is unavailable) and County Administrator or designee (if Remaining Board Member(s) is unavailable); and

WHEREAS, Lane County Code Chapter 20 and ORS 401.309 further authorize certain actions be taken during a state of emergency when necessary for public safety or for the efficient conduct of activities to minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the continued state of emergency remains of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an extension of the Local Emergency Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. That a local emergency declared by the Board of Commissioners on March 17, 2020 in Board Order 20-03-17-06, and subsequently extended by Board Orders 20-05-12-08, 20-07-07-14, 20-09-01-03, 20-12-30-01, 21-02-09-08, and 21-08-31-01 and will continue to exist as defined in Lane Code Chapter 20 throughout all of Lane County; and
2. The County Administrator remains authorized under Lane Code Chapter 20 and Board Order 20-03-31-09 to spend up to \$5,000,000 over current budget appropriations in responding to the effects of the COVID-19; and,
3. The County Administrator is authorized to respond to any requests for authority that require attestation or approval by the Board of Commissioners, to respond to issues regarding this emergency. The County Administrator shall report any actions taken pursuant to this authority at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
4. This extension of the Declaration of Local Emergency shall remain in effect until March 31st, 2022, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Board.

ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2021.



Joe Berney, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners