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In order to be as prepared as possible to address the potential of future coronavirus (COVID-19) incidents in Clackamas County, earlier today, March 2, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency.

The Board did not declare a “public health emergency.” The declaration allows the county to seek additional resources from the state of Oregon.

The declaration enables the county to streamline resources and staffing and establish emergency policies and protocols.

It may also allow the county, eventually, to recoup financial costs associated with emergency response.

“We are monitoring this situation very closely, and we’re taking all precautions under the circumstances,” said Clackamas County Disaster Management Director Nancy Bush.

Further, the declaration will give county officials the power to:

- Commit to mutual aid agreements,

- Redirect funds for emergency use, and
- Order such other measures as are found to be immediately necessary for the protection of life and/or property.

The emergency declaration action was taken in accordance with the Clackamas County Code. The full declaration is available at <https://bit.ly/3amUZdv> (<https://bit.ly/3amUZdv>).

Clackamas County has been working with public health officials from the state of Oregon and Washington County to address the recent incidents of presumptive coronavirus in a person who works at an elementary school in the county, and a contact of that person. There are three known incidents of presumptive coronavirus in Oregon known at the time of this release (the third is in Umatilla County).

This declaration of emergency shall expire two weeks from today, Monday, March 16.

Declaring a Local State of Emergency and Declaring Emergency Measures

(<https://dochub.clackamas.us/documents/drupal/a32813ca-7cdf-4e80-ba5f-843d02071f61>)

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