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To: All Media
From: Stephanie Krell, PIO Unified Command Team
Subject: **Food Bank Hours and Information**

As of publication of this post, there are two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wasco County and zero confirmed cases in Sherman and Gilliam counties. In Oregon, there have been 316 positive cases and 11 deaths.

Two local food pantries, Windy River Gleaners and St. Vincent de Paul Society, have closed in The Dalles because social distancing cannot be maintained there, but two others, the Salvation Army and Columbia Gorge Community College Chinook food pantry, remain open. Several other new food pantries have also opened throughout Wasco County.

In The Dalles, the Salvation Army is open five days a week, varied hours, and the Columbia Gorge Community College Chinook food pantry is open. The Columbia Gorge Food Bank is posting open hours daily for all food pantries on its Facebook page, "[Columbia Gorge Food Bank](#)."

Because Windy River Gleaners and St. Vincent de Paul Society in The Dalles do not have enough space for volunteers or users to stay at least six feet apart, which is the social distancing recommended to slow transmission of COVID-19, those sites were closed, Thornberry said.

While there is no physical room for people to come volunteer, they can help by making cash donations, gift card donations, preferably in \$20 increments, and by donating peanut butter, cereal and snacks for kids, said Sharon Thornberry, director of the Columbia Gorge Food Bank.

Cash and gift card donations can be mailed to 3610 Crates Way, The Dalles, OR, 97058. Food donations can be dropped off at Columbia Gorge Toyota, 1900 W. 6th St. in The Dalles.

She asked that people only respond to social media requests that come directly from food organizations like the food bank or Salvation Army, and that they not respond to other general social media calls for help.

The Salvation Army food pantry, at 623 E. 3rd St., is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-6 p.m.

The Columbia Gorge Community College Chinook food pantry, at 400 E. Scenic Dr., is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2-5 p.m.

Added were distribution sites in Maupin, Wamic, Mosier and Dufur. For more information on the location and time of the food pantries, see the daily post on the "[Columbia Gorge Food Bank](#)" Facebook page, or call 541-370-2333 and leave a message and the call will be returned.

The food pantry in Sherman County, at 304 W. 2nd St. in Rufus, also has open hours. Check the daily schedule.

Gilliam County food pantries are switching to a pre-packed food box, which can be picked up curbside or delivered by Gilliam County Transportation and left outside the door. To request delivery in Condon, call Teddy Fennern at 541-626-1038 or Sandra Myers at 541-993-7699. In Arlington, call Kay West at 541-454-2885 or Judy Galvin at 541-454-5451.

Food boxes distributed typically have three to five days' worth of food in them. Thornberry said the food bank has a continuous supply of food. "There's plenty of food and more is coming," she said.

Breakfast and Lunches are available to all children, ages 1 to 18, in The Dalles during spring break. Please come to either, The Dalles Middle School or Chenoweth Elementary School between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. to pick up meals free of charge.

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