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To: All Media
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Subject: **New Requirements for Face Coverings**

Effective July 15, Governor Brown has put into place a new requirement for face coverings and limits to social gatherings. This is in direct response to the rise in COVID-19 cases across the state over the last several weeks.

The statewide face covering requirement will include outdoor public spaces where six feet of distance cannot be maintained. Also, indoor social get-togethers will be limited to 10 people or less. The gathering limitation will only apply to social indoor get-togethers and will not affect the operation of businesses and churches.

“We need to do absolutely everything we can to reduce transmission in ways that do not require us to close down businesses again,” said Governor Brown. “The proof here will be in the numbers. Either people will adhere to this requirement and be a positive force for stopping COVID-19, or I will be forced to take more restrictive measures.”

Governor Brown also shared the following facts about COVID-19 in Oregon at the press conference on July 13:

- Oregon reported more cases in the past week than in the entire month of May.
- The last time Oregon had less than 100 cases in a single day was more than a month ago.
- Half of all cases in Oregon are from people under the age of 40 and one third of all cases are from people under the age of 30.
- Currently, people in their 20s and 30s are the most likely group to get sick with COVID-19.
- Two Oregonians in their 30s have died from COVID-19.

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