

# COVID-19 School closures extended

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Productions, combining to popular community-driven events.

"The partnership brings major events that are truly focused on our amazing community together to combine fireworks, vendors, concerts, the Cherry Trail, a parade and more," said McClintock. "We are very excited about this partnership and look forward to having both events flourish together as one."

Connie Ford, chair of the chamber board, said the combined festivities were good news. "This collaboration will make for an incredible weekend. Something for everyone! I look forward to it"

This rescheduled date allows an opportunity for organizers to create a fresh experience, and plans are already in motion to make it bigger and better

To learn more about the rescheduled festival, visit [www.northwestcherryfestival.com](http://www.northwestcherryfestival.com). Updates will be posted in the coming weeks.

## TD considers emergency declaration, succession

The City of The Dalles announced Thursday at noon that a special meeting will be held Friday, March 20, at noon. The emergency meeting was to be held via Zoom (telephone) due to COVID 19.

The city was to consider a resolution declaring a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a motion will be made to establish lines of succession.

"In an effort to prevent, slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 to our citizens, city offices will be limiting business to phone, email and online service," explained city clerk Izetta Grossman. If you are not sure how to access services online, or you need assistance, call 541-296-5481, Ext. 1119. Response time may vary depending on staffing.

Effective Tuesday, March 17, the city canceled all non-essential meetings and all city lobbies were closed to the public. Staff remains available by phone and the drop box at city hall: planning department applications will also be accepted via the drop box. Utility payments and planning application fees can be paid online. [www.thedalles.org](http://www.thedalles.org).

Find results of Friday's meeting online free on the home page of the Chronicle, [www.thedalleschronicle.com](http://www.thedalleschronicle.com).

## School closures extended

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 across the state, schools in Oregon are now closed through Tuesday, April 28, 2020. This includes all schools in the North Wasco County School District, Superintendent Candy Armstrong said in a press release.

The District will continue to provide meals to children ages 1-18 on a to-go basis through out the closure. Children must be present in order for meals to be provided. The current sites for meals are Chenoweth Elementary and The Dalles Middle School from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday. Meals will also be served during the week of spring break, March 23-27. Any updates to times and locations will be posted on the District website and Facebook page. [www.nwasco.k12.or.us](http://www.nwasco.k12.or.us) and Facebook: North Wasco County School District #21.

District staff are currently making plans for providing supplemental education to students K-12 following spring break, Armstrong said. "Support for our high school seniors to meet graduation requirements is a priority. Plans are also underway for North Wasco County School District to provide supplemental services and emergency management services to our community's first responders, emergency workers and health care professionals. "We will be in communication with our community partners as information is ready to be shared," she said.

Everyone is encouraged to stay home if you have a fever or are ill, follow the social distancing protocols—staying at least three feet (ideally six feet) away from others in social gathering, using proper handwashing techniques (soap and water for at least 20 seconds) and utilize coughing and sneezing etiquette (use tissue to cover mouth and nose, or sleeve and wash your hands following coughing or sneezing).

"Know that the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, parents and community are our highest priority and we will do everything in our power, together with community partners, the state and the nation to help 'flatten the curve' and save lives," Armstrong said.

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) has also extended the suspension of both interscholastic practices and contests for sports and activities for all member schools through April 28. The OSAA executive board clarified the language regarding usage of high school facilities and communication between coaches and participants during the moratorium-like suspension period Thursday, March 19, 2020. This updated information, in the form of questions and answers, may be accessed at <http://www.osaa.org/coronavirus>.

## Klickitat County declares emergency

The Klickitat County Board of County Commissioners Chairman Rex Johnston, along with Goldendale Mayor Mike Canon and Bingen Mayor Betty Barnes, verbally issued Declarations of Emergency Saturday, March 14, 2020, joining White Salmon Mayor Maria Keethler, who had issued their declaration on March 13, 2020. The declaration

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## Dear Members of Our Community

OUR COUNTRY IS FACING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT HEALTH CHALLENGE OF OUR LIFETIME. We are all going through this together. Our hope is that you all remain safe and well. To help ensure that is the case, we strongly urge you to practice proper social distancing, wash your hands often and stay home if you aren't feeling well. If you do become ill, MCMC is here to care for you, just as we always have.

Rest assured, our healthcare professionals are trained to handle patients with infectious diseases; and we have a plan in place to respond quickly to any eventuality. Our top priority is, and will always be, the safety of our patients, staff and community. That is why we have gone "above and beyond" CDC-recommended guidelines to ensure staff, patient and visitor safety.

At its most fundamental level, being part of a society is dependent upon how we all make sacrifices when required to protect and care for each other. Now and in the days and weeks ahead, let's all work together to slow the spread of this virus and reduce the risk for our families, friends and neighbors.

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**\$1000**  
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**\$250**  
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**Runner up WINNER**  
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**Congratulations to everyone participating in this year's Kids Subscription Campaign!**

In addition, this year's contest included cash awards for top sales performance by the kids to go to their school libraries. School Library Winners:

**1st WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY**  
**2nd HOOD RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**3rd HOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL**

**Thank you and congratulations to all our winners, including the families and friends who supported this year's campaign.**



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