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Press Release

RE: COVID-19 and ORPA

Dear Colleagues,

At the Oregon Recreation and Park Association, we recognize the impact that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is playing on the parks and recreation community. Our thoughts go out to those who have been directly and indirectly affected by the outbreak.

Our chief concern is the health and safety of Oregonians and those working in parks and recreation. Therefore, we have made the decision to suspend all in-person meetings and events for the next few weeks and convert to virtual programming where appropriate. Workshops will be adjusted on a case-by-case basis and more information for an event can be found on the [ORPA website](#).

In addition, we seek to support our members through the provisioning of shared resources. A dedicated folder has been set-up in our [online Resource Library](#), which includes links to reputable sources for information of COVID-19. Included in the Resource Library are the [responses from the COVID-19 survey](#) we sent out earlier this week. Please share your agency's own resources so we may all learn from each other.

Finally, we highly recommend following the advice and council of your local public health departments for emergency planning and mitigation.

Thank you for your continued dedication to your respective communities. ORPA staff remains available to support you as we weather this ever-changing landscape. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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