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**HOOD RIVER CITY, COUNTY, AND TOURISM OFFICIALS REMIND NON-RESIDENTS THAT  
HOOD RIVER REMAINS CLOSED FOR RECREATION**

**With Mother's Day approaching and pleasant weather in the forecast, officials stress that  
Oregon's stay-home orders are still in effect**

(HOOD RIVER, Ore.) — With Mother's Day approaching and a forecast this weekend that calls for sunshine and temperatures in the 80s, Hood River city, Cascade Locks city, Hood River County, and Hood River tourism officials are reiterating that Hood River remains closed for recreation.

"We understand that Oregonians are ready to get out and enjoy the Hood River community, and we look forward to when we can once again welcome visitors," said Hood River mayor, Kate McBride. "But we must remain vigilant in protecting the health and safety of our entire community as well as those who would want to visit. So we will continue to ask everyone to respect Oregon's stay-home order and enjoy this turn in the weather at home."

Hood River County and City officials, together with other community organizations, have continued to work tirelessly to flatten the curve in Hood River County. Despite some success, Oregon is far from out of the woods. Gov. Kate Brown's announcement Thursday called for a phased approach to reopening that begins May 15. The return of non-essential travel, including day trips, was not included in Phase 1 of the state's new plan, and Hood River officials are asking all Oregonians and SW Washington residents to continue to follow these guidelines.

In addition to Gov. Brown's ban on all non-essential travel statewide, Hood River county has issued closures and restrictions which can be found here [www.getreadygorge.com](http://www.getreadygorge.com).

"While we've seen progress with flattening the curve, we will only move through the reopening phases if visitors continue to heed the guidelines," said Ashley Huckaby May, Director of Visit Hood River. "We are just beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel, and nobody wants to reverse the gains already made."

For the latest updates and information on travel restrictions and closures in Hood River County, please visit the [Hood River County](#), [City of Hood River](#), [Port of Hood River](#), [City of Cascade Locks](#), or [Visit Hood River](#) websites.

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