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Redistricting Virtual Public Hearings Begin Next Week

Oregonians are encouraged to testify and provide feedback on proposed maps

SALEM – The House and Senate Committees on Redistricting today [released their first drafts](#) of Oregon congressional and legislative district maps. The committees will seek feedback on the draft maps during a series of virtual public hearings from September 8-13.

Legislative leaders [announced](#) last week that the upcoming redistricting public hearings will be held virtually due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. Oregonians are encouraged to participate in the public hearings by signing up for video or phone testimony, or by submitting written testimony. Instructions on how to register for video and phone testimony can be found [here](#) and instructions for submitting written testimony are available [here](#).

Members of the public may also submit a map for consideration by using the [ESRI redistricting tool](#). Oregon is [1 of 12 states](#) in the country that has given its residents access to redistricting software and web tools, making it easier for Oregonians to draw their own maps. Instructions on how to develop maps using the ESRI software can be found [here](#). Maps must be submitted to the committees by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8.

The Legislature will convene for a special session later this month to approve congressional and legislative maps, which must be submitted to Governor Brown by Monday, September 27.

In addition to the upcoming hearings, the committees previously held 10 virtual public hearings in March and April to hear from residents of the state's five existing congressional districts.

Below is a full list of upcoming virtual public hearings. Oregonians can find their congressional district [here](#). Enter your address or click on the map, then click on the "Congress" tab to find your congressional district.

Wednesday, September 8:

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (residents of Congressional District 1)
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (residents of Congressional District 2)
- 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (residents of Congressional District 3)

Thursday, September 9:

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (residents of Congressional District 4)
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (residents of Congressional District 5)
- 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (residents of Congressional District 1)

Friday, September 10:

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (residents of Congressional District 2)
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (residents of Congressional District 3)
- 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (residents of Congressional District 4)

Monday, September 13:

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (residents of Congressional District 5)
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (statewide: open to residents of any district)
- 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (statewide: open to residents of any district)

Click [here](#) for more information on how to participate in the redistricting process.

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