



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Honorable Kate Brown
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Governor Kate Brown,

We urge you to join California today by reopening Oregon immediately and rescinding the COVID-19 emergency orders in the state.

Oregon does not need to be the most restrictive state on the West Coast, or one of the last states to reopen nationwide. Oregonians have sacrificed so much during this pandemic. We should recognize their contributions by reopening the state at the same time as our neighbors.

Hospitals are much better equipped to treat COVID-19 patients, and vaccines have greatly reduced the potential for emergency room visits for our at-risk population. The effectiveness of natural immunity is [very promising](#). If we include Oregonians with [natural immunity](#), then we are well above the 70 percent threshold to reopen the state.

Oregonians have been through enough. They do not need to wait another day. Vaccines are readily available and individuals can still wear masks if they choose. It is time for the state to return to normal by lifting emergency orders now.

Sincerely,

Representative Christine Drazen
House Republican Leader
House District 39