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## **CITY SERVICES CONTINUE REMOTELY THROUGH JULY 19**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – The City of Beaverton will continue to provide most services remotely and keep buildings closed to the public for in-person visits and business through at least Sunday, July 19. Some services may begin limited in-person visits sooner, with distancing and other safeguards in place. The latest decision comes in response to ongoing efforts to maintain health and safety, and limit increases to COVID-19. Building closures will continue to be extended further, as needed.

City services remain available for remote business by phone or online, including housing and business resources, mediation and culturally-specific services, building permits and applications, utility billing and more. Library programs, city events and meetings, and other activities are happening virtually.

Beaverton City Library has launched BCL To Go, a contactless curbside pickup service at the main library. Five days a week, library cardholders can make an appointment at [www.BeavertonLibrary.org/BCLToGo](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org/BCLToGo) to pick up current holds that are in "held" status, as well as up to three book bundles for kids geared toward a specific reading level or interest.

Book drops at the main library and the Murray Scholls branch are open to receive returns. Materials are quarantined for 72 hours before getting checked in, so it may take several days before patrons see returned items off their account. Fines are not being charged for materials returned past their due date. Access to computers by appointment for a limited number of people at the main library is planned to begin in early-July. Face coverings will be required for all library visitors. For more information regarding library resources and services, visit [www.BeavertonLibrary.org](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org).

Beaverton Municipal Court will begin to reopen in a very limited capacity, specifically for criminal arraignments or specific instances where defendants are unable to use technology to access remote hearing options. To ensure the safety of both court users and staff, the courtroom setting has undergone an update to add floor markings for appropriate distancing, rearranged furniture, added plexiglass barriers, and will offer face coverings. For more information, please visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/court](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/court) or call 503-526-2290.

To apply for a passport, please check the city's website for updates regarding the possibility of an appointment and when the processing window will be open for drop-in customers.

Individuals are highly encouraged to continue physical distancing and wearing face coverings in public when safe distancing isn't possible. Staying home when sick,

washing hands often, and keeping at least six feet of space from others is required for everyone's health and safety.

Visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/coronavirus](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/coronavirus) for the latest information on available city services, closures and other news.

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