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**District Attorney's Office statement on Governor's Stay Home, Save Lives Executive Order**

Today, Governor Kate Brown issued [Executive Order 20-12](#), which directs everyone in Oregon to stay at home to the maximum extent possible and adds to the list of businesses that will be temporarily closed to stem the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon.

Under Oregon law, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, representing the State, has the authority to, and may, prosecute any individual or business that violates any Executive Order signed by the Governor.

A person or business that knowingly violates an [Executive Order](#) of the Governor could be charged with a Class C misdemeanor.

If a case is submitted to our office alleging a violation of any Executive Order of the Governor, the State, through the District Attorney's Office, will review the case for legal sufficiency, like we would with any case submitted to our office by law enforcement.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office expects individuals and businesses to fully comply with the spirit of the order so that law enforcement can focus on the vital needs of our community during this public health emergency.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office supports law enforcement taking steps to educate the public, to provide warnings in an effort to gain voluntary compliance and to issue criminal citations only as a last resort.

To date, no law enforcement agency in Multnomah County has submitted a case for criminal prosecution screening regarding this topic.

As previously released by the Portland Police Bureau, it is imperative that community members do not call 9-1-1 and overload the emergency system with non-emergency calls for service.

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If there is an identified safety issue related to the Governor's order, community members can call the non-emergency dispatch line at (503) 823-3333.

**COVID-19 Notice:**

*The health and well-being of all employees and community members we serve is a top priority for the Multnomah County District Attorney. Our office is working with the court, defense bar, local law enforcement and other system partners to carefully balance the needs of public health and public safety.*

*For information about the operational changes implemented by the District Attorney's Office in response to the novel coronavirus, please [click here](#).*

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