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## WBMA Oregon Members

Earlier this morning, Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order No. 20-12.

The declaration does not specifically order closure of LBM facilities nor does it specifically list them as essential. Consequently, it is our understanding the Federal standards published on March 19, 2020 by the US Department of Homeland Security has determined LBM suppliers essential under the Food & Agriculture section *“Workers who support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including but not limited to timber, paper and other wood products”*

Sections to pay special attention to include:

Section 6. Business must designate an employee or officer to establish, implement, and enforce social distancing policies consistent with guidance from the Oregon Health Authority.

Section 9. Businesses shall facilitate telework and work-at-home by employees to the extent possible. Work in offices is prohibited whenever telework and work-at-home options are available, in light of position duties, availability of teleworking equipment, and network adequacy.

Section 10. When telework and work-from-home options are not available, businesses must designate an employee or officer to establish, implement, and enforce social distancing (see section 6). Such policies also must address how the business will maintain social distancing protocols for business-critical visitors (customers).

Some of our members are reporting taking measures such as only providing will call orders in the parking lot or jobsite delivery. Others that are maintaining an open retail store are limiting the number of customers in the store at one time, using tape on the floor to maintain distance from counters and other customers waiting to check-out, and enclosing cashiers with plexi-glass.

WBMA will continue to monitor COVID-19 as it relates to the LBM industry and provide updates as they develop.

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