



## Oregon Physicians Support Statewide Stay at Home Order

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The Oregon Chapter American College Physicians, a professional organization representing over 1,700 Oregon internal medicine specialists, residents, and students, is calling on state and local leaders to issue stay at home orders to further curtail the spread of COVID-19.

“As frontline clinicians working in clinics, emergency departments, hospital wards, and intensive care units across the state, we support the implementation of statewide stay at home orders as quickly as possible. These orders are already in place in many cities, counties and states across the country. They can be structured in a way that permits people to leave their homes to maintain essential health care and public services, buy necessities, seek medical care, and exercise with appropriate social distancing. We recognize that such measures may seem extreme, but they represent the only real hope that we can get a handle on the spread of the coronavirus and prevent our health care systems from being overwhelmed” said Oregon ACP Governor Marianne Parshley, MD, FACP.

“Encouragement is not enough. This is a public health imperative and a statewide stay at home order is badly needed. If we don’t take responsible and appropriate measures to enforce social distancing now, our hospitals and health care workers won’t be able to effectively care for the surge of patients with COVID-19. Preventing further spread is essential to saving lives and further delays may prove deadly” said Adam Obley, MD, FACP, Chair of the Oregon ACP Health and Public Policy Committee.

The American College of Physicians has also called on Congress to mandate and provide federal funding so that all employers will implement paid family and medical leave. ACP has stated that such paid leave should apply to all employed persons to facilitate testing and treatment for COVID-19, and for purposes of facilitating mandatory or voluntary self-quarantine and social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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