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Dear Manzanita Visitors -

The Delta variant of COVID-19 continues to increase at an alarming pace in Tillamook County. Tillamook County recently reported 361 new positive cases in Tillamook County within a two-week period. **That means we have had more new positive cases in the last two weeks than the entirety of the first 10 months of the pandemic.** This exponential increase is due to the COVID Delta variant, which is three times more transmissible than the Alpha variant.

County Health Officials and the Oregon Health Authority are reporting a steady stream of new cases daily. Prior to visiting, please keep this in mind: Our small county hospital is currently running at near capacity and lacks the resources, both in staff and physical size, to handle a large influx of COVID-19 patients. They, and our other health providers, are currently overstrained. If you become ill, need emergency care, or are injured during your stay here, you may not be able to receive the services you expect. While traveling, it is important to avoid large gatherings, wear your mask, and socially distance. The City of Manzanita has recently declared a state of emergency due to the extremely high Covid-19 transmission rates in Tillamook County.

Masks shall be specifically required:

- In all local businesses
- While on Laneda Ave, or any other mask zone designated now or in the future
- When unable to social distance in public places, including the Farmer's Market.

If you have not been vaccinated, or are experiencing symptoms such as fever, lack of smell, cold or flu-like symptoms, etc., we ask that you consider postponing your trip. You might also wish to consider COVID testing within 24-48 hours of your arrival. If you are already here and develop symptoms, please inform your hosts so that they can best protect their staff during and after your stay.

The City of Manzanita will continue to monitor the situation in Tillamook County and within the Manzanita community and additional restrictions may be put into place to respond to this public health emergency.

Further information regarding the City of Manzanita's COVID response can be found on the city webpage, <https://ci.manzanita.or.us/>

Thank you.