

April 7, 2020

## Bingo

### *Quarantine Game*



In an effort to help us break down the sense of social isolation, the Employee Support Team is inviting all THPRD employees to participate in virtual events and challenges. Make sure to participate in this week's Quarantine Bingo for a chance to win a virtual prize. As a way to stay connected, more invitations and challenges will be sent as many of us continue to work remotely or in different locations. Don't miss out on the fun! The first Bingo session runs from April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> and a virtual prize will be awarded to everyone who submits their completed card by email to [thprdsupport@thprd.org](mailto:thprdsupport@thprd.org). All Bingos welcome – you can win by completing a vertical, diagonal, horizontal row, or for an exceptionally impressive Bingo card ..... mark every square!

## Coming Soon

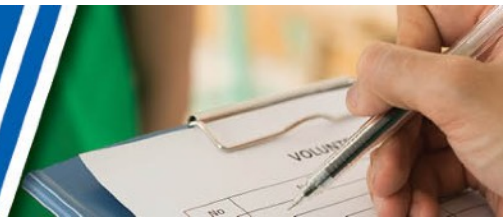
### *An Innovative Way to Help Separated Employees*



One of the best ways we can help during this time is by choosing where we direct our own personal resources. We've all heard about the importance of supporting local businesses and buying local. Well, our Employee Support Group wanted to extend that idea to supporting our separated part-time employees. So, they are reaching out to ask this group about what businesses they, or someone in their household, might own or operate. For example, did you know we have some amazing photography talent within this pool of people? You could purchase a gift certificate for a

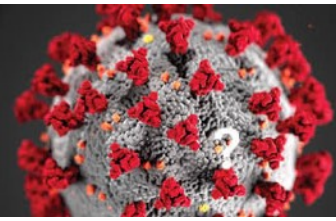
photo session, or some other service, and plan to redeem it when the Governor's Order is lifted. This could be a way to direct some of your personal spending in order to help one of our separated employees. If this is something you'd be interested in, we've got a way to help you out. The Employee Support Group will be sharing a link, hopefully next week, to a Google document that will list some of our separated part-time employees' businesses or service. We wanted to share this information with all staff as one more way we can help each other out. Let's continue to "support local" and put our dollars to work helping where we can. Look for information and a link to that document coming in the next week.

## **Volunteer to Help** *Part-Time Separated Employees*



For those interested in lending an extra hand during this difficult time, you can sign up to volunteer with the district! We are looking for folks who are interested in supporting recently separated staff, on their own time, not as part of their paid district work, with grocery delivery or making phone calls to those who are in need of some personal connection. We sent a survey to separated part-time employees and they identified these as two areas in which they would appreciate some assistance. If this is something you would like to help out with, please complete a brief volunteer application here. (link to <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=922576925&OR=1>)

## Coronavirus *Checker Tool Info*



On Thursday, a new Coronavirus Checker tool was rolled out by regional health officials. The website allows Oregonians to research their symptoms and reduce their exposure by avoiding unnecessary trips to the emergency room. People will enter their symptoms and receive advice. The site is <https://c19oregon.com/start>. People can self-triage symptoms and, if warranted, be directed to a specific hospital or clinic with real time capacity to accommodate patients in order to avoid overburdening certain emergency departments. The tool is available in 15 different languages and is accessible by smartphone. Health officials describe the tool as a “work in progress” that they hope will help the region be prepared for a wave of illness that could come in late April or early May.

## Updated Public FAQs *Available*



Today the Communications Team updated the public Frequently Asked Questions on our COVID-19 response page. New topics added include information about maintenance during the closure period, explanations about what staff are working on with facilities closed, and more clarifications on amenity closures. We’ve updated the FAQs based on questions we’ve received from the public and will continue to do so as more questions arise. Check out the latest FAQ updates at <http://www.thprd.org/pdfs2/document4286.pdf>

## **Help Responding** *to Questions from the Public*



Many of us receive emails or calls from lots of different sources but often times the questions are very similar, especially related to the pandemic response. We wanted to create a space to share responses to make it easier for everyone. Early next week, we will post the sample response template on the Leadership Page in Teams, for managers and supervisors to share with their staff. We hope this helps everyone stay informed and saves you some effort in crafting responses to anything that comes your way.