

## ***Sandy mayor politicizes response to COVID-19***

I am calling out Sandy Mayor Stan Pulliam on the fireworks issue as reflecting badly on the whole city even though he claimed it to be his personal opinion.

Pulliam claimed that the city was "threatened" by the Oregon Health Authority with a lawsuit if Sandy went ahead with a fireworks display this year. The Oregon Health Authority did not threaten any town; they called for limiting the size of gatherings.

This is their statement: "This year we know that large gatherings expose people to the risk of getting sick with COVID-19 or spreading it to others. We encourage everyone to think carefully about your holiday plans and avoid big groups, wear a mask when you're in public, and limit contact with older adults and others who are most at risk of becoming severely ill or dying from the disease."

It should also be mentioned (per an earlier article in the Sandy Post) that Mayor Pulliam also went on the Lars Larson radio show and talked about not following the governor's orders for reopening and that he had police support for that. The chief very adamantly stated none of the officers would support the mayor in that position.

Anyone paying attention to national news should know that in places where people are ignoring these health guidelines, hospitalizations and sickness from COVID-19 are spiking higher than ever. This is not a political issue and should not be made into one.

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