

## DAILY PLANNER

### TODAY

Today is Thursday, April 23, the 114th day of 2020. There are 252 days left in the year.

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On April 23, 1616, English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare died in Stratford-upon-Avon on what has traditionally been regarded as the 52nd anniversary of his birth in 1564.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1943, U.S. Navy Lt. John F. Kennedy assumed command of PT-109, a motor torpedo boat, in the Solomon Islands during World War II.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form the United Methodist Church.

In 1988, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect.

In 1998, James Earl Ray, who confessed to assassinating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and then insisted he'd been framed, died at a Nashville, Tennessee, hospital at age 70.

### Lottery

**Megabucks:** \$3.4 million  
9-13-24-33-37-44

**Mega Millions:** \$174 million  
13-15-24-67-70-17 x2

**Powerball:** \$29 million  
4-44-46-56-63—PB-19 x2

**Win for Life:** April 20  
35-54-66-68

**Pick 4:** April 21

• **1 p.m.:** 8-8-9-0

• **4 p.m.:** 1-6-9-1

• **7 p.m.:** 4-7-3-9

• **10 p.m.:** 9-5-4-5

**Pick 4:** April 20

• **1 p.m.:** 5-6-4-0

• **4 p.m.:** 0-6-0-7

• **7 p.m.:** 1-1-4-8

• **10 p.m.:** 8-9-0-4

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### TODAY'S QUOTE

"For in that sleep of death what dreams may come / When we have shuffled off this mortal coil / Must give us pause."  
— From "Hamlet"

# Gov. Brown's plan to reopen remains in flux

## ■ Framework considers regional capacity for COVID-19 testing

By Dick Hughes

For the Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon's economic reopening likely will be more gradual than what President Donald Trump has suggested. Churches, theaters, gyms and sporting events initially would remain closed.

Other business reopenings from the COVID-19 pandemic are under study.

Gov. Kate Brown and her staff shared her thinking with legislators and county commissioners this week. The governor's "Reopening Oregon: A Framework for Restarting Public Life and Business" combines concepts Brown

released last week and the national guidelines Trump announced a few days later.

Brown's staff cautioned the ideas were still being reviewed. The goal is to release a more detailed draft next week. Work groups are preparing proposals on personal services, such as hair salons; sit-down dining; bars; and other areas. Additional child care facilities also would be reopened in the first phase, but schools would remain closed.

Much of the phased plan, including resumption of non-emergency medical and dental procedures, would roll out regionally.

"A lot of states are taking statewide approaches, and the governor has been pretty consistent in telling us, 'Look, I want to be able to do this in a regional way,'" said Nik Blosser, Brown's chief of staff.

Those geographical considerations include the regional capacity for COVID-19 testing, contract tracing and hospitalization, along with evidence that the growth in cases was subsiding. Each county would have to submit a formal request to Brown, including commitments to have adequate personal protective equipment and, in the event of a surge in cases, available hospital beds.

Officials in Harney County asked Brown to let it become a pilot project for reopening Oregon. The frontier county has a small population, many businesses and individuals are hurting, and there have been no reported COVID-19 cases.

"There's no curve to flatten out here. We never had a bump in the road. That's what's really eating at people," County Judge

Pete Runnels said, adding Oregon must adjust to living with the threat of coronavirus.

To meet the framework outlined by Brown, the county would need state help in acquiring personal protective equipment. The local hospital could treat up to two, possibly three, cases at a time. Any positive case would require 20 hours of research to trace the person's contacts, according to Runnels.

During a phone call Monday afternoon with county officials and Rep. Mark Owens, R-Crane, the governor acknowledged the proposal but did not promise what would happen, Runnels said.

"I don't know if they understand the urgency of how dire it is for some," he said of Brown and her staff. "They hear us but they don't feel us."

Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, the Douglas County health officer and a member of Brown's coronavirus Medical Advisory Panel, said he knew of nowhere in the nation that was yet prepared to meet even the broad guidelines of the federal plan. Those guidelines include sufficient personal protective gear, robust testing and an army of people to follow up on cases.

Dannenhoffer said he could not forecast when any Oregon county would be ready.

"I think anybody who would try to project the future is being somewhat foolish, because we really have to see what happens with case counts. We have to see what happens with testing. We have to see what happens with PPE. These are all things that are out of anybody's control," he said.

## Small Oregon town plans to deliver masks, door-to-door

### ■ Volunteers have completed more than 2,000 masks

By Samantha Swindler

The Oregonian/OregonLive

SUBLIMITY — The city of Sublimity, population 3,000, has taken on an ambitious public health project. After a local nursing home saw 16 positive coronavirus tests, the town is leading an effort to provide every city resident with cloth face masks.

The project, Masks for Neighbors, expects to make 12,000 homemade masks to distribute not just door-to-door in Sublimity, but to surrounding communities in the North Santiam Valley of Marion County.

City Councilor Greg Atkin a retired firefighter, medic and department of corrections supervisor, is leading the effort.

"We had a small outbreak at a local retirement home," he said. Numbers released from the Oregon Health Authority show 16 known cases at Marian Estates in Sublimity, and one death.

"It's always been my worst nightmare that something like that would run through our retirement center," Atkin said. "So we were talking, what can we do to help them?"

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says having access to washable cloth masks can help slow the rate of infections because wearing a mask can help prevent a sick person from spreading the disease to others. So Atkin put out a call on NextDoor and the city's Facebook page, asking for help sewing masks.

"Almost immediately, with 10 minutes, we had people saying, 'I've got

fabric, I'll donate it,'" he said. "I contacted a number of sewers and quilting guilds in our area, and said, 'If we put a project together would you be willing to help us?' And of course everybody was overwhelmingly, 'Yes, we can certainly do that.'"

Atkins received 400 yards of donated fabric and purchased another 1,300 yards online.

The scope of the project quickly expanded from the community's elderly residents to everyone in town.

Local businesses have stepped up to help, too: Keizer Stitch and Sew is cutting fabric, Santiam Cleanery in Stayton is washing it, and Silver Fall Engraving in Silverton and Cruise Master Engraving in Sublimity are using their laser cutting machines to cut fabric patterns.

The project launched on

April 6, and so far volunteer sewers have completed more than 2,000 masks. Masks have already gone out into the community, with priority given to the town's frontline workers, retirement homes and residents at a 55-and-older mobile home park. Atkin wants to give workers multiple masks for use throughout the day.

Then, members of the Stayton/Sublimity Community Emergency Response Team will go street by street, door to door — stepping back at least 6 feet, of course, after knocking — offering cloth masks to households. Police and firefighters also will help with distribution.

Atkin anticipates it will take three more weeks to sew another 10,000 masks. "I think we're up to 50 sewers in the community, as far as Keizer all the way up to Lyons and points in

between," he said. "Sublimity, Stayton, Aumsville, Turner. Just a lot of folks who have stepped up and said, 'We're home, and we'd love to help you.'"

On Friday, Atkin learned the city received a \$5,000 grant from the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation to help cover costs of the project, namely the purchase of fabric.

"It's definitely a labor of love with neighbors who want to help neighbors keep safe during this virus," Atkin said. "As long as there's a need there, we will fill it."

*Editor's Note: This article was originally published by The Oregonian/OregonLive, one of more than a dozen news organizations throughout the state sharing their coverage of the coronavirus outbreak to help inform Oregonians about this evolving health issue.*

## NEWS BRIEFS

Associated Press

### Oregon surfers ignore virus closures, receive citations

OTTER ROCK — A sheriff's deputy cited two surfers in Oregon after they climbed a chain-link fence to reach a beach southwest of Portland that remains closed to the public because of the coronavirus pandemic, authorities said.

The men were reported to authorities after they were seen Monday afternoon heading to the beach with surfboards in Otter Rock, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

A deputy saw them climbing back over the fence a couple hours later, the sheriff's office said.

The deputy cited Max Gause, 20, and Konnor Owens, 19, both of Cottage Grove, for criminal trespassing.

The men confirmed a local resident told them the park was closed and they would be trespassing if they did it, according to the sheriff's office.

Deputies have stepped up patrolling that area and others following increased trespassing complaints and people gathering in violation of the state and local government's stay-at-home orders, the sheriff's office reported.

The sheriff's office also stated it has been taking the approach of education first and enforcement second.

### Victim ID'd in fatal shooting at adult club

PORTLAND — Police have identified the person killed in a shooting at an Oregon adult entertainment club Friday.

Nathaniel Acosta, 24, of Yelm, Washington, died Friday after Ryan Newman, 25, shot him, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported. Police said it appears

the two were doing some construction work at the Gold Club in Milwaukie. Police have not said what provoked the shooting and said they don't know if there was a connection between Newman and Acosta.

Newman's father, who was there at the time, wrestled the gun out of his son's hands after the shooting, holding him to the ground until police arrived, Clackamas County Sheriff's Sgt. Marcus Mendoza said.

Newman was arrested and booked at the Clackamas County Jail for murder. He is being held without bail. It wasn't immediately known if he has a lawyer to comment for him.

Mendoza said the club was not open.

### Woman run over while sleeping on sidewalk sues

PORTLAND — A woman who was sleeping on a Portland sidewalk when she was run over by a truck operated by a homelessness nonprofit organization has filed a \$450,000 lawsuit against the driver.

Daphne Taylor is suing driver Warren Schaupp as well as his employer, Central City Concern, for the 2018 incident that left her with a broken leg, according to her lawsuit filed Friday in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

Schaupp declined comment Monday, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported. Administrative staff and a lawyer for Central City Concern didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.

The large nonprofit helps people without homes find homes and receive health care, mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment.

According to a police report, Taylor had been sleeping under a dark

blanket in a poorly lit area at about 12:30 a.m. May 25, 2018. Schaupp drove his pickup onto the sidewalk.

"(Schaupp) said he felt a bump on the tire and then heard a woman (sic) yelling," the report reads.

An officer wrote that Schaupp didn't appear impaired.

Attorney Greg Kafoury, who is representing Taylor, said he offered a settlement with Central City Concern that included the agency providing Taylor a home. But Kafoury said the nonprofit wouldn't oblige — and Taylor is still living outside.

The lawsuit faults Schaupp for negligence.

### Three die in house fire west of Salem

DALLAS — Three people died and one person was significantly hurt in a

house fire early Sunday just outside Dallas, authorities said.

Authorities from multiple agencies responded just after 3 a.m. and found the house in flames, the Polk County Sheriff's Office said. Polk County Public Works also was called to remove debris so firefighters and sheriff's deputies could enter the house after the fire was extinguished.

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## CORRECTION

The article "Eastern Oregon counties push to reopen" that ran on The Observer's front page Tuesday, April 21, incorrectly referred to Ron Polk

as a physician. Instead, he is the medical columnist for The Observer's related paper, the Wallowa County Chieftain. The Observer regrets the error.

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Sciences. In the future, Kim hopes to complete her doctor of nursing practice degree. Kim has interests in whole person, patient-centered care, with special interests in inpatient, critical care, and palliative care medicine. Outside of work, Kim enjoys spending time with her husband, four children, and Labrador retriever. She has interests in travel, reading, cooking, scuba diving, sailing, hiking, running, and horseback riding.

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