

New husband's moodiness may signal deeper trouble

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about my daughter's new husband, "Brad." I haven't interfered with their marriage and don't want to, but he seems very moody and barely speaks to me. Just when I think I've found a common topic, on the next visit four or five weeks later, he doesn't say a word.



DEAR ABBY

During my last visit, he got very upset with my daughter because a piece of chicken fell out of his wrap while she was tasting it. She apologized twice, but her eyes were watering when I walked into the room. I wanted so badly to just hug her and ask Brad "What's wrong with you?" I have

heard his tone before. Should I do anything?

— **QUESTIONING**

DEAR QUESTIONING: If Brad has behaved this way before when you were visiting, is it possible that your visit was inconvenient for him? Could they be having marital problems?

I don't think it would qualify as interference to ask your daughter how often her husband gets upset over things as trivial as a piece of chicken spilling out of his wrap. Exploding over something so insignificant could be an indication that there is a larger problem that hasn't been dealt with. It also would not be inter-

fering to let your daughter know that if this happens often, it isn't normal, and that you are — and always will be — there for her if she feels she needs it.

DEAR ABBY: A friend died in a state that has restrictions on gathering for funerals because of the pandemic. Only those in the household, the mortuary staff and a pastor or other religious officiant can be present at the funeral.

This was a good friend, Abby, someone I had known for 35 years. He and his wife, also a longtime friend, were in my wedding party. The sudden loss of this friend saddens me, and it grieves me that I cannot offer condolences in person or attend the funeral or support his widow in

person. Other readers may also be facing this quandary. Do you have any suggestions?

— **GRIEVING**

DEAR GRIEVING: Ask your friend's widow if the funeral home can stream the funeral service to friends and extended family who are unable to attend in person. Call her, extend your condolences, and ask if she needs your help or if she is planning to have a memorial you can attend once the quarantine is lifted.

While you're at it, ask if she would like a contribution in her late husband's name made to a particular organization. Do NOT send flowers without first asking because she may be inundated. And, of course, continue calling

to check on her, lift her spirits and allow her to vent if she needs to, which may help her to feel less isolated and vulnerable.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about privacy. No matter when I am in the restroom, my husband feels the need to come in and hang out. Every single day. I have mentioned over and over that I would prefer some privacy, but he won't listen. I mean, come on, is nothing sacred? What gives?

— **EXPOSED**

DEAR EXPOSED: You have my sympathy. Your husband either doesn't respect your need for privacy or has an insatiable desire for a captive audience. The solution to your problem may be as simple as a sturdy lock on your bathroom door.

Russia approves first coronavirus vaccine, but scientists uneasy

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MOSCOW — Russia on Tuesday, Aug. 11, became the first country to approve a coronavirus vaccine, a move that was met with international skepticism and unease because the shots have only been studied in dozens of people.

President Vladimir Putin announced the Health Ministry's approval and said one of his two adult daughters already was inoculated. He said the vaccine underwent the necessary tests and was shown to provide lasting immunity to the coronavirus, although Russian authorities have offered no proof to back up claims of safety or effectiveness.

"I know it has proven efficient and forms a stable immunity," Putin said. "We must be grateful to those who made that first step very important for our country and the entire world."

However, scientists in Russia and other coun-

tries sounded an alarm, saying that rushing to offer the vaccine before final-stage testing could backfire. What's called a Phase 3 trial — which involves tens of thousands of people and can take months — is the only way to prove if an experimental vaccine is safe and really works.

By comparison, vaccines entering final-stage testing in the U.S. require studies of 30,000 people each. Two vaccine candidates already have begun those huge studies, with three more set to get underway by fall.

"Fast-tracked approval will not make Russia the leader in the race, it will just expose consumers of the vaccine to unnecessary danger," said Russia's Association of Clinical Trials Organizations, in urging government officials to postpone approving the vaccine without completed advanced trials.

While Russian officials have said large-scale production of the vaccine wasn't scheduled until September, Deputy Prime Min-



Alexander Zemlianichenko Jr./Russian Direct Investment Fund via AP

An employee works with a coronavirus vaccine at the Nikolai Gamaleya National Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology in Moscow, Russia on Tuesday, Aug. 11, became the first country to approve a coronavirus vaccine for use despite international skepticism about injections that have not completed clinical trials.

ister Tatyana Golikova said vaccination of doctors could start as early as this month. Officials say they will be closely monitored after the injections. Mass vaccination may begin as early as October.

"We expect tens of thousands of volunteers to be vaccinated within the next months," Kirill Dmitriev, chief executive of the Rus-

sian Direct Investment Fund that bankrolled the vaccine, told reporters.

The vaccine developed by the Gamaleya Institute in Moscow with assistance from Russia's Defense Ministry uses a different virus — the common cold-causing adenovirus — that's been modified to carry genes for the "spike" protein that coats the coro-

navirus, as a way to prime the body to recognize if a real COVID-19 infection comes along.

That's a similar technology as vaccines being developed by China's CanSino Biologics and Britain's Oxford University and AstraZeneca — but unlike those companies, Russian scientists haven't published any scientific information about how the vaccine has performed in animal tests or in early-stage human studies.

Dmitriev said even as Russian doctors and teachers start getting vaccinated, advanced trials are set to start Wednesday that will involve "several thousand people" and span several countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and possibly Brazil.

The Associated Press couldn't find documentation in the Russian Health Ministry's records indicating that permission to start the advanced trials was granted. The min-

istry has not responded to a request for comment.

Putin said one of his daughters has received two doses, and had minor side effects such as slight fever, and is now "feeling well and has a high number of antibodies." It wasn't clear if she was one of the study volunteers.

The Health Ministry said in a statement Tuesday that the vaccine is expected to provide immunity from the coronavirus for up to two years, citing its experience with vaccines made with similar technology.

However, scientists around the world have been cautioning that even if vaccine candidates are proven to work, it will take even more time to tell how long the protection will last.

"The collateral damage from release of any vaccine that was less than safe and effective would exacerbate our current problems insurmountably," Imperial College London immunology professor Danny Altmann said in a statement Tuesday.

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Clear	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and pleasant	Very hot with some sun	Very hot
Baker City	40	85 42	91 49	99 57	100 56
Comfort Index™	9	8	5	3	3
La Grande	45	84 48	91 53	100 60	102 58
Comfort Index™	9	8	6	4	2
Enterprise	41	81 48	88 52	97 60	98 64
Comfort Index™	10	9	5	3	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	93°	94°	93°
Low Tuesday	43°	46°	45°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.02	0.03	Trace
Normal month to date	0.23	0.27	0.21
Year to date	2.63	13.05	25.19
Normal year to date	6.61	10.33	14.66

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 116° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 30° Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.
Wettest: 3.23" Pensacola, Fla.

OREGON
High: 97° Ontario
Low: 41° Meacham
Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY

Hurricane Connie dumped up to 9.85 inches of rain on eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey on Aug. 13, 1955. Hurricane Diane followed six days later with 10.75 inches of rain.

SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	5:51 a.m.	5:53 a.m.
Sunset	8:02 p.m.	8:01 p.m.
Moonrise	12:27 a.m.	1:04 a.m.
Moonset	3:59 p.m.	5:01 p.m.

MOON PHASES

	New	First	Full	Last
	Aug 18	Aug 25	Sep 1	Sep 10

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	N at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	10.5
Evapotranspiration	0.23

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

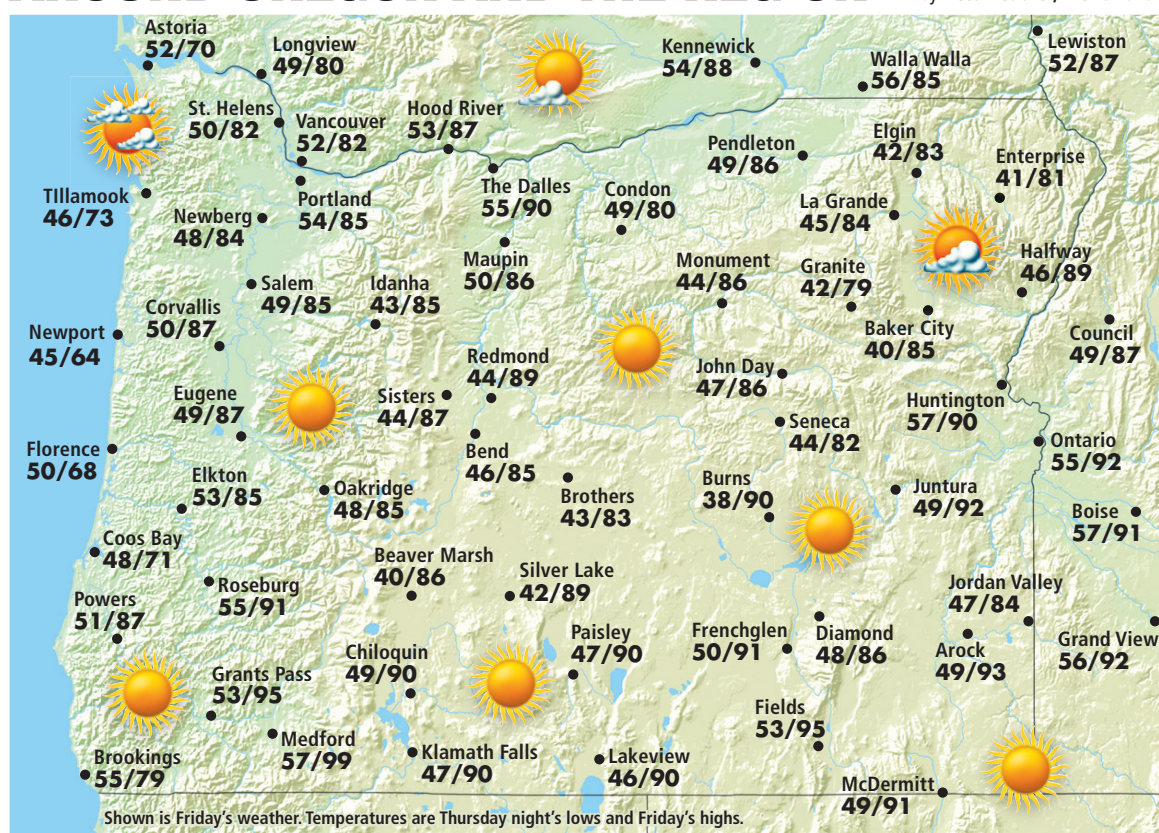
Phillips Reservoir	29% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	52% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	58% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	74% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	37% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	46% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	594 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	105 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	123 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	48 cfs
Minam River at Minam	170 cfs
Powder River near Richland	30 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI.		SAT.		City	FRI.		SAT.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Astoria	70/55/pc	81/58/s	Lewiston	87/58/s	93/62/s				
Bend	85/52/s	94/57/s	Longview	80/57/pc	91/60/s				
Boise	91/59/s	95/66/s	Meacham	81/46/s	89/50/s				
Brookings	79/59/s	75/57/pc	Medford	99/62/s	107/70/s				
Burns	90/46/s	95/53/s	Newport	64/49/s	69/53/s				
Coos Bay	71/54/s	75/57/s	Olympia	79/50/pc	88/55/s				
Corvallis	87/56/s	99/60/s	Ontario	92/56/s	96/62/s				
Council	87/51/s	92/56/s	Pasco	90/55/s	96/59/s				
Elgin	83/47/s	91/54/s	Pendleton	86/55/s	95/59/s				
Eugene	87/53/s	99/60/s	Portland	85/59/s	97/66/s				
Hermiston	88/56/s	97/59/s	Powers	87/56/s	99/65/s				
Hood River	87/59/s	97/62/s	Redmond	89/48/s	98/54/s				
Imnaha	83/54/s	92/59/s	Roseburg	91/59/s	105/65/s				
John Day	86/53/s	94/60/s	Salem	85/57/s	99/62/s				
Joseph	81/49/s	87/54/s	Spokane	80/54/s	88/57/s				
Kennewick	88/56/s	96/60/s	The Dalles	90/61/s	100/66/s				
Klamath Falls	90/52/s	94/56/s	Ukiah	81/45/s	90/52/s				
Lakeview	90/51/s	92/55/s	Walla Walla	85/60/s	93/63/s				

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, F-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Plenty of sunshine	63 44	PHILLIPS LAKE Sunny and pleasant	82 46
MT. EMILY REC. Mostly sunny	71 49	BROWNLEE RES. Sunny and nice	87 52
EAGLE CAP WILD. Plenty of sunshine	69 40	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Mostly sunny; nice	76 43
WALLOWA LAKE Sunny and nice	81 49	MCKAY RESERVOIR Mostly sunny	84 55
THIEF VALLEY RES. Sunny and pleasant	85 42	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Sunny and pleasant	84 48

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