

Woman tries to balance life with two mothers



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I have two mothers: my biological mother and Mom, who raised me. I share everything with Mom — my hopes, dreams, fears and everything in between. My biological mother and I are not as close. We never have been. I don't have a single good childhood memory with her in it.

Lately, my bio mother has been extremely jealous of my relationship with Mom, even though she has never done anything to facil-

itate the same relationship with me. She's pushy and constantly oversteps boundaries. Because of this, when I found out I was pregnant, I chose not to tell her.

I'm now 36 weeks pregnant, and someone adjacent to my inner circle has informed her of my pregnancy and due date. She contacted my family fuming about my not telling her, insisting she had a "right" to know. I feel this is her, once again, feeling entitled to my life and trying to treat me as property. I do not feel she is entitled to any details about my life. Am I wrong? — **GUARDED IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR GUARDED: You are not wrong, and I can see why

you are feeling invaded. You are entitled to privacy if you want it. Your birth mother is "entitled" only to those details of your life you are willing to share with her. (When did you intend to share the happy news with her? After the birth?) You may need to distance yourself from the person who gave your birth mother the news if you want to avoid similar breaches in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about "Anxious About Alcohol in Georgia" (Aug. 30), the teen who was torn between his parents' views on alcohol as he prepares for his first year of college. In Colorado, Georgia and many other states, minors are prohib-

ited from possessing and drinking alcohol — with an important exception. That is, doing it in the presence of and under the supervision of their parents in their home.

I'm not condoning reckless behavior, but when I was growing up, my parents let us try beer and wine at an early age. It was pretty strong, and we didn't like it. We were never encouraged to get drunk or use it in excess. But we learned about it, tasted it and understood the good and bad when dealing with alcohol. I believe this is why my sisters and I never had issues. We have always been responsible, and I'm convinced this is a respon-

sible way to introduce alcohol to a minor.

We gain knowledge through experience. Having that experience in a safe environment with the proper guidance and supervision is a must. Better to learn with a responsible parent than a frat brother you just met. Agree? — **ALLAN IN COLORADO**

DEAR ALLAN: Yes, I do. And thank you for pointing out that provision in the law. Many other readers echoed your sentiments about demystifying the allure of alcohol by introducing it in the home under parental supervision. It could prevent some young people from going wild the minute they reach the campus.

More omicron cases pop up as world rushes to learn more

By **MIKE CORDER, GEIR MOULSON** and **JEFFREY COLLINS**

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Cases of the omicron variant of the coronavirus popped up in countries on opposite sides of the world Sunday, Nov. 28, and many governments rushed to close their borders even as scientists cautioned that it's not clear if the new variant is more alarming than other versions of the virus.

The variant was identified days ago by researchers in South Africa, and much is still not known about it, including whether it is more contagious, more likely to cause serious illness or more able to evade the protection of vaccines. But many countries rushed to act, reflecting anxiety about anything that could prolong the pandemic that has killed more than 5 million people.

Israel decided to bar entry to foreigners, and Morocco said it would suspend all incoming flights for two weeks starting Monday — among the most drastic of a growing raft of travel curbs being imposed by nations around the world as they scrambled to slow the variant's spread.



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People wear face masks as they walk, in Regent Street, in London, Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021. Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson said it was necessary to take "targeted and precautionary measures" after two people tested positive for the new variant in England. He also said mask-wearing in shops and on public transport will be required.

Scientists in several places — from Hong Kong to Europe — have confirmed its presence. The Netherlands reported 13 omicron cases on Nov. 28, and Australia found two.

Noting that the variant has already been detected in many countries and that closing borders often has limited effect, the World

Health Organization called for frontiers to remain open.

Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health in the United States, meanwhile, emphasized that there is no data yet that suggests the new variant causes more serious illness than previous COVID-19 variants.

"I do think it's more conta-

gious when you look at how rapidly it spread through multiple districts in South Africa. It has the earmarks therefore of being particularly likely to spread from one person to another. What we don't know is whether it can compete with delta," Collins said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Collins echoed several experts in saying the news should make everyone redouble their efforts to use the tools the world already has, including vaccinations, booster shots and measures such as mask-wearing.

"I know, America, you're really tired about hearing those things, but the virus is not tired of us," Collins said.

The Dutch public health authority confirmed that 13 people who arrived from South Africa on Nov. 26 have so far tested positive for omicron. They were among 61 people who tested positive for the virus after arriving on the last two flights to Amsterdam's Schiphol airport before a flight ban was implemented. They were immediately put into isolation, most at a nearby hotel.

Authorities in Australia said two travelers who arrived in

Sydney from Africa became the first in the country to test positive for the new variant. Arrivals from nine African countries are now required to quarantine in a hotel upon arrival. Two German states reported a total of three cases in returning travelers over the weekend.

Israel moved to ban entry by foreigners and mandate quarantine for all Israelis arriving from abroad.

"Restrictions on the country's borders is not an easy step, but it's a temporary and necessary step," Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said at the start of the weekly Cabinet meeting.

Morocco's Foreign Ministry tweeted Nov. 28 that all incoming air travel to the North African country would be suspended to "preserve the achievements realized by Morocco in the fight against the pandemic, and to protect the health of citizens." Morocco has been at the forefront of vaccinations in Africa, and kept its borders closed for months in 2020 because of the pandemic.

The U.S. plans to ban travel from South Africa and seven other southern African countries starting Nov. 29.

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Cloudy	Mild with clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy and mild	Times of clouds and sun	A shower possible	
Baker City	35	53 32	51 29	46 29	46 28
Comfort Index™	3	8	7	4	3
La Grande	43	57 38	53 30	48 34	52 35
Comfort Index™	5	7	7	5	5
Enterprise	40	56 40	51 30	44 33	49 36
Comfort Index™	5	9	7	4	4

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	51°	55°	56°
Low Sunday	26°	39°	44°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.06
Month to date	0.65	1.44	3.41
Normal month to date	0.68	1.81	2.91
Year to date	5.00	9.84	21.92
Normal year to date	8.16	15.39	21.94

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 90° Woodland Hills, Calif.
Low: -2° Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Wettest: 1.63" Bellingham, Wash.

OREGON

High: 68° Redmond
Low: 24° Lakeview
Wettest: 0.17" Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 30, 1985, Rancho Mirage, Calif., had 1.56 inches of rain. This was 150 percent of the total rainfall for the first 10 months of 1985, and the most in November in 20 years.

SUN & MOON

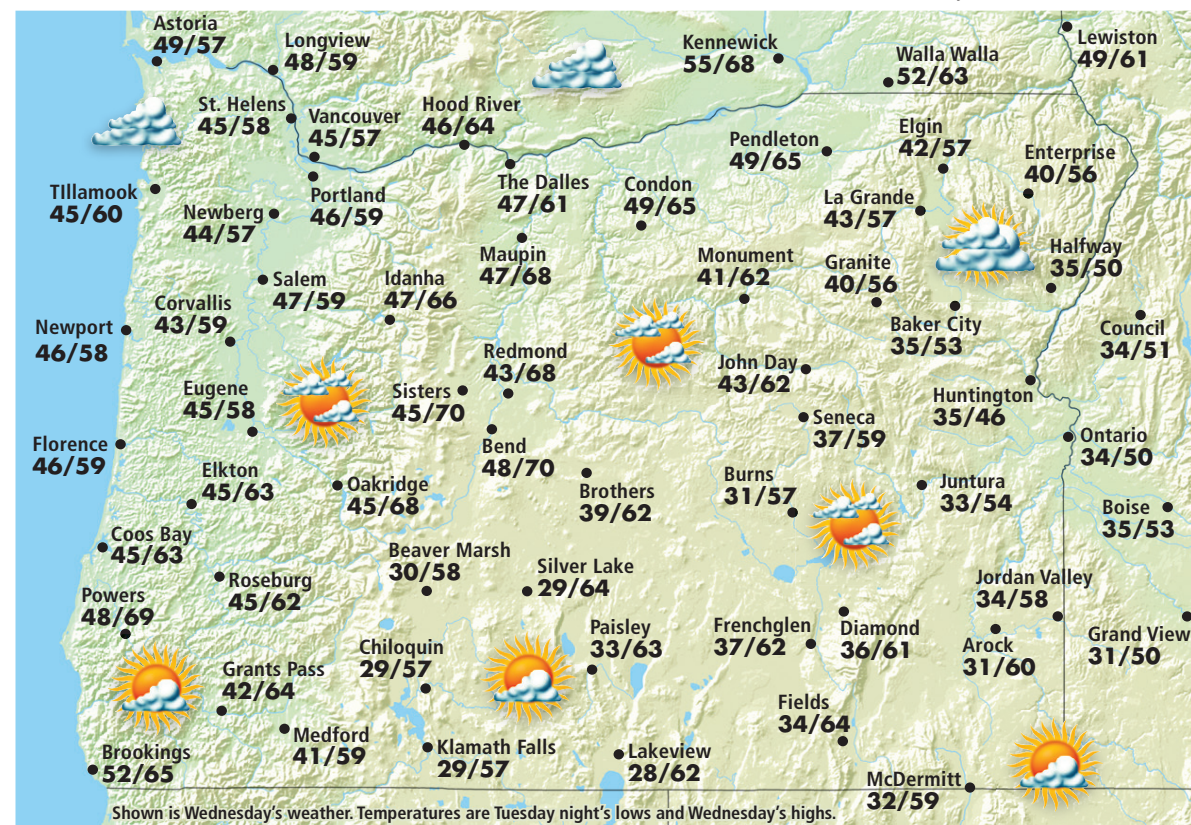
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	7:10 a.m.	7:11 a.m.
Sunset	4:11 p.m.	4:11 p.m.
Moonrise	2:23 a.m.	3:41 a.m.
Moonset	2:15 p.m.	2:39 p.m.

MOON PHASES

	New	First	Full	Last
	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 18	Dec 26

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED.		THU.		
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	
Astoria	57/45/r	49/37/c	Lewiston	61/48/pc	56/40/pc
Bend	70/42/pc	56/34/c	Longview	59/49/c	50/36/c
Boise	53/37/pc	52/34/pc	Meacham	57/38/pc	53/31/c
Brookings	65/49/s	62/46/pc	Medford	59/43/pc	55/40/c
Burns	57/29/pc	56/26/pc	Newport	58/46/pc	51/38/c
Coos Bay	63/47/pc	57/39/c	Olympia	56/43/c	49/36/c
Corvallis	59/43/pc	53/34/c	Ontario	50/33/c	52/33/pc
Council	51/34/pc	50/31/pc	Pasco	64/50/pc	60/36/pc
Elgin	57/36/c	53/30/c	Pendleton	65/47/pc	55/33/c
Eugene	58/43/pc	55/35/c	Portland	59/48/c	54/39/c
Hermiston	66/51/pc	60/34/pc	Powers	69/46/pc	60/40/pc
Hood River	64/50/c	56/34/pc	Redmond	68/38/pc	58/31/c
Imnaha	62/44/pc	54/36/c	Roseburg	62/45/pc	57/42/c
John Day	62/42/pc	55/35/pc	Salem	59/46/pc	53/38/c
Joseph	56/41/c	52/32/c	Spokane	56/45/pc	48/30/pc
Kennewick	68/51/pc	60/34/pc	The Dalles	61/47/c	59/37/c
Klamath Falls	57/28/pc	58/27/pc	Ukiah	59/38/pc	52/31/pc
Lakeview	62/27/pc	59/25/pc	Walla Walla	63/48/pc	55/36/c

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

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Partly sunny	Sunny intervals
43 35	54 36
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Partly sunny	Partly sunny
51 40	56 38
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Partly sunny	Partly sunny; mild
41 32	56 37
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Inc. clouds	Partly sunny; warm
56 41	68 47
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Periods of sun	Partly sunny
53 32	57 38

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