

Oregon House will close up to 2 weeks after COVID-19 case

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SALEM — The Oregon House will shut down for up to two weeks after reports of a positive COVID-19 case involving someone on the House floor last week.

The Legislature shut down activity in the Capitol on Monday, March 22, following a report of a positive case of COVID-19 tied to an earlier floor session.

“The House will not return to floor session until Monday, March 29, at the earliest,” said Danny Moran, spokesman for House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland. “Committee work, which is being done remotely, will continue as planned.”

Kotek confirmed the positive case during an afternoon press call. She said it involved someone who worked on the House floor during a session last week. She said she could

not yet say whether it was a lawmaker or staffer.

Kotek had abruptly adjourned the March 29 session at 1 p.m. During the press call she said she shut down the House after learning of the COVID-19 case.

“We want to keep members safe,” Kotek said.

During the press call, Kotek said she planned to bring the 60 House members back to the capitol on Wednesday after a review of public health protocols.

House Minority Leader Christin Drahan, R-Canby, issued a statement saying she recommended lawmakers go home and quarantine for up to two weeks.

“Out of an abundance of caution, my immediate recommendation is for legislators and staff to minimize the risk of an outbreak in Oregon’s capitol by returning home,” Drahan said.



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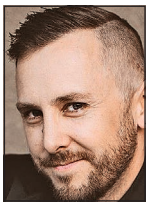
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Board: 9 candidates running for 3 seats in Redmond; other area school districts also have contested elections

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The seat of former board chair Tim Carpenter — who abruptly resigned from the Redmond School Board on Wednesday — was initially going to be filled by appointment. However, Deschutes County Clerk Nancy Blankenship ruled the seat must be filled by the voters in this year’s election.

Those interested in Carpenter’s seat must file by March 26, said school district spokesperson Sheila Miller.

Jefferson County School Board

With 12-year-incumbent and board chair Laurie Danzuka running unopposed, that leaves two contested Jefferson County School Board races in May.

Jamie Hurd, a Madras resident who has served on the board since 2017, will face Lorien Stacona, a case manager for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The third seat up for grabs was vacated

by incumbent Tom Norton Jr, who did not file for reelection. Madras resident Jacob Struck, a construction superintendent for Skanska, and Warm Springs resident Jaylyn Suppah, a staffer for the Confederated Tribes’ Health & Human Services department, will face off for that seat.

If Suppah and Stacona both win seats, a majority of Jefferson County School Board members will be Native American. Despite the district’s student population being majority non-white, only one board member, Danzuka, is a person of color.

Sisters School Board

Sisters School District has two contested board races: one without and one with an incumbent.

Two candidates have stepped up to fill the seat of board chair Jay Wilkins, who did not file for reelection: Jenica Cogdill, manager of customer experience for Les

Schwab Tires, and retired teacher Rodney Cooper.

Edie Jones, who was appointed to the Sisters School Board in February 2020, will defend her seat against architect Kevin Eckert.

Incumbent David Thorsett is running unopposed for reelection.

Culver School Board

Three of the four Culver School Board seats up for reelection are uncontested.

Barring a successful write-in campaign from someone else, incumbents Lindsay Cloud and board chair Scott Leeper will return to the board. Sabria Rios will take the seat of Bob Buckner, who did not file for reelection.

The one contested Culver race is between incumbent board vice-chair Mike Knepp and the challenger, residential appraiser David Bolhuis.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Online kindergarten registration now open

Parents of incoming kindergartners living in Redmond, Tumalo and Terrebonne can now register their children online with the Redmond School District for the 2021-22 school year.

Future students can be registered at www.redmondschools.org/kindergarten-registration, according to a school district press release sent Tuesday.

Required documents like the child’s birth certificate, immunization records and proof of address can be uploaded online during registration, the release stated. If that isn’t possible, the local school will contact parents on how to send hard copies of that data.

Redmond man arrested after standoff with police

A 42-year-old Redmond man was arrested March 18 following a three hour standoff with police. Matt Ryan Frazier allegedly discharged a shotgun through his own front door and then barricaded himself alone in the residence, according to a press release from the Redmond police department. The incident followed a dispute with Frazier’s girlfriend, said police. The CERT team

responded to the situation in the 2900 block of SW Peridot Avenue. Police say Frazier challenged the CERT team members when he exited the residence after about three hours and was taken into custody with the assistance of the Bend Police K-9, Li’Kim. No

one was injured during the incident. Frazier was charged with menacing, coercion, reckless endangering and unlawful use of a weapon and was lodged at the Deschutes County Jail. Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office, Bend Police Department, and the Oregon

State Police assisted during the incident. Police say the investigation is ongoing and are asking people who witnessed the incident or have information about it to contact the Redmond Police Department though non-emergency dispatch, 541-693-6911.

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Mindfulness & Grief Class – 10 weekly sessions beginning April 19 - 2-3:30pm
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