

COVID-19

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The forecast is part of the mixed medical and political signals around the nation as the omicron surge that began in late November and peaked in mid-January has rapidly dropped to levels not seen since before the delta variant spike began at the end of June 2021.

As of Friday, March 25, the statistics in Oregon showed a precipitous drop-off.

The Oregon Health Authority on Friday reported 189 new cases of COVID-19 and two deaths.

Oregon hospitals reported

157 patients with COVID-19, down four from the day before. There were 26 patients with COVID-19 in intensive care units, up one from Thursday's report.

Positive test results — a key indicator of future growth of the virus — were at 2.5%, down from the high point of 22.6% in mid-January. OHA has said throughout the pandemic that a rate of 5% or under was manageable for health care providers.

The expected rise in cases is due to two factors, one expected, but the other an unwelcome surprise.

Even before the official lifting of indoor face mask re-

quirements, compliance with safeguards was waning.

OHSU forecasters said a slowing of the drop in cases was likely as more people became exposed.

Current vaccinations are effective against all variants of COVID-19, he said.

Nationwide, estimates suggest that this variant will quickly become dominant. This variant is believed to be more contagious than the earlier omicron sub-variant, but doesn't cause more severe illness.

What is not clear is if this sub-variant will result in a surge that will affect area hospitals.



Submitted photo

Alicia Viani Band will perform at Brasada Ranch on Thursday.

Calendar

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Student Art Exhibit: Features artwork by students from Redmond High School, Ridgeview High School and Redmond Proficiency Academy; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; free; Deschutes Public Library — Redmond, 827 SW Deschutes Ave., Redmond; deschuteslibrary.org or 541-312-1055.

Kiefer's Magical Brew Bash: A community benefit for mental health awareness. For every pint of Kiefer Magic Hazy IPA purchased, \$1 will be donated to Rimrock Trails; 6-10 p.m.; Wild Ride Brewing Co., 332 SW Fifth St., Redmond; wildridebrew.com or 541-610-2520.

Teenage Halloween with Helga & Good Grief: The New Jersey-based power pop group will perform; 8 p.m.; \$10; High Desert Music Hall, 818 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; highdesertmusicall.com or 541-527-1387.

Saturday 4/2

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Crooked River Wetlands Complex Guided Bird Walks: Meet at the Wetlands pavilion for a guided bird walk; 9:45 a.m.-Noon; free; Crooked River Wetlands, 4035 NW Rimrock Acres Loop, Prineville; facebook.com/crookedriverwetlands.

Spring Gardening Seminar — Gardening Basics for the High Desert: OSU Master Gardeners will again offer their insight into the world of gardening in Central Oregon; 10 a.m.; \$5 — \$35 Choose 1 class (\$5) or up to 7 (\$35); OSU Extension Service, Online; gocomga.com or 541-548-6088.

Spring Gardening Seminar — Water-wise Gardening: OSU Master Gardeners will again offer their insight into the world of gardening in Central Oregon; 1 p.m.; \$5 — \$35 Choose 1 class (\$5) or up to 7 (\$35); OSU Extension Service, Online; gocomga.com or 541-548-6088.

Gala de Oro 2022: Dine, dance and celebrate the Latino Community Association for 22 years of empowering Latino families to thrive in Central Oregon; 5-11:30 p.m.; \$110 for dinner and dance; \$25 for dance only; Eagle Crest Resort, 1522 Cline Falls Road, Redmond; galadeoro.org or 541-923-2453.

Live in the Tasting Room — Jeff Jackson & Dirk Benson: The soft rock duo will perform; 5-8 p.m.; \$10 adults, children 12 and under free; Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards, 70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne; faithhopeandcharityevents.com or 541-526-5075.

Fogline: The Southern Oregon-based country band will perform; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$10; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/Generalduffys or 541-527-4345.

Seed Ling with Mougli & The Blues: The local indie-rock band will perform; 8 p.m.; \$8; High Desert Music Hall, 818 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; highdesertmusicall.com or 541-527-1387.

Sunday 4/3

Sunday Brunch and Karaoke: If you don't know now you know, the best most coolest delicious brunch around with Karaoke to follow; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/Generalduffys or 541-527-4345.

High Desert Storm Football: Watch the indoor football team play against the Washington Elite; 7 p.m.; \$12 — \$35; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond; oregonstorm.com or 541-548-2711.

Monday 4/4

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Redmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 4-6 p.m.; free; Redmond City Hall, Online; redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7710.

Planning Commission Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; free; Redmond City

Hall, 411 SW Ninth St., Redmond; redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7710.

Tuesday 4/5


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Writers Writing — Quiet Writing Time: Enjoy the focus of a quiet space with the benefit of others' company; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; free; Redmond Public Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave., Redmond; deschuteslibrary.org or 541-312-1050.

Arbor Week Tree Planting #1: To celebrate Arbor Week, the city will be hosting three tree plantings at three different park locations; 4-5:30 p.m.; free; Hayden Park, 1964 SW 35th St., Redmond; redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7710.

Pints for Ponies: For every pint sold, \$1 goes to the Heart Space Horse Sanctuary; 4-8 p.m.; Wild Ride Brewing Co., 332 SW Fifth St., Redmond; wildridebrew.com or 541-610-2520.

City Council Workshop: A regular workshop will be held online and in person; 6-8 p.m.; free; Redmond City Hall, 411 SW Ninth St., Redmond; redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7710.



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