

First case of COVID-19 found in Marion County

A person in Marion County tested positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on Sunday, March 8.

The Marion County case had no previous contact with a confirmed case and is suspected of being community spread.

Coronavirus has continued to spread in Oregon and throughout the country as new cases of the virus are confirmed on a nearly hourly basis.

Oregon's new COVID-19 cases bring the state's total number of those who've tested positive for the virus to 14,

as of Sunday.

"We are prepared to activate an unprecedented state and private effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon by focusing specifically on at-risk populations," said OHA Director Patrick Allen. "We want to protect Oregonians at greatest risk of the most severe outcomes of this disease, including older adults, people with underlying conditions, people who are homeless and those who are vulnerable in other ways."

On Sunday, March 8, Gov. Kate Brown declared a statewide emergency as a result of

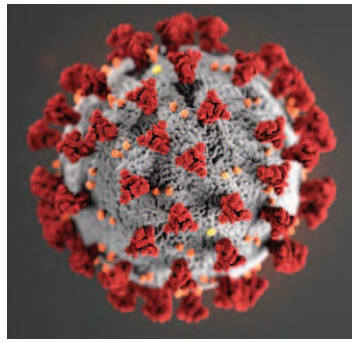
the virus spread. The declaration allows the state to finalize the agreement, prepare a medical reserve corps, expand telemedicine options, begin working with providers who serve older and vulnerable populations to formulate aggressive outreach and prevention strategies and seek additional funding to support the response effort.

Dana Hargunani, M.D., chief medical officer at OHA, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified people most at-risk of severe illness from

COVID-19: older adults; people who have severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease. She said older people are twice as likely to contract the COVID-19 illness.

Hargunani recommended older adults and people with underlying conditions take the following steps to stay safe and healthy:

- Minimize contact with people who may be ill.
- Avoid large public gatherings.
- Order prescriptions by mail.



Regarding schools, the Oregon Health Authority has recommended consider all alternatives before closing a school, college or university in the event that a COVID-19 case is detected among students or staff.

OHA continues to recommend that all people in Oregon take everyday precautions to prevent the spread of many respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and influenza: Cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, avoid close contact with people who are sick and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

At press time, 295 people throughout Oregon had been tested for COVID-19, 213 of the tests were negative, fifteen were positive and 67 results

were pending.

Most people with COVID-19 have mild symptoms. If you are feeling sick with mild symptoms and do not need to seek medical care, stay home while you recover. If you are sick and plan to seek care, please call before going in for care so arrangements can be made to prevent exposing others.

To test for COVID-19, health professionals swab a person's nose or throat, collect phlegm coughed up from the lungs, or squirt liquid into the nose, throat or lungs and collect the liquid again for testing. The samples are analyzed in a laboratory, where technicians must extract and purify the virus' genetic material from the mucus, cell debris and other material in the samples.

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Woman drowns after driving into river

On Thursday, March 4, shortly after 4 p.m., emergency crews were dispatched to the report of a SUV that drove into the Willamette River at the Wheatland Ferry, just north of Keizer.

Prior to emergency crews arriving on scene, the vehicle was completely submerged in the water. Witnesses at the scene reported only seeing one person in the vehicle when it entered the river.

Efforts to locate the vehicle were soon suspended due to darkness. Efforts resumed the morning of March 5 and rescue crews located a GMC Terrain with the lone occupant still inside. The driver was later identified as Jeanie Sandall, 56, of Dayton.

The vehicle was removed from the Willamette River. Investigators have tentatively identified the deceased driver of the vehicle. The circumstances leading up to the vehicle being driven into the water are still under investigation.

Along with the GMC, two



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Marion County Sheriff's deputies work to find a vehicle seen entering the Willamette River with the driver inside.

additional unrelated vehicles were located in the water. Both vehicles were unoccupied and appeared to have been underwater for an extended period of time. Due to the challenging location in the waterway of the other two vehicles, there will be no efforts to remove them at this time.

The Marion County Sher-

iff's Office was assisted during initial search operations by the following agencies; Marion County Public Works, Keizer Fire Department, Keizer Police Department, Salem Fire Department, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Lake Oswego Fire District, Woodburn Ambulance, Oregon State Police, Oregon State Parks Department, and Life Flight.

Book sale

March 27-28

The Keizer Community Library has added a book sale to the spring schedule. The sale is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Rd. NE.

Prices are 50¢ for paperback books, \$1 for hardcover books, \$1 for CDs and puzzles, 50¢ for VHS tapes and special pricing on a few items. Items include overstock books, books on tape and CD, movies on videotape and DVD, and puzzles.

Cash or checks are accepted. Bargain time is Saturday, 4-5 p.m., when full grocery bags sell for \$4 and full boxes for \$5. Shoppers are asked to bring their own bag or box.

Visit the library during the following hours: 1-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 1-4 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, or call the library during those hours at 503-390-2370.

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