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to your household, or no more than six people if the gathering includes those from outside your household, reducing the frequency of those social gatherings (significantly in a two-week period), and keeping the same six people in your social gathering circle.

Brown also called on Congress to pass another COVID-19 relief package.

With the new restrictions, Oregon OSHA issued new guidance for all businesses.

- Employers must ensure six-foot distancing between all people in the workplace through design of work activities and workflow, unless it can be shown it is not feasible for some activities.

- Employers must ensure that all individuals – including employees, part-time workers and customers – at the workplace, or other establishment under the employer's control,

wear a mask, face covering, or face shield. Employers must provide masks, face coverings, or face shields for employees free of cost.

- Employees must be allowed to wear masks even in areas where it would not otherwise be required.

- Employers must develop an infection control plan addressing several elements, including when workers must use personal protective equipment and a description of specific hazard controls.

- Employers must provide information and training to workers about the relevant topics related to COVID-19. They must do so in a manner and language understood by workers.

More safety measures are required for workplaces that have exceptionally high risk, the specifics can be found at tinyurl.com/oshaor.

As of Monday, Nov. 9, Oregon had experienced more than 700 new, confirmed cases per day for five consecutive days. There were 29 deaths as a result of COVID-19 during that same time period. The number of positive cases increased by 14.4% during the weekend of Nov. 7-8 and are projected to increase further. Active hospitalizations are also increasing dramatically.

Marion County is third (79 cases) in the number of new cases throughout the state. Portland's Multnomah (204 cases) and Washington (119 cases) counties typically lead the state.

Those between the ages of 10 and 39 are most likely to be affected according to the most recent numbers available, those groups accounted

for more than 1,700 of the roughly 2,400 new cases as of Friday, Nov. 6. Older individuals are less impacted by the disease currently, but can suffer more dire consequences.

COUNTY COMMISSION RESPONDS

The Marion County Board of Commissioners responded with derision toward the new order.

“Marion County is in the middle of recovering from devastating wildfires. Much of the work associated with wildfire recovery must be done in person. We have maintained appropriate COVID-19 protocols including physical distancing, mask wearing and temperature screening at meetings and public events,” said Commissioner Colm Willis.

The commission said that restaurants are not a significant source of community outbreak, the most community spread of COVID-19 is a result of larger, private social gatherings, and that the county has not seen a surge in emergency visits or hospitalizations because of COVID-19.

Members of the board cited increased testing and rapid testing as alternatives.

“As we approach the holiday season it's important to remember we all have a part to play to keep our community healthy. We encourage everyone to wear face coverings, wash hands frequently, stay home if you are sick and practice physical distancing when you're around people not from your household. Working together we can help keep Marion County safe, strong, and thriving,” said Commissioner Kevin Cameron.

Aumsville man accused of robbing Keizer pedestrian

An Aumsville man was arrested in the wake of an armed robbery of a pedestrian on Monday, Oct. 26.



K. Bogle

Keizer police officers responded to the scene of the alleged crime at the 4100 block of River Road North. At the time, a suspect was not identified or located in the area.

Subsequently, detectives were able to identify Kaleb Zeylin Bogle, 25, as the suspect and issued a request to local law enforcement to locate him.

On Nov. 6, just after midnight, Salem police officers located Bogle in the 2200 block of Mission Street Southeast and arrested him.

Bogle was found with a handgun during his arrest and was transported to the Marion County jail where he was charged with first degree armed robbery, unlawful use of a weapon and unlawful possession of firearms. His bail was set at \$55,000.

DRAFT: Draft will still need to pass legal muster

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Councilor Roland Herrera said that it was self-explanatory and unnecessary.

Herrera used as an example a recent report from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that found the greatest threat in domestic terrorism arises from white supremacy.

“They didn't need to define it, I think everyone knows what white supremacy is,” Herrera said.

Mayor Cathy Clark said defining the term would leave less room for confusion.

“If we define our terms it sets the framework and clarifies what we are talking about,” Clark said.

Councilor Kim Freeman, who advocated for including recognition of tribal history in the area, also embraced inclusion of some sort of defining statement.

“The more clear we can be, the stronger the statement will be. This is a new conversation for some people in government agencies,” Freeman said. “We've had to get there and it takes a lot of education in understanding the words we use. Being clearer will help us further this work.”

The document remains a draft and may still change before adoption by the council.

“Rather than wordsmithing it tonight, I would like to have the city attorney come back to us with a version that might work,” Clark said.

Salem PD needs help with 2020 toy drive

The season of giving back is slowly approaching and many toy drives need help this year more than ever because of COVID-19.

The Salem Police Department is hosting the 34th Annual Salem Police Toy Drive and is encouraging everyone to help out in any way they can. They are looking for new and unwrapped toys for kids up to 14 to be donated. Wrapping paper, tape and other materials are also appreciated.

Those interested can drop off their donation at the Salem Police Department or shop directly from an Amazon wishlist. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 21.

Rent burdens on tap for city council

Keizer was designated as a rent burdened city in 2019. On Monday, Nov. 16, the Keizer City Council will host a public hearing on how to solve the problem.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Approximately 54% of renters in Keizer are paying more than a third of their monthly income on rent, and 25% of homeowners are in the same situation when it comes to their mortgage. Nearly every family making less than \$35,000 annually in Keizer is rent burdened and it includes elderly residents facing rising costs in manufactured home communities throughout the city as well as younger residents just starting out.

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