

# COVID surges in Keizer as National Guard is called to Salem Health

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Marion County has continued to have some of the highest COVID case counts in all of Oregon — and Keizer has contributed to the number substantially.

In a two-week period ending Aug. 24, Keizer had the second-most COVID cases of all 22 Marion County zip codes. Keizer's 302 reported cases during that two-week period trailed only central Salem's 427 positive cases.

During the two-week period of July 27 to Aug. 9, Keizer had the most COVID cases of any zip code with 146.

Marion County, Oregon's fifth-most populated county, has continued to be hit hard by the virus and has the second-highest case count of all Oregon counties. The county's seven-day daily average was 201, which was the third-highest for the week ending Aug. 30.

The Oregon Health Authority announced Tuesday that it would be sending more than 100 members of the Oregon National Guard to Salem Hospital starting Friday.

"Salem Health was prioritized to be in the second wave of Oregon National Guard deployment due to their hospital capacity challenges," said Oregon Health Authority spokesman Jonathan Modie.

Soldiers and airmen will finish training Sept. 7 and begin full support on Sept. 8. According to the Oregon National Guard, in total, 160 soldiers and airmen will be supporting Salem Health.

Salem Health had 91 total COVID inpatients as of Sept. 1, 21 of those 91 were in the intensive care unit and 15 were on a ventilator. In total, 476 of the 494 licensed beds in the hospital were in use.

Of the 90 COVID inpatients at Salem Health, 78 were unvaccinated.



A nurse cares for a COVID patient in the intensive care unit at Salem Hospital on Friday, Aug. 20. (Amanda Loman/Salem Reporter)



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

1:01 p.m. - Assault in the 1000 block of Brandon Avenue NE.

6:36 p.m. - Driving under the influence of intoxicants at the intersection of Lockhaven Drive NE and Trail Avenue NE.

8:33 p.m. - Traffic accident at the intersection of Dearborn Avenue NE and Verda Lane NE.

10 p.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd NE.

11 p.m. - Bicycle theft in the 1000 block of Susan Court NE.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 23

12:28 p.m. - Vandalism in the 2000 block of Tepper Lane NE.

4:32 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 5000 block of River Road N.

9:51 p.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 5000 block of River Road N.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

12:03 p.m. - Missing person in the 100 block of Garland Way N.

2 p.m. - Unlawful entry to vehicle in the

200 block of Northridge Court N.

2:40 p.m. - Noise disturbance in the 3000 block of River Road N.

2:55 p.m. - Arrest for parole violation at the intersection of River Road N and Manbrin Drive NE.

5 p.m. - Traffic accident at the intersection of River Road N and Chemawa Road N.

10:09 p.m. - Parole violation in the 1000 block of Dearborn Avenue NE.

10:39 p.m. - Menacing use of weapons in the 5000 block of Arcade Avenue NE.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:44 p.m. - Unauthorized use of motor vehicle in the 6000 block of Ulali Drive NE.

8:20 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the 700 block of Shadowwood Loop NE.

10 p.m. - Burglary in the 200 block of Northridge Court N.

10:36 p.m. - Possession of stolen vehicle in the 3000 block of River Road N.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

3:55 a.m. - Vandalism in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd NE.

8:05 a.m. - Graffiti at the intersection of Ulali Drive NE and Chemawa Road NE.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

8:15 a.m. - Physical harassment in the 100 block of Triple Tree Circle N.

12 p.m. - Physical harassment in the 1000 block of Murphy Avenue NE.

the 4000 block of 13th Avenue NE.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

12:15 p.m. - Unlawful entry to vehicle in the 1000 block of Chemawa Road N.

4:43 p.m. - Stalking order violation in

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

3:07 a.m. - Unlawful possession to methamphetamine at the intersection of Wheatland Road and New Terrace Drive N.

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