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Carr served on the board for the Oregon Black Pioneers for close to 20 years and is now on its Emeritus Board. In her role, she developed exhibits,

displays and provided presentations for schools, colleges, historical societies and civic organizations. She has curated four exhibits on Oregon's black history at the Oregon Historical Society Museum in Portland and one displayed at the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural History and Culture. She was primary researcher, writing contributor and project manager for the organization's book, *Perseverance: A History of African Americans in Oregon's Marion and Polk Counties*, published in 2011.

LEW FREDERICK, (STATE SENATOR, OREGON DISTRICT #22)

Frederick first took office on Oct. 30, 2009 during a swearing-in ceremony as an appointed representative from House District 43. In 2016, he was elected to Senate District 22, representing most of north and northeast Portland. Professionally, he is a strategic communications consultant, focusing on strategic planning, community relations,

science/technical issues and media crisis communications. Senator Frederick is a former board member of the Oregon State Board of Education, Oregon Shakespeare Festival and Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

Born in Pullman, Wash., he has only Alaska to visit to reach all 50 states. He grew up in the South, Midwest and New England and went to college in Indiana (Earlham College). He's a PhD candidate at Portland State University and has studied at MIT, Morehouse and the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratories.

Frederick's experiences as a youth in the 1960s with his parents during the civil rights movement anchor his commitment to service and making people's lives better. His legislative focus is on justice in public safety, education, and economic security, "quality of life" issues for Senate District 22 and beyond. With an academic background in biology, theater, and political science, his

professional life has included 17 years as a television reporter at KGW-Channel 8 in Portland, 13 years as the director of public information for the Portland Public Schools, teacher, actor and ranch-hand.



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COVID cases, hospitalizations surge in Oregon and Marion County

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Oregon announced Monday, Jan. 3 that the state had recorded its highest single day COVID count with 3,534 cases reported for Dec. 30. A day later, on Tuesday, Jan. 4, Oregon reported 4,540 COVID cases — over a thousand more than the previous record.

While a surge in COVID cases following the holiday season was expected with the more contagious omicron variant, Oregon's hospitals are also seeing a steep increase in hospitalizations over the last week.

Dr. Peter Graven, director of OHSU's Office of Advanced Analytics, projected last week that January's hospitalizations from the omicron variant could hit 1,650. That would dwarf the previous peak that occurred in September, when 1,187 people were hospitalized.

Currently, there are 510 hospitalized COVID patients across the state and the Oregon Health Authority reported

Tuesday that 44 new deaths from COVID.

Additionally, there are a total of three adult ICU hospital beds available in all of Oregon's Region Two, which includes Benton, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties.

Salem Hospital has already begun seeing a steady increase in COVID hospitalizations. A month ago, on Dec. 2, there were 38 COVID inpatients at the hospital and 482 of the hospital's 494 beds were in use.

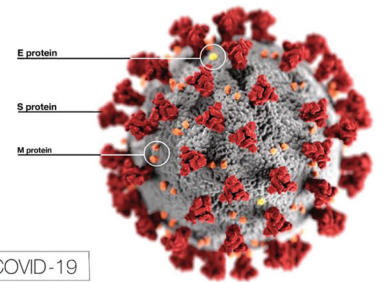
On Jan. 4, there 58 COVID inpatients at the hospital and a total of 539 licensed beds being used — 45 more than capacity.

The Oregon Health Authority and health experts across the state continue to push the booster shot as being the best way to protect Oregonians from COVID. Gov. Kate Brown made a goal on Dec. 17 of boosting a million more people by the end of January. Since Dec. 17, 216,977 more people have gotten the booster shot.

Marion County Health & Human

Services reported on Dec. 12 that 66% of Keizer's residents had been vaccinated.

Marion County Public Health has opened a vaccination site at 3455 Aumsville Hwy SE in Salem that operates Monday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The vaccination site is an outdoor drive-through and no appointment is needed.



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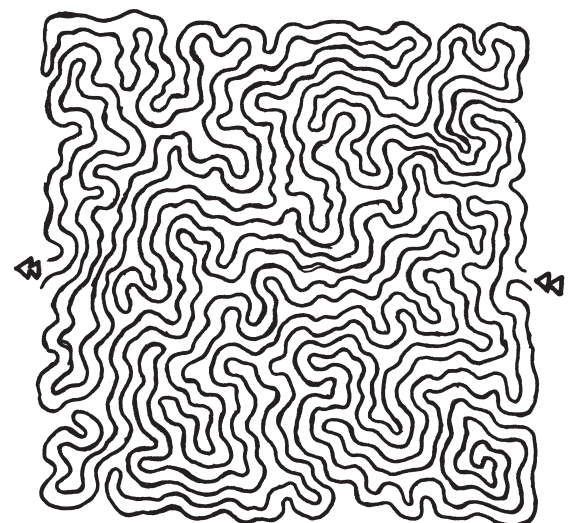
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