



Vice President Mike Pence receives a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine shot at the White House on Friday.

Pence gets coronavirus vaccine

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WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence became the highest ranking U.S. official to receive the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on Friday in a live-television event aimed at reassuring Americans the shot is safe. He celebrated the milestone as “a medical miracle” that could eventually contain the raging pandemic.

Conspicuously missing from the victory lap: President Donald Trump, who has remained largely out of sight five days into the largest vaccination campaign in the nation’s history.

Pence, meanwhile, has taken an increasingly visible role in highlighting the safety and efficacy of the shots, including touring a vaccine production facility this week. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell both said Thursday that they will get vaccinated in the next few days. President-elect Joe Biden expects to receive his shot as soon as next week.

“I didn’t feel a thing. Well done,” Pence told the technicians from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center who administered his Pfizer-BioNTech shot early Friday morning. Pence didn’t flinch during the quick prick, nor did his wife, Karen, or Surgeon General Jerome Adams, who also received shots during the tele-

vised White House event in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

“Hope is on the way,” Pence later said. “The American people can be confident: We have one and perhaps within hours two safe vaccines,” he added, referring to the FDA’s expected authorization of a second vaccine by Moderna.

He did not respond to shouted questions about why the president wasn’t headlining a similar event.

Adams, who is Black, emphasized the “the importance of representation” in outreach to at-risk communities and encouraged Americans to avoid disinformation around the vaccines.

Five days into the largest vaccination campaign in the nation’s history, Trump has been largely absent from the effort to sell the American public on what aides hope will be a key part of his legacy. He has held no public events to trumpet the rollout. He hasn’t been inoculated himself. And he has tweeted fewer than a handful of times about the shot.

Trump’s relative silence comes as he continues to stew about his defeat in the Nov. 3 election and embraces increasingly extreme efforts to overturn the people’s will. He’s pushed aside the plans of aides who wanted him to be the public face of the vaccination campaign, eschewing visits to labs and production facilities to thank workers, or hosting efforts to build public confidence in the shot, according to people familiar with the conversations.

‘HOPE IS ON THE WAY.’

Vice President Mike Pence

OBITUARIES

Kenneth G. (Jerry) Meisner

Metolius

July 31, 1937 — Dec. 12, 2020



Kenneth G. Meisner, better known as “Jerry,” was a modern day Huckleberry Finn. Every minute of his youth he trapped and hunted. As a young boy, he was eager to get up early ... not for school, however, but to go hunt game. If successful, he would leave his “trophy” in the kitchen sink for his mother to cook for dinner.

No, school was not for him, but with resistance, he did attend, and graduated in 1955 from Seaside High School.

Lying about his age, he enlisted in the U.S. National Guard, where he served until he joined the Air Force, training as a weapons mechanic. While serving in Kansas, he met and married his wife, Marty.

After his discharge from the Air Force, they moved to Seaside, making the coast their home for many years. Adopting a son in 1966, Mike Meisner was the highlight of Jerry and Marty’s life.

Jerry worked for Crown Zellerbach as a log scaler for about 20 years until the plant closed. After that, he worked as a custodian at Seaside High School, where he was well liked by both staff and students.

Jerry was very active. He was a volunteer firefighter for Gearhart, an avid bowler and loved looking for rocks. He also enjoyed going to casinos.

In 2006, after 47 years of marriage, Marty died of complications from diabetes.

Best known to his hunting buddies as “Bones” (due to his very slim build), Jerry was

an avid hunter. For 52 years, Jerry and his group of hunting buddies met at the same hunting ground, located in the Umatilla National Forest, just a few miles out of Spray. He also hunted wild turkeys in that same area. Brownlee Reservoir in Richland was the place for large channel catfish.

He met and married Marta Crisostomo, a certified court interpreter, who equally enjoyed the outdoors. They went on many catfishing, turkey and deer hunting adventures. They traveled several times to Chili to visit her family and explore the area, and also enjoyed a family cruise. Only married a few short years, she died in 2012.

In 2013, Jerry met Patricia “Pat” Weiland, who had also recently lost her husband to terminal illness. They were married in Las Vegas in 2014. Jerry and Pat made their home in Metolius. From their front window, Jerry delighted in the view of the Three Sisters mountains and many beautiful sunsets.

On Dec. 12, 2020, Jerry died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Meisner; his beloved son, Mike Meisner, of Seaside; his sister, MaryAnn Emerson, of Columbia City; his niece, JeriAnn Douglas, and nephew, Rick Simpson; and great-nieces, Kaity and Kassie, and great-nephew, Andrew. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Jamasa Sattler, of Madras, and step-granddaughters, Maria and Amelia.

All who knew him will remember him for his kindness, humor and his love for the outdoors.



Kenneth Meisner

Kyle Edward Cox

Arlington, Washington

April 25, 1975 — Dec. 3, 2020



Kyle Edward Cox left us suddenly on Dec. 3, 2020, to go to his heavenly reward. He was greeted by two sets of loving grandparents.

Kyle grew up in the Seaside area and graduated from Seaside High School in 1994. He had the Cullaby Lake route for The Daily Astorian when he was a teen.

He spent 17 years serving in the U.S. Navy, seeing much of the world. His service included a tour of landlocked Iraq, where he was embedded within an Army unit in 2008-2009.

Following his discharge from the Navy in 2011, he returned to the Seaside area and went to work at Wauna Mill for three years. Then he drove a long haul trucking route at Schneider Trucking for three years.

The last three years he resided in the Ever-

ett, Washington, area, studying and working as a welder.

He liked to brag that between the Navy and truck driving, he had been to all 50 states and most of the territories.

Kyle was a loving son, brother, father and uncle.

He leaves behind his mother, Linda Cox; his daughter, Rebekah (Cox) Stroup, and son-in-law, Anthony Stroup; his sons, Matthew, Samuel and Nathaniel; bonus daughter, Cheyanne; ex-wife, Shelley Cox; brother, Tony Cox, and his wife, Christa; nephews, Thaddeus and Kason Cox; nieces, Alexandria Cox and Katelynn Davis; father, Edward Cox; and wife, Roseanne Cox; as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life will be planned for April 2021.



Kyle Cox

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
51 49	50 42	49 39	47 35	48 35	47 39	50 39
Afternoon rain; breezy	Rain	Rain	Partly sunny	Showers possible	Periods of sun	Showers possible

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	49/48	42/35/r	North Bend	55/49/c	55/47/r
Wenatchee	39/35	42/35/r	Roseburg	55/48/c	55/44/r
Tacoma	50/47	53/43/c	Seaside	51/49/r	50/43/r
Moses Lake	45/41	51/49/r	Springfield	56/49/c	55/45/r
Yakima	48/40	54/44/r	Vancouver	52/50/r	52/42/r
Pullman	47/41	53/47			
Astoria	51/49	54/48			
Portland	51/50	54/49			
Salem	52/50	54/49			
Corvallis	52/49	54/49			
Eugene	55/50	54/49			
Bend	50/41	54/49			
John Day	43/36	54/49			
Burns	42/28	54/49			
Ontario	41/32	54/49			
Caldwell	41/31	54/49			
Medford	49/39	54/49			
Klamath Falls	40/25	54/49			

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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low	51/46
Normal high/low	48/36
Record high	60 in 1979
Record low	13 in 1924

Precipitation

Thursday	0.07"
Month to date	3.44"
Normal month to date	5.56"
Year to date	59.79"
Normal year to date	63.18"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The “Dog Star,” Sirius, rises in the SE in mid-evening.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:32 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:55 a.m.
Moonset today	10:14 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Dec 21	Dec 29	Jan 6	Jan 12

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:01 a.m.	7.7	10:38 a.m.	3.4	
4:07 p.m.	7.8	11:09 p.m.	0.8	

Cape Disappointment

4:40 a.m.	7.6	9:50 a.m.	3.4
3:43 p.m.	7.8	10:22 p.m.	0.4

Hammond

4:50 a.m.	7.8	10:11 a.m.	3.6
3:58 p.m.	8.1	10:40 p.m.	0.3

Warrenton

4:56 a.m.	8.1	10:22 a.m.	3.5
4:02 p.m.	8.2	10:53 p.m.	0.6

Knappa

5:38 a.m.	7.9	11:39 a.m.	2.9
4:44 p.m.	8.1	none	

Depoe Bay

3:56 a.m.	7.7	9:20 a.m.	3.9
2:57 p.m.	8.1	9:53 p.m.	0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	53/40/pc	53/43/c
Boston	32/23/s	38/30/c
Chicago	41/32/sn	40/31/pc
Dallas	55/34/pc	59/39/pc
Denver	44/25/c	50/36/s
Honolulu	82/73/pc	84/71/pc
Houston	69/46/r	64/39/s
Los Angeles	70/47/s	74/50/s
Miami	75/67/c	79/69/pc
New York City	32/27/pc	38/34/c
Phoenix	66/41/s	69/45/s
San Francisco	58/43/s	57/43/pc
Wash., DC	41/34/pc	46/35/c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.