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An elk calf drinks milk from its mother in Warrenton.

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## A collaborative approach to elk on the North Coast

Culling — always a controversial proposal — remains on the table

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State Sen. Betsy Johnson and more than a dozen other stakeholders, including timberland managers, mayors, hunters and conservationists, signed off Wednesday on the first unified approach to dealing with urban elk on the North Coast.

Elk herds in the Clatsop Plains, an increasingly developed area that stretches from Warrenton to Gearhart and includes part of Seaside, have grown over the years, leading to concerns about safety and conservation. Community debates about the best way to address elk-related issues have often been divisive.

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Elk stroll across U.S. Highway 101 near Cannon Beach.

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## Military helps out hospitals

National Guard arrives in Astoria and Seaside

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The Oregon National Guard arrived Friday to provide assistance to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria and Providence Seaside Hospital, which have seen more coronavirus patients during the surge of the delta variant.

While the number of local virus patients is not as high as other hospitals in Oregon — five at Columbia Memorial, three at Providence Seaside as of Thursday — the increase in virus cases and hospitalizations over the past several weeks has caused stress to the region's health care network.

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## County records several new virus deaths

Death toll reaches 21 as virus case count climbs

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The Oregon Health Authority reported several new coronavirus deaths for Clatsop County as virus cases continue to surge.

The health authority disclosed eight new virus deaths on Friday in addition to two virus deaths previously reported by the county. Since the pandemic began,

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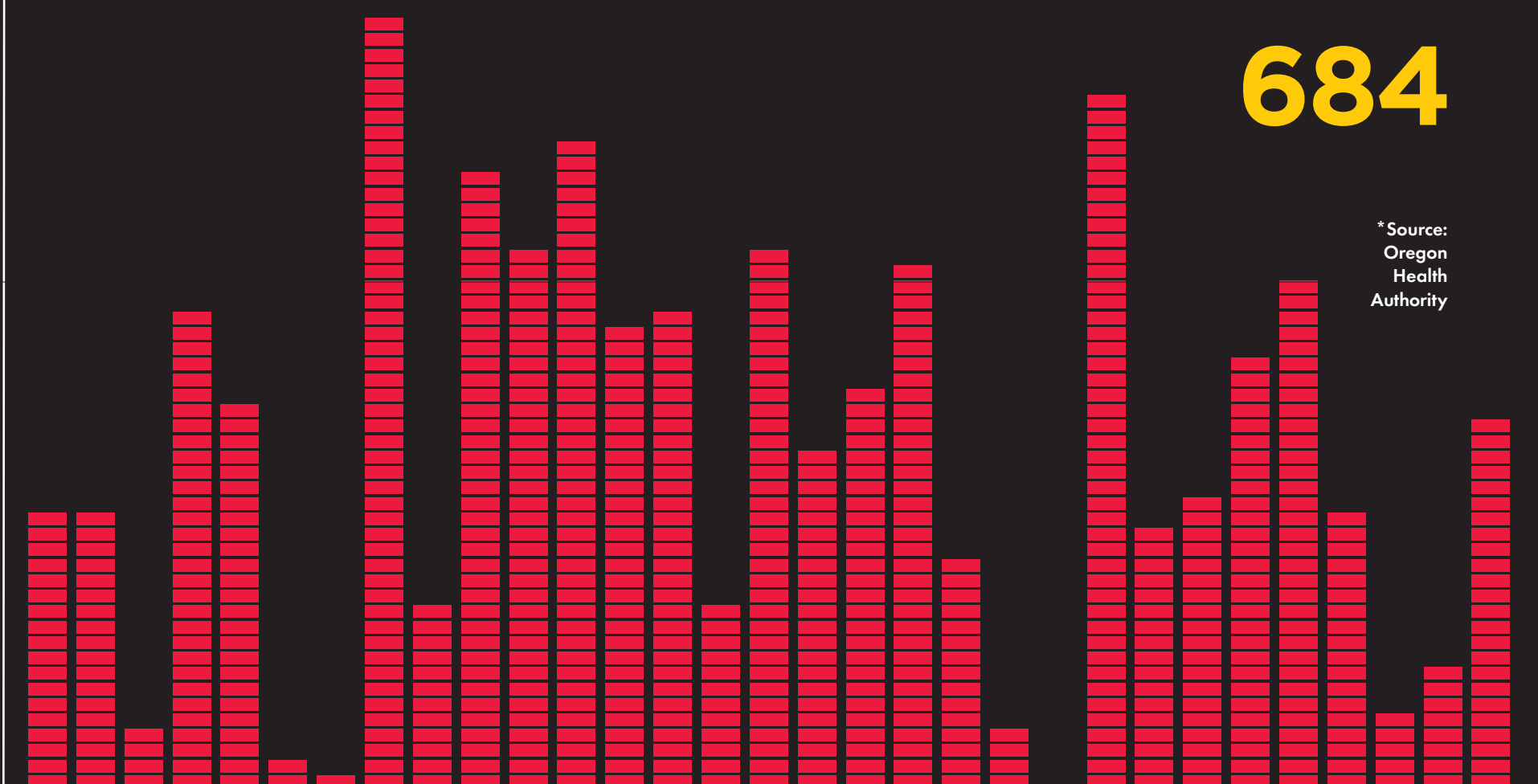
## A Coronavirus Snapshot

Clatsop County recorded 684 COVID-19 cases in August, the most of any month during the pandemic so far. The new virus cases were driven by the spread of the delta variant and mostly involved people who were unvaccinated.

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\* Source:  
Oregon  
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