

## IN BRIEF

## Warrenton man arrested on several charges after break-in

A Warrenton man was arrested on Sunday for burglary in the first degree, kidnapping in the first degree, attempted rape in the first degree and violation of a restraining order.

On the morning of Sept. 9, Steven Michael Wolf, 44, allegedly broke into a home in Warrenton, waking one of the occupants.

Wolf claimed people were chasing him and he “needed a place to hide,” police said.

When the woman moved to open a door, Wolf stopped her, closed the door, then allegedly pushed her against it in what she believes was an attempt to sexually assault her, police said. She fought back and yelled for her husband, who came out and began loading a shotgun. Wolf then left the property, according to police.

When later presented with a photo lineup, the woman identified Wolf, who was arrested.

## New Youngs Bay Bridge to close for maintenance

The New Youngs Bay Bridge will be closed Thursday night for maintenance.

From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., drivers will be unable to pass the bridge that connects Astoria and Warrenton.

Drivers can take U.S. Highway 101 Business, which passes over the Old Youngs Bay and Lewis and Clark River bridges.

The bridge was also closed Wednesday night for maintenance.

— The Astorian

## Nine days of clamming start Friday in Washington state

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the first nine razor clam digs of the 2021-22 season, with early-morning digs kicking off beginning Friday.

State shellfish managers approved the digs after results of marine toxin tests showed clams at all open beaches were safe for human consumption.

The Washington Department of Health finalized the results early Monday.

“Getting the all-clear from DOH was great news, and we’re excited for everyone to get back out to the beaches,” said Dan Ayres, coastal shellfish manager with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. “We’ll keep monitoring domoic acid levels in cooperation with DOH, but so far we’re optimistic that it will be a great digging season.”

## Long Beach eyes modest changes following fireworks survey

LONG BEACH, Wash. — With the results from a city-sanctioned survey in hand, Long Beach officials are inching closer to implementing new — but not stiff — fireworks restrictions.

At a Sept. 7 workshop, a majority of city councilors signaled their support for city staff to move ahead with drafting preliminary language to update the city’s fireworks ordinance.

The changes recommended by Mayor Jerry Phillips and key city officials, and favored by the City Council, would cut the number of days fireworks can be sold in city limits from eight to five, and cut the number of days fireworks can be discharged within the city from eight to either four or five.

— Chinook Observer

## Oregon’s coronavirus patient hospitalizations peaked Sept. 1

The number of Oregonians hospitalized with COVID-19 peaked on Sept. 1. But experts say the situation is still dire, and hospitalization rates are likely to remain high for months.

“The good news is that we did peak,” said Peter Graven, with Oregon Health & Science University. “The bad news is, the model is showing that it could take until the end of October or even November until we really get down to the levels that we had prior to the surge.”

— Oregon Public Broadcasting

## CORRECTION

**Incorrect figure** — Oregon’s population grew to 4.2 million over the past decade. An A1 story on Tuesday incorrectly reported the population was 42 million because of a missing decimal point.

## ON THE RECORD

### Assault

• George Patrick Griffith, 47, of Astoria, was arrested Monday at the Garden of Surging Waves in Astoria for assault in the fourth degree, criminal mischief in the third degree and offensive littering.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### MONDAY

**Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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# ROD RUN

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Thousands of people converged on the Long Beach Peninsula over the weekend for the return of Rod Run to the End of the World.



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Twenty-one percent of Oregonians don't plan to get vaccinated against COVID-19, survey shows.

# Survey shows 1 in 5 Oregonians don't plan to get vaccinated against virus

By ALEXANDRA SKORES  
*The Oregonian*

A new survey found that 1 in 5 Oregon adults say they are not planning to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

This population tends to be under the age of 55, socially and ideologically conservative, with no college degree and living in rural or rural-to-suburban parts of the state.

The survey by the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center underscores how politics has become one of the leading indicators of vaccination rates in a highly polarized environment. Just 1 in 25 registered Democrats reported that the vaccine was “not for me,” according to the survey of 1,154 Oregon adults, versus more than 1 in 3 Republicans and more than 1 in 4 independent or other voters.

The Oregon Values and Beliefs Center, an independent, nonprofit research firm, conducted the polling Aug. 9 to Aug. 17, before full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and Gov. Kate Brown’s vaccine mandate for health care workers and teachers and other school staff.

The survey found that the most trusted source of information no matter political affiliation was scientists and doctors. The margin of error for the survey was 1.7 to 2.9 percentage points.

“We hope that it will help inform Oregonians about how other people that live in

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their state feel, but that most of them are not so different from you and have a lot of the same thoughts, feelings and concerns that you do,” Amaury Vogel, associate executive director of the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center, said of the survey.

Few Oregonians expressed initial hesitancy with wanting to get the vaccine, with 62% of respondents saying they got vaccinated as soon they could. An additional 17% said they were initially skeptical but have or will soon get vaccinated, while 21% said vaccination was not for them.

Oregon respondents younger than 45 are the most likely to report wanting to get vaccinated, alongside people of color, social moderates and people with a high school degree or less.

A majority of Oregon adults support employers being able to require vaccinations among employees. Fully 70% of respondents said they think medical facilities, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities,

should be allowed to require employee vaccinations. For all employers, the rate of support for allowing required employee vaccinations was slightly lower, at 66%.

COVID-19 vaccinations are not yet available for children 11 and younger, but 56% of surveyed parents with kids in that age group said they would have their child inoculated if a federally approved vaccine was available today. One third of respondents said they would not. Parents with college degrees were far more likely to say they would vaccinate their children.

The survey also looked at where Oregonians get vital information about things such as COVID-19. The No. 1 trusted source? The front-line workers relaying the information.

Some 80% of respondents said they trusted scientists and doctors, far higher

than the 60% rate for science agencies.

Below scientists and agencies, media organizations came into play for varying demographics of respondents. Roughly half of college-educated respondents trusted National Public Radio or similar programming, while roughly half of people with high school educations or less trusted family and friends.

Meanwhile, respondents were asked to categorize COVID-19 as a fact, belief, concept or fiction. Fully 6% of respondents said it was fiction, with nearly all of those people lacking a college degree.

The survey found 5 out of 6 Oregonians have experienced negative physical or emotional impacts of COVID-19. Fully 40% said those impacts were slight, 27% said they were significant and 17% said they were dramatic.

Compared to problems of the day — such as climate change, racial discrimination and forest fires — respondents expressed optimism that humans will solve communicable diseases such as COVID-19. Just over half said there’s a good chance or certainty it can be solved, roughly equal to the other most optimistic view, on voting rights and secure elections.

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