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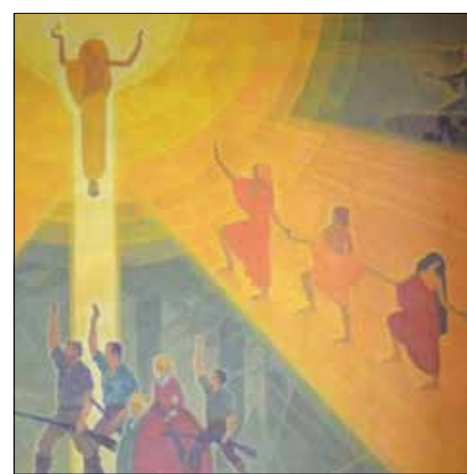
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A health care worker tests for COVID-19 at an outdoor site in east Portland.

## COVID-19 Danger Rises to Extreme

### Any activity outside home now deemed a risk

Multnomah County is complying with Gov. Kate Brown's latest orders on preventing the spread of the coronavirus.

The Portland area moved into the governor's new extreme risk category last Thursday. It means even more restrictions to stop the disease from multiplying, aligning it with the risks for the rest of the Portland Metro area and a large number of other counties in Oregon.

While the new measures are part of a risk-reduction framework, any activity outside your home carries risk of spread of COVID-19, officials said. And while news of several vaccine trials signals hope, it will take well into 2021 or beyond until the risk is reduced enough to return to pre-COVID-19 behaviors, according to public health experts.

"We are still facing potential spread that can overwhelm our health care in the next few weeks," said Dr. Jennifer Vines of the Multnomah County Health Department,

"We can all do our part by limiting how much we mix with people outside our households, regardless of formal restrictions."

Health authorities say everyone should avoid the "three Cs": Crowded spaces where you are around many people; close contact settings where people take off their masks and have close conversations; and confined space, which means any enclosed area with poor ventilation.

Instead, people are urged to protect one another by wearing a mask indoors and out whenever they are with anyone outside their household; wash hands frequently; maintain six feet distance and open windows and doors often to improve air flow.

Multnomah County has a unique role in the state as it is home to most of the state's hospital beds, and the only specialized trauma and burn centers in the state. What happens in the rest of the state impacts our local community as people come from across the state to seek this specialized care, officials said.

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PHOTO COURTESY MICRO ENTERPRISE SERVICES OF OREGON (MESO)

Collaborating artists Latoya Lovely and her son "J" celebrate the near completion of a new mural celebrating diversity on the side of the Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon building (MESO) at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Shaver Street.

## Black Innovators Celebrated

### New mural pays tribute to diverse business community

Portland's Black community and support for artists of color are celebrated with the creation of a new public mural to replace another

mural that celebrated diversity on the side of the Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon building (MESO), a nonprofit provider of

small loans and business help born out of the Black United Fund.

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