

# County exhausts vaccine supply during clinics

Nearly 300 people vaccinated each day of the two-day clinic

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**PENDLETON** — Roughly 600 people streamed through the parking lot of the Pendleton Convention Center for a pair of COVID-19 vaccination clinics late last week, according to the Umatilla County Public Health Department.

The vaccination clinics, which ran Thursday, Jan. 7, and Friday, Jan. 8, vaccinated 594 people total, 279 the first day and 315 the second day, according to Umatilla County Public Health Director

Joe Fiumara.

“Going into the event we were unsure what the community turnout would be,” said Alisha Southwick, the deputy director of the Umatilla County Public Health Department. “We were pleasantly surprised to be busy each day and utilized every dose we had available.”

The clinics served as the county’s first attempt at distributing the COVID-19 vaccine and was limited to workers in the 1a category, including hospital workers and first responders.

Fiumara said the vaccination clinics exhausted the county’s supply of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and the department is expecting an additional 100 doses later this week.

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**A nurse gives a shot through a driver's window during a rainy drive-thru vaccination clinic on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at the Pendleton Convention Center. The clinic, conducted by Umatilla County Public Health to vaccinate health care providers and other essential workers, brought a strong turnout.**

sioner George Murdock, who also raised concern over the lack of additional vaccines, added the county will be unable to schedule further vaccination clinics until they receive additional doses.

“Public Health demonstrated (Jan. 7-8) they can give out 300 a day,” Murdock said. “They’ve done a wonderful job getting it all set up.”

While Murdock praised county health officials for a successful vaccination clinic, he expressed dismay at the speed at which the state is distributing vaccines to the county.

“It’s very frustrating,” he said. “We’re completely dependent on what they send us. They don’t send them — we don’t have them.”

In addition to the county exhausting its vaccine supply,

Murdock said St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton had run out of doses and Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston was down to only 300 doses, a number he expected to dwindle quickly as the hospital offers additional clinics.

Fiumara confirmed Good Shepherd is planning additional vaccine distribution this week to make use of their remaining 300 doses.

Murdock added St. Anthony Hospital is expecting only one additional shipment, enough to provide the booster vaccine to those the hospital has already vaccinated, and will not receive additional shipments beyond that.

“We’ve done everything we can to get ready,” he said. “We’re all dressed up with nowhere to go.”



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**The 3D Idapro Solutions plant in Stanfield, pictured here in 2019 shortly before it closed, is the subject of a class action lawsuit that the company has agreed to settle.**

## 3D Idapro Solutions lawsuit deadline is approaching fast

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
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**STANFIELD** — Settlement of a class action lawsuit on behalf of Stanfield residents against 3D Idapro Solutions is winding down.

Those who qualify for payment under the settlement have until Feb. 4 to submit a claim, according to documentation on the website of Liddle & Dubin P.C., a Detroit-based law firm handling the lawsuit.

3D Idapro Solutions operated a dehydration plant in Stanfield for several years before closing the plant in 2019. In 2017, a fire burned equipment at the plant that helped reduce the odors coming from rotting potato scraps there. The company replaced the fire-damaged scrubber and made other changes designed to reduce odor, but area residents continued to complain in city council meetings and elsewhere that strong odors from the plant were reducing their quality of life. Some told the city council at the time

that the odors had triggered physical responses, such as vomiting.

Liddle & Dubin P.C. did not return a request for comment, but court documents show a lawsuit was filed against 3D Idapro Solutions in February 2019, alleging the company’s actions had caused a decrease in the plaintiffs’ property values due to the odor. According to the firm’s website, the company has “vigorously denied and continues to deny all claims of wrongdoing and liability” but agreed to a settlement of \$500,000 to avoid further legal expenses.

According to Liddle & Dubin P.C., the \$500,000 settlement will be split between parties to the lawsuit after legal fees and attorney expenses are deducted. The settlement class includes people who live or own residential property within a 4-mile radius of the plant at 405 Hoosier Road, Stanfield, any time after Feb. 26, 2013, and those who submitted a residential data sheet to the firm before April 15, 2020.

The law firm’s website states that qualifying individuals who wish to receive part of the settlement must submit a claim for compensation by Feb. 4. Those who wish to object to the terms of the settlement or exclude themselves from the settlement have until Jan. 20 to do so. Those who are part of the settlement class but do nothing before those deadlines will not receive part of the settlement, but will also release their claims on the defendant, meaning they could not file their own lawsuit for the same thing.

The *East Oregonian* could not locate a website or contact information for 3D Idapro Solutions, but reached out to 3D Corporate Solutions, which lists the same address for its headquarters as previously listed by 3D Idapro Solutions, and did not receive a response.

For more information, visit [www.lldclassaction.com/class-action/3d-idapro-solutions-llc-settlement-2](http://www.lldclassaction.com/class-action/3d-idapro-solutions-llc-settlement-2), email [info@ldclassaction.com](mailto:info@ldclassaction.com) or call 1-800-536-0045.

### Ballot drop box in Hermiston relocated

**HERMISTON** — The ballot drop box outside of Hermiston City Hall is being relocated to the Stafford Hansell Government Center at 915 S.E. Columbia Drive in Hermiston.

The drop box allows voters to deposit their ballot to be taken straight to the Umatilla County Elections Office instead of mailing their ballot through the postal system. A sign will be placed at the drop box’s former location at the drive-thru outside city hall to let voters looking for it know it has been moved to the county’s building instead.

### Shooting suspect found deceased in jail

**PENDLETON** — A man police considered a “person of interest” in a December 2020 shooting that left one woman dead was found deceased in the Umatilla County Jail, according to the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office.

David Lee Bowles, 43, was found dead in his cell on Saturday, Jan. 9. Bowles was in the jail on charges of first-degree manslaughter and felon in possession of a weapon. Oregon State Police previously reported he had turned himself in to the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office on Thursday, Jan. 7, after the office named him as a “person of interest” in the shooting death of his wife, Marlen Bowles, in Heppner on Dec. 15.



Bowles

According to a news release from the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office, in the early morning hours of Jan. 9, jail staff were making their morning rounds when they discovered Bowles deceased in his bed.

“At this time, there is no apparent evidence of foul play,” the release stated.

It said the sheriff’s office is conducting an investigation into the cause of death.

Bowles had been wanted in connection to a homicide investigation that occurred

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**A ballot is dropped into a drop box in Hermiston on Nov. 3, 2020.**

on Dec. 15, 2020. Bowles is the husband of the victim, Marlen Bowles, who was shot in Heppner, and then Life Flighted to Oregon Health & Science University in Portland in critical condition, where she later died with her family at her bedside.

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson said while the criminal case will not go forward now that the defendant has died, law enforcement will continue to talk to people and attempt to learn more about what happened on Dec. 15. He said Bowles did not make any statements to law enforcement when he was taken into custody, but may have been willing to later after speaking with an attorney, so it was regrettable that information that may have been able to provide some closure is now lost. He also said he feels for Bowles’ family, particularly David and Marlen’s children, as they deal with an additional loss that leaves more questions behind.

### County reports 182 new cases over weekend

**UMATILLA COUNTY** — Umatilla County Public Health reported 182 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, Jan. 11.

The case count includes totals for the weekend and Jan. 11. That brings the county up to 6,367 total cases reported to the health department since the pandemic began early last year.

Morrow County reported 26 new cases, for a total of 892 since the pandemic began.

Oregon Health Authority reported on Jan. 11 that so far 97,010 vaccine doses have been administered statewide.

### Boardman councilors and mayor sworn in

**BOARDMAN** — The city of Boardman swore in new members of its city council on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Mayor Paul E. Keefer, Councilor Brenda Proffitt, Councilor Katy Norton and Councilor Paul Beagle will serve four-year terms. Councilor Isaac Williams was appointed into a vacated position, and his term will expire Dec. 31, 2022.

The city council elected Councilor Roy Drago Jr. as council president for 2021, according to a news release from the city. They also voted to reappoint Ted Lieurance and Lisa Mittelsdorf to the budget committee, and Zack Barresse and Ragna TenEyck to the planning commission.

The news release stated that during its first meeting of the year, the council held a public hearing to receive public comment concerning a request for a zone change and map amendment for Tax Lot #1600 of Morrow County Tax Map 4N 25 9CC, but the city council ended up voting against it.

The council also listened to a proposal by Kimberly Lindsey of Community Counseling Solutions to open and operate a combined behavioral rehabilitation services and psychiatric residential treatment facility focused on the care of younger children between the ages of 6 to 11 with a capacity of up to 14 children in the Boardman area.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be a workshop on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 8 a.m. at Boardman City Hall.

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