

Deaths:

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Hospitals statewide have been flooded with patients as the delta variant infects large swaths of unvaccinated people, with 1,080 reported Aug. 25.

At least 70 people have been hospitalized with COVID-19 in Umatilla County since August began, according to hospital spokespersons. Only

three intensive care unit beds on Aug. 25, were available in Region 9, an area that encompasses Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur counties.

Here is a breakdown of the last four Umatilla County residents who succumbed to COVID-19:

- The county's 109th victim is a 52-year-old woman who tested positive July 28 and died Aug. 7 at CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton. The county and

state have yet to determine if she had underlying health conditions.

- The county's 110th victim is a 69-year-old woman who tested positive Aug. 3 and died Aug. 15 at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center. She had unspecified underlying health conditions.

- The county's 111th victim is a 66-year-old man who tested positive Aug. 2 and died Aug. 22 at Providence Portland Medical Center, Portland. He did

not have underlying health conditions.

- The county's 112th victim is a 63-year-old man who tested positive Aug. 15 and died Aug. 23 at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston. The county and state have yet to determine if he had underlying health conditions.

More than 11,200 people have tested positive for COVID-19 in Umatilla County since the pandemic started, according to the county.

Masks:

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While a location hasn't been determined, Fiumara said the county will hold some sort of vaccination clinic during the Round-Up week. The department offered vaccinations at the Umatilla County Fair, a modest success that led to 37 vaccinations at the fair itself and another 34 at the parade.

The Round-Up is less than three weeks away, but Umatilla County will undergo its first test with the mandate when the Greater Hermiston CityFest descends on Butte Park on Aug. 28, the day after the new rules go into effect.

Organized by the Portland-based Luis Palau Association in conjunction with more than 60 churches in Umatilla and Morrow counties, CityFest is a faith-based event offering Christian music, extreme sports demonstrations and other family activities. Levi Park, the director of festivals for the association, said his organization was prepared for an expanded mask mandate as a possibility.

All attendees will be provided with a mask at the entrance if they don't bring their own, and the event emcee will remind the crowd to wear it throughout the event. CityFest also will place social distancing markers throughout the park in addition to sanitation stations. CityFest organizers are invested in keeping their audience members healthy, Park said, because the event is supposed to represent hope, especially in the face of the pandemic.

Eastern Oregon spared from delta variant

Brown has reintroduced and expanded the mask mandate as Oregon's hospital system strains under dramatic increase in COVID-19 patients in need of ICU care. Although Eastern Oregon is faring better than other regions of the state in terms of available hospital beds, Pendleton's CHI St. Anthony

Hospital still is advising community members to mask up and get vaccinated.

"For your health and that of your family and friends, St. Anthony encourages everyone to abide by the Governor's mask requirements," St. Anthony CEO Harry Geller said in a statement. "However, the best way we have to fend off the Delta variant and the next one likely to come after that is the vaccine. We urge everyone to get vaccinated now."

The new mask requirement also comes as the state announced new vaccine mandates for health care workers and teachers on Aug. 19.

The move already is drawing opposition from unvaccinated health care workers who don't want the job, despite the vast number of experts saying the vaccines are safe and effective against all forms of COVID-19 and are the country's best bet for ending the pandemic. The Food and Drug Administration on Aug. 23 granted full approval to the Pfizer vaccine.

The requirement has prompted local health care workers to organize an anti-vaccine rally at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton the evening of Aug. 26. On Facebook, rally organizers call the latest vaccine mandates "tyrannical." So far, more than 260 people have responded to the event via Facebook.

Only 55% of all licensed health care workers in Umatilla County are vaccinated against COVID-19, compared to the 70% statewide average, according to the Oregon Health Authority. The county's total ranks ninth from last in Oregon.

More than 70 people have been hospitalized with COVID-19 in Umatilla County since the beginning of the month as the delta variant ravages Oregon and hospitals statewide are flooded with patients.

And with 14 deaths reported since the beginning of the month, and four reported Aug. 25 alone, the county is quickly approaching its all-time record for reported COVID-19 deaths in a single month.

Dairy:

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Easterday is the son of Cody Easterday, who pleaded guilty to felony wire fraud earlier this year in a "ghost cattle" scheme where he defrauded Tyson Foods by selling more than 200,000 animals that did not exist. He agreed to pay \$220 million in restitution and faces up to 20 years in prison. His sentencing in federal court is scheduled in October.

In 2019, the Easterdays acquired the property from Greg te Velde, the former owner of Lost Valley Farms. That dairy closed less than a year after it opened due to repeated environmental violations, forcing te Velde into bankruptcy.

Cody Easterday's sons now own the family's dairy business, Easterday Dairy LLC. In addition to his legal troubles, the family's Easterday Farms and Easterday Ranches have filed for bankruptcy.

"Oregon officials have long asserted that the hundreds of permit violations at Lost Valley Farms were simply because Lost Valley's owner was one bad actor," Aime said. "But the Easterday debacle has shown that that is blatantly false."

Cole Easterday declined to comment for this story.

Environmentalists decry dairy prospects

The environmental groups claim the dairy would use up already scarce groundwater, pose a threat to the region's air, water and wildlife and worsen the effects of climate change.

Brian Posewitz, a staff attorney with Water Watch Oregon and Humane Voters Oregon, said the state should deny the dairy's application to protect the region's water supply and animal welfare.

He said the proposed dairy would use millions of gallons of water from the Columbia River and from groundwater aquifers, which would threaten fish populations and intensify drought conditions. He said the dairy's water use would potentially exceed that of the city of Bend.

The large amount of cow manure generated by the dairy also threatens to contaminate the water supply in nearby communities, he and other coalition members claimed.

The state agriculture department has issued a water quality advisory for the property after tests showed soil nitrate levels could potentially contaminate groundwater. Cody Easterday has agreed to clean up the property under state supervision.

Lastly, Posewitz said the animals would be living in crowded, inhumane conditions.

"The cows get crammed into overcrowded barns, rarely if ever get to graze in a pasture, have their calves taken from them right after birth, and get sent to slaughter as soon as they become unproductive for milk," he said.

The dairy plans to have 28,300 animals total. Environmentalists say those animals would produce large amounts of methane, one of the key components that hastens climate change.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a body of scientists convened by the United Nations, said in its annual report that methane has made a huge contribution to global warming. The short-lived gas, the study suggests, accounts for approximately 30-50% of the current rise in temperature.

"Livestock production has become the leading source of methane gas in Oregon," Amy van Saun, a senior attorney with the Center for Food Safety, said in the press conference.

This summer's wildfires, deadly heatwaves and drought are examples of



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how climate change is already impacting the state, van Saun said. She said the methane emitted from the dairy's cows and manure lagoons would increase these risks while the dairy's technology won't be able to capture the emissions.

"Oregon deserves real, transformative climate solutions that benefit the communities that are hardest hit by the climate crisis," van Saun said. "If we want to lead in climate crisis mitigation, we need to reduce this unnecessary source of methane first. Mega-dairies have no place in a clean Oregon and so we must say no to any further sources of water, air and climate pollution, like the Easterday mega-dairy."

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