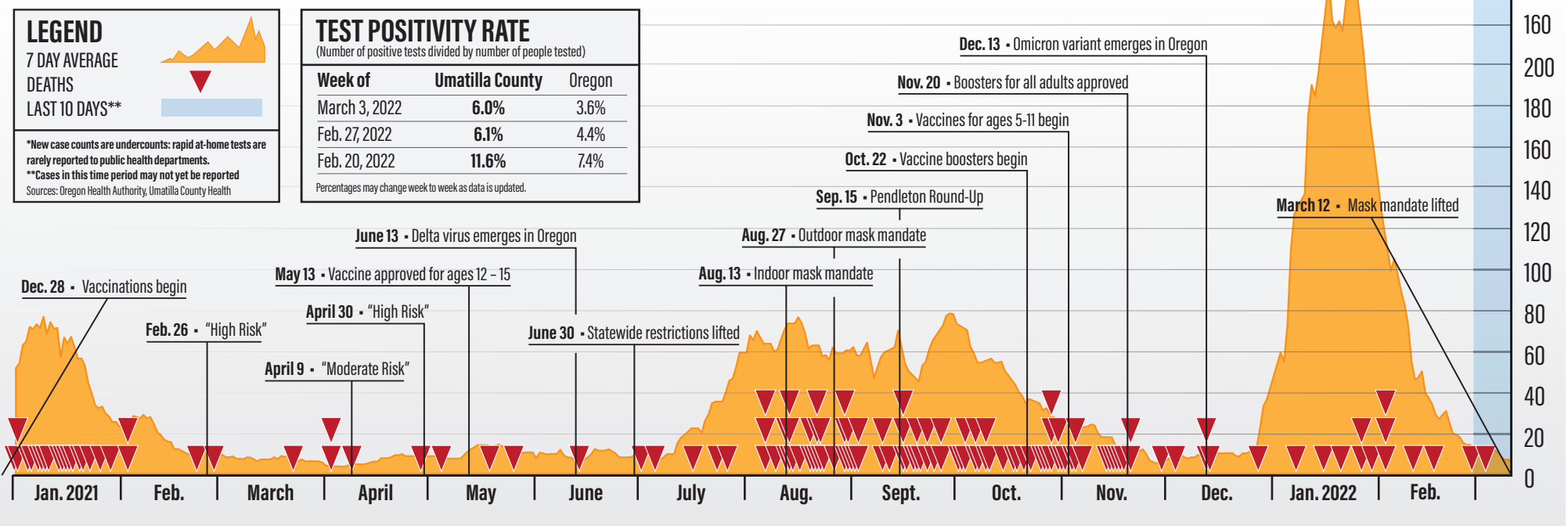


UMATILLA COUNTY COVID-19 TREND - AS OF MARCH 11, 2022

Umatilla County cases: 22,270* | Umatilla County deaths: 205 | Oregon cases: 698,982* | Oregon deaths: 6,854



The number of reported deaths related to COVID-19 continues to climb in Umatilla County and statewide while the number of new cases is on a steep decline.

MORROW COUNTY

Shooting suspect in jail

East Oregonian

BOARDMAN — The suspect in the deadly shooting Wednesday, March 9, in northern Morrow County is behind bars.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office announced Caleb Marion Beehler, 39, of Boardman, was taken into custody Thursday evening, March 10, without incident and booked into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

The jail gives the booking date and time as March 10, 9:35 p.m.

"We would like to thank the good citizens of Morrow and Umatilla counties for their concern and informa-

tion," according to the post on the sheriff's office Facebook page. "MCSO would also like to extend our thanks to Hermiston Police Department and Umatilla County Sheriff's Office for their assistance."

The post did not provide details of Beehler's arrest.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office Communication Center at 6:31 p.m. March 9 received a 911 call from a woman in the Boardman area, according to a press release from the sheriff's office, reporting a family altercation and that she heard a gunshot.

Law enforcement personnel from the sheriff's office and the Boardman Police

Department immediately responded, along with the Morrow County District Attorney's Office. The sheriff's office reported a 58-year-old man died from the shooting.

The sheriff's office reported it was looking for Beehler, who left the scene in the family's red Chevrolet Cavalier and was "considered armed and dangerous."

State court records show Beehler has numerous convictions in Umatilla County starting in 2009 for traffic and hunting violations, and has an ongoing hit-and-run case in Morrow County Circuit Court that began in October 2021.



A toppled and burned mobile home sits in Irrigon on Thursday, March 10, 2022, days after a fire.

Investigation ends with no known cause of Irrigon mobile home fire

By ERICK PETERSON
East Oregonian

IRRIGON — Fire officials do not know the cause of a fire late Monday night, March 7, that destroyed a mobile home in Irrigon.

Mike Hughes, Boardman Fire Rescue District chief, said when firefighters arrived they found the fire to be "fully involved," meaning the fire and smoke were so great firefighters could not enter the structure until water was placed on it.

According to the chief, the fire was threatening three other structures.

"Irrigon Fire and Boardman Fire basically surrounded the fully involved structure and protected the other ones from

igniting," he said.

He added that Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District also helped put "a good stop" on the fire and prevented it from torching other structures.

"There were no civilian injuries or firefighter injuries," the chief said, but the mobile home was "fully destroyed."

Hughes and Deputy State Fire Marshal Casey Kump said they do not know the cause of the fire. Kump said there was an investigation in which experts were brought in to determine a cause. They did not, Kump said, find any reason to think it was arson that started the blaze.

There was not insurance covering the property, Kump said, so his office will not investigate the fire any further.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Umatilla County COVID-19-related deaths hit 205

UMATILLA COUNTY — Umatilla County Public Health in the span of three days reported four more deaths related to COVID-19. The county's total number of deaths related to the disease as of Friday, March 11, stands at 205.

The county on March 8 reported two deaths, then one

each on March 9 and 10.

The county's 202nd death with COVID-19 is a 62-year-old woman who tested positive on Feb. 4 and died March 4 at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.

The 203rd death is a 59-year-old man who tested positive on Feb. 8 and died Feb. 28 at Kadlec Medical Center, Richland, Washington.

The 204th death is a 65-year-old woman who

tested positive Feb. 3 and died the same day at Good Shepherd Medical Center.

And Umatilla County's 205th death with COVID-19 is an 89-year-old man who tested positive Jan. 6 and died Jan. 16 at Willowbrook Terrace, Pendleton.

The county health department also reported the total number of COVID-19 cases in the county is 22,266 as of March 10.

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