

# Lane County vacancy on Public Health Advisory Committee

The Lane County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications from citizens interested in serving on the Public Health Advisory Committee. The committee advises the Board of Commissioners on a wide variety of topics and issues. Details about the committee and its composition, meeting schedule etc., are listed below.

The Public Health Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Lane County Public Health Administrator and advises the Board of Health and the Board of Commissioners on matters of public health, planning, policy development, control measures, funding, public education and advocacy; and acts in a community liaison capacity to provide a link between the community and the Public Health Division.

The committee meets the second Monday of the month from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

There are two vacancies on the committee at present. Both vacancies are for a complete term of four years, commencing upon appointment and ending on Aug. 31, 2024.

One position is designated to be filled by an at-large community member, "informed on and interested in public health matters."

The second vacancy is designated to be filled by a person "licensed by this state as [a] health care practitioner."

The Public Health Advisory Committee consists of 12 members with a broad public health interest and concern, not limited to single interests or issues.

Committee representation shall include geo-

graphic, socioeconomic and professional interests. Membership shall include: five persons "licensed by this state as health care practitioners" and seven "persons who are informed on and interested in public health matters," per ORS 431.477.

Public members with diverse backgrounds are preferred. County employees are not eligible for membership.

The committee seeks to have membership that reflects the diversity of Lane County, including but not limited to racial, ethnic, gender, age, socioeconomic and geographical diversity.

The Public Health Advisory Committee also strives to meet the goals set out by the Lane County Board of Commissioners to acknowledge and address the root causes of

inequities in Lane County services and outcomes, work with community members and staff to invent or find antiracist policies that can eliminate the racial inequities that exist and use an antiracist and racial equity lens to assess current and future policies and programs.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27.

Applications are available online at [www.lane-county.org/volunteer](http://www.lane-county.org/volunteer) and in the Board of Commissioners' Office located in the Public Service Building, 125 East Eighth Av., Eugene.

To request an application by mail, call 541-682-4203. People can return their applications to the Board of Commissioners' Office or via email to Kalle Pierce, [kalle.pierce@co.lane.or.us](mailto:kalle.pierce@co.lane.or.us).

# Volunteer drivers needed for Friends of Florence

Friends of Florence is seeking new drivers. This free bus service, for cancer patients who are receiving radiation treatment, operates Monday through Friday, all year long. A driver's shift requires approximately five hours, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers typically drive once per month. The Friends' bus is a 14-passenger vehicle. A commercial driver's license is not required.

"It's about the same size as a small RV," said Bart Mealer, Chief Operating Officer for the organization.

As a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the organization has taken several steps to help ensure the safety and health of drivers and passengers. Some of these steps are:

- All passengers including the driver will wear face coverings while on the bus.
- Everyone will have their temperatures taken prior to boarding the bus.
- We have limited the number of passengers on the bus to four. This allows for 6ft of physical distancing.
- The bus will be cleaned

and sanitized daily at the end of each trip.

"Cancer patients have to travel to Eugene or Springfield daily for these radiation treatments — it's 160 miles roundtrip from Florence," Mealer said. "Riding the bus helps ease the stress during this difficult time."

For over 34 years the Friends of Florence, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has transported patients roundtrip from Florence to the Willamette Valley Cancer Institute and to the Oregon Urology Institute. The bus leaves from Peace

Harbor Hospital and, when requested, has pick-up locations in Mapleton and Veneta.

The Friends maintain about 22 active drivers.

"Riding the bus also offers companionship for patients who are making this trip every day. It shows them that they're not alone," said Mealer. "It's a traveling support group."

If you are interested in driving for the Friends of Florence, contact Mealer at 541-997-8663.

For more information, visit [friendsofflorence.net](http://friendsofflorence.net).

# OHA announces new mask requirements website

Face coverings, or masks, are now required statewide for all adults and, starting July 24, for all children age 5 and up in all indoor public spaces and outdoors when physical distancing isn't possible.

To help Oregonians understand the requirement, the Oregon Health Authority has created a website resource that aims to be a clearinghouse of the latest information about face coverings and masks, from requirements to

FAQs to tips about how to effectively wear them.

Controlling the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon requires all of us to do our part. Emerging evidence shows that wearing a mask help can help protect against the spread and catching of COVID-19.

The virus is spread by respiratory droplets when people cough, sneeze, talk, laugh or sing.

Face coverings help contain those droplets.

The virus can be spread

by people who do not have symptoms and likely don't know they are infected.

When properly worn, a face covering should cover a person's nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of the face. Many types of face coverings can be used, including hand-made cloth face coverings, scarves, bandanas and more.

They should be washed frequently after using.

COVID 19 is widespread in the state. All Orego-

nians can work together to flatten the curve and lower our risk of getting it or giving it to others by:

- Covering our faces when six feet of physical distancing is not possible;
- Avoiding large crowds and limit our social gatherings;
- Washing our hands;
- Staying home if we're sick.

To learn more about face coverings and face masks, visit [healthoregon.org/masks](http://healthoregon.org/masks).

# Sign ups now open for online performance camps

## "Music in Motion" for kids 5-8

Local musicians Jason Wood and Sheena Moore are teaming up to create "Music in Motion," an online summer camp that will run Aug. 3 to 27.

The camp is geared toward children five to 8 years old, but older children are also welcome.

"I'm really excited about this and can't wait to explore movement and music with you," Moore said.

People can sign up now through Aug. 1. The \$40 package includes four pre-recorded sessions, four show-and-tell sessions and materials for a DIY instrument.

For more information, or to sign up, contact [jasonbrettwood@gmail.com](mailto:jasonbrettwood@gmail.com) or [sheenamooresvocals@gmail.com](mailto:sheenamooresvocals@gmail.com).

## Online Acting Workshop for 9-19

There will also be a three-session acting workshop held Aug. 18 and 25 and Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Tuition is \$30.

For more information, contact Wood at 951-252-4119 or [jasonbrettwood@gmail.com](mailto:jasonbrettwood@gmail.com).

## Digital workshop for adults

Local performer and instructor Jason Wood is launching the Digital Vocal Workshop for Adults.

This three-session workshop will run July 31, Aug.

1 and 7 and will feature a Zoom performance for participants on Aug. 8.

The cost of the Workshop is \$40 per student and meant for adults and older students who want the chance to sharpen their vocal chops.

People can sign up through the day of the first session. Contact Wood for more info.

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