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She added that when community church groups began the free Thanksgiving Dinner, feeding the needy was an important component to the day. "It was nice to see that those people were still served," she said.

The event consisted of two days of food preparation for the masked and gloved volunteers, who followed all necessary health guidelines.

According to Sheets, the Elks Lodge is planning to hold a drive-through version of its free Christmas Dinner,

so consulted with the Kiwanis volunteers to get insight for the December event.

"It was a huge success and we might consider it again in the future," Sheets said. "It is amazing the volunteers, the way we went about it and the change we made. We felt it was very successful, especially in these COVID times of not knowing what to expect."

In addition, she thanked the community for their donations of food for Florence and Mapleton food shares and money, which went to Kiwanis to offset the cost of the meal.



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being re-classified every two weeks after that.

"We're likely to be in this place for several months until we can complete vaccinations for all who want them," Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said Wednesday.

However, even in extreme-risk counties such as Lane and neighboring Douglas County, some restrictions will change. For example, restaurants and bars will be able to reopen for outdoor-only dining, although the state is still encouraging takeout instead. Capacity limits in stores and malls will be capped at

50 percent, down from the current 75 percent. Church activities will be limited to 25 percent of capacity — or 100 people — whichever is smaller.

Extreme risk counties will be subject to many of the current rules invoked under the freeze, with notable differences including the shift in regulations on restaurants and retail establishments. Gyms and other indoor recreation facilities will remain closed, but outdoor recreational facilities can operate with a capacity limit of 50 people.

These limits are expected to continue through December at the very least, possibly until a majority of the population is vaccinated; Oregon is expecting to receive roughly 30,000 vaccines next month, with the state's 300,000 healthcare workers slated to receive the first rounds of vaccine, Brown said.

The new system introduced Wednesday classifies counties as one of four risk categories: extreme, high, moderate and lower. A county's risk category is de-

termined by either the rate or number of newly identified cases within a two-week period or, depending on the county's size, the percentage of positive COVID-19 tests in that period.

With each step down the risk assessment ladder a county is allowed, restrictions ease. For example, once an extreme risk county moves down into a high-risk classification, restaurants and bars can serve people indoors — up to 25 percent of their occupancy limit — up to a maximum of 75 people.

For counties in the moderate-risk category, restaurants can allow up to 50 percent of its seating capacity, with a maximum limits on indoor entertainment, such as movie theaters, will see an ease in regulations, as will retail and indoor recreation facilities.

But even at the lowest risk level, there will be significant restrictions. Bars and restaurants will still be limited to 50 percent indoor capacity (up to 300 people). Retail stores and indoor places of worship will re-

main limited to 75 percent capacity, with outdoor venues capped at a maximum capacity of 300.

The new framework was announced as officials prepared for a Thanksgiving holiday marking the official start of the holiday season and, potentially, a continued dramatic spike in confirmed cases of the virus across the state.

As Oregon entered the second half of its two-week freeze that began Nov. 18, daily cases, hospitalizations and deaths have continue to rise. On Thanksgiving Day, Lane County announced another 91 cases of COVID-19, along with one more death — and a single-day state total of 1,514 cases. The day's total also included 15 deaths and a new statewide to-date total of 70,006 confirmed and presumptive cases (as of Nov. 26).

In the 97439 zip code, the confirmed case count remained at 43 as of Friday at noon.

A full list of restrictions is available on the Governor's website, at govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19.

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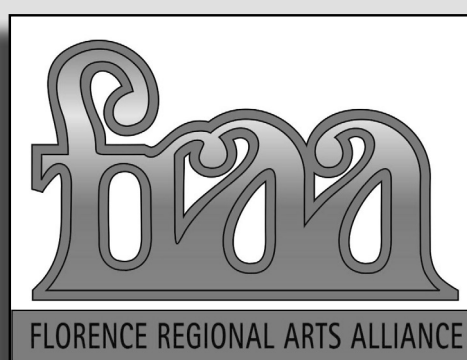
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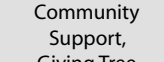
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