

VACCINE from page 1A

OHA determines the priority and eligibility criteria for COVID-19 vaccination. Lane County Public Health is currently scheduling Lane County residents:

- Phase 1a, all groups
- Phase 1b, groups 1-5
- Phase 1b, group 6. This includes adults 45 to 64 with one or more underlying health conditions; migrant and seasonal farm workers; seafood, agricultural and food processing workers; people living in low-income se-

nior housing, senior congregate and independent living; individuals experiencing homelessness (sheltered and unsheltered); people currently displaced by wildfires; wildland firefighters; and pregnant people 16 and older.

- Phase 1b, group 7. This includes frontline workers as defined by CDC, including the U.S. Postal Service, food service workers, grocery store workers, journalists, utility workers and more; multigenerational household members; and adults 16 to 44 with one or more underlying health conditions.

According to the governor, "If you are a frontline worker as defined by the CDC, when you make a vaccine appointment for yourself, make them for your whole family, too."

The governor is also asking Coordinated Care Organizations and commercial health insurance providers to reach out to their members with underlying conditions to share information about the importance of vaccinations, and how to get connected to a vaccine.

In addition, with the recent spring weather, Brown warned of

an impending fourth wave of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

Oregon has seen an increase in cases and hospitalizations over the past two weeks.

"It's clear that, in Oregon and across the country, the fourth surge of this virus is at our doorstep," Brown said. "While Oregon's case numbers fortunately haven't matched those of other states seeing large spikes, our numbers are rising and we are back on alert."

"The good news is, now when we face a surge, we know how to protect ourselves and others with

powerful safety measures like mask wearing and avoiding large social gatherings."

She also acknowledged the growing number of vaccinated people, especially with three vaccines now in use in the community.

Oregon has now administered a total of 962,741 first and second doses of Pfizer, 890,157 first and second doses of Moderna and 45,256 single doses of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines.

Lane County residents hoping to schedule their vaccine can do so through www.LaneCounty.org/vaxclinics.

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The families and individuals displaced by those fires numbered more than 400,000.

The resettlement of those people is ongoing and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in charge of the federal response to the fires and has been involved in emergency support efforts since the onset of the fires last summer.

FEMA is continuing to address the needs of the victims of the fires, which includes providing shelter for thousands of people left

without homes, businesses or municipal support with a place to live.

The regional spokesperson for the agency, Paul Corah, explained the situation surrounding the sudden appearance of dozens of manufactured homes in the small town of Gardiner, 20 miles south of Florence, on the west side of Highway 101.

"We are now at the six-month stage from the wildfires that happened last September, with over 4,000 homes lost thought out the state, which has developed into a housing crisis. FEMA

has been in the state helping get survivors back on their feet by providing temporary housing while they rebuild their lives," Corah said. "After the fires, many survivors had lost everything they own and had no place to live. So, with help from the State of Oregon and Red Cross, we placed many survivors in hotels — which are great for a short stay, but recovery from a fire can take months and years to rebuild."

According to Corah, FEMA can often help with rent assistance. However, most areas that had fire damage lost rental homes

that could have been available to survivors. The organization's next option was to bring in mobile homes so survivors can have a place to live. For that reason, FEMA has built RV parks in Lincoln, Marion, Lynn and Jackson counties.

"We are now starting a new RV park in Lane County as well," Corah said. "We need to provide 248 families temporary housing statewide and we are now at the half-way point on getting mobile homes set up."

FEMA had a staging yard in Medford at the county fairgrounds until mid-

March, but now has moved the staging area for mobile homes to Gardiner at the old International Paper mill site.

Corah said area residents should be aware that, during the next couple of months, traffic will increase considerably due to the coming and going of mobile homes being relocated to new RV sites across the state.

The staging area in Gardiner is not open to the public and there is security to prevent vandalism and theft, but there will be an upcoming opportunity April 9 to get a close-up

look at the structures and to talk with FEMA staff.

The agency will host an open house at 2 p.m. to review the work being done locally and to offer tours of the manufactured homes stored in Gardiner. There will also be FEMA representatives on hand to answer questions the public may have related to the 2020 wildfires and the FEMA response to those fires.

For more information, visit www.fema.gov/locations/oregon.

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The following are resources available for people dealing with thoughts of suicide, depression or other issues. While this list is not comprehensive, there are dozens of organizations able to help.

- MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**
- 9-1-1: Call immediately if there is imminent danger to self or others
 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255, suicidepreventionlifeline.org
 - Nacional de Prevención del Suicidio: 1-888-628-9454, suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-yourself/en-espanol/
 - National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673, online.rainn.org
 - National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: Phone: 1-866-331-9474, Text: LOVEIS to 22522, www.loveisrespect.org
 - Oregon YouthLine, teen2teen crisis helpline: Phone: 877-968-8491, Text: teen2teen to 839863, youthL@linesforlife.org, oregonyouthline.org
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: Treatment in

your area: 1-800-662-HELP (4357), findtreatment.samhas.gov

- The Trevor Project, Suicide Prevention Lifeline for LGBTQ youth: 1-866-4-u-Trevor (866-4887386), thetrevorproject.org
- Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 press #1, www.veteranscrisisline.net

- ADDITIONAL LOCAL RESOURCES:**
- 90by30 Lane County: 541-346-7484, 90by30.com
 - Community Support Team-Mobile Crisis Response: 541-997-3212, www.svfr.org/community-support-team-cst
 - Live Healthy Lane: LiveHealthyLane.org
 - Prevention Lane: preventionlane.org
 - Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students: 541-590-0779, SafeShelterforSiuslawStudents.org
 - Western Lane Health Network: westlanehealth.org

In addition, *Siuslaw News* collaborated with three other newspapers to talk about suicide in the "Breaking the Silence" four-part series in 2019. Read the first of these at thesiuslawnews.com/article/recognizing-the-signs-of-at-risk-students.

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