Oregon adjusts guidelines for mask-wearing, physical distancing indoors and outdoors

Health Authority (OHA) has released updated guidance about mask and physical distancing requirements for individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Under the updated guidance, people who are fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear a mask indoors, in most public settings where vaccination status is checked.

In public settings where vaccination status is not checked, masks will still be required. Finally, businesses and venue operators remain free to establish their own, more restrictive policies regarding mask usage.

In addition to exempting people who are fully vaccinated from mask requirements in most indoor settings, OHA health experts announced that mask reapply to anyone who is er we are to ending this dose. A "fully vaccinatoutdoors.

However, OHA recommends that individ- Allen said, "Masks conuals continue to wear a tinue to save lives and mask or face covering in protect people who are crowded areas and large not vaccinated. However, gatherings (such as sport- last week's announcement ing events), and to main- from the CDC emphasiztain physical distance as es the point that safe and much as possible. OHA effective vaccines are the urges unvaccinated indi- very best way to protect viduals and those at risk people from getting and for complications to wear spreading COVID." masks in these settings.

comes after the U.S. Cen- more like normal for ters for Disease Control people who are fully vacand Prevention (CDC) cinated. And why people last that individuals who are to get vaccinated should fully vaccinated against do so as soon as they COVID-19 could stop can." wearing masks and stop physical distancing in ance says: most public spaces.

Oregon's Kate Brown pointed to wear a face mask or physthe CDC announcement ically distance, whether more people become ful- weeks after their final

pandemic."

OHA Director Patrick

He added, "That's why The new guidance it's safer for life to look week announced who haven't had a chance

The new Oregon guid-

• Individuals in Oregon Governor are no longer required to as "another sign that as indoors or outdoors, two

ed individual" is a person who has received both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or one dose of a single-dose vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since er or faith institution the individual's final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

• However, fully vaccinated individuals are required to continue wearing a mask and observe physical distancing on public transportation and in schools, hospitals and clinics, homeless shelters, youth and adult correctional facilities and long-term care facilities.

and faith institutions can masks. choose to no longer require masks and physical viduals would need to

SALEM - the Oregon quirements no longer ly vaccinated, the clos- COVID-19 vaccination distancing for fully vacci- provide proof they'd been nated individuals or continue to require masks and physical distancing in their locations for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.

> • If a business, employchooses to no longer require masks and physical dis-tancing, the business, employer or faith institution must require visitors to show proof of vaccination and review the proof of vaccination.

In that case, a business would need to have a policy for checking the vaccination status of customers and employees • Businesses, employers if they are not wearing

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vaccinated if they want to remove face coverings and not observe physical distancing guidelines.

In addition, state health experts announced that face coverings are no longer required outdoors (regardless of vaccination status).

OHA strongly recommends that people who are not vaccinated and people who are at high risk of severe COVID-19 disease continue to wear face coverings and physically distance in outdoor crowded areas and large gatherings.

More information about vaccinations in Oregon is available at covidvaccine.oregon.gov.



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Backstreet featuring beaded art, photos

In June, photographer Florence venues. Mark Anderson and jeweler Kathleen Wenzel will present their intriguing arts as the Backstreet Gallery featured artists.

The physical world's beauty and natural occurrences inspire Anderson. He aims for something beyond that.

"Our eyes see the natural, while our souls feel that which sustains the natural," Anderson said.

Anderson started as a photographer freelance with commercial clients. After his professional career, he returned to his camera using digital photography. His use of light, form and composition transposes nature into monochromatic imagery.

He uses the strong effects of natural light on stunning scenery to compose his subjects in a powerful way. Usually executed in black

When seed-bead jeweler Wenzel weaves tiny seed beads together, she transforms them into remarkable one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry. Her intricate designs combine various colors and items, including florals, snowflakes, shells, butterflies and more, and they are quite often three-dimensional.

Wenzel's collection includes earrings, necklaces, pins and amulet bags. She creates her pieces to enhance any wardrobe and some may even be appreciated at Oregon sporting events.

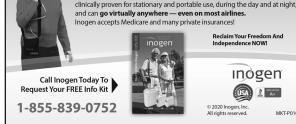
Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Tuesday.

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and white, he also prints in sepia tones.

Anderson's work has appeared at various galleries in Sacramento, Honolulu, Portland, San Rafael, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Loveland, Cape Cod and







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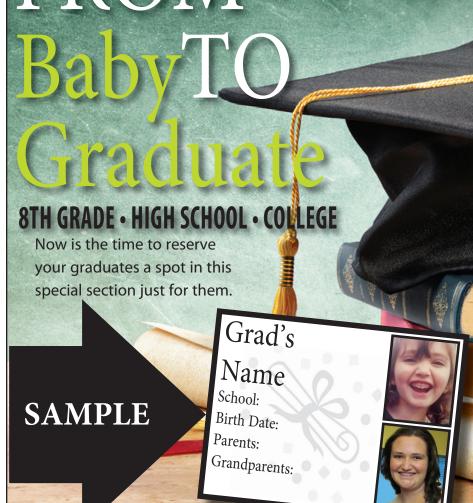
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