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Customers can also sign up for a BottleDrop account at the store kiosk, and print bag tag labels with QR codes linking the bags to their accounts. Then they simply tag their bags, fill them with empty Oregon 10-cent refund containers, and drop them off at the new BottleDrop network drop location. Their containers are counted and credited to their BottleDrop accounts within seven days.

BottleDrop is operated by the expressed Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC), which introduced the Green Bag program in 2010 as a convenient and efficient redemption option for Oregonians. The program has grown each year, with Oregonians returning 8.3 million Green and Blue Bags in

According to Oregon State Rep. Boomer Wright, "Redeeming cans and bottles just got a lot easier on the Central Coast. Oregon's Bot-

tle Bill continues to get some of the best outcomes in the world, in part because of convenient options like the Green Bag program. I'm tremendously excited to see the BottleDrop network expanding to our area."

Oregon State Sen. Dick Anderson also excite-

"This option is very popular everywhere it's available, and it makes redeeming and bottles fast and easy," he said. "This

location will also open the area up and bottle donations." to the Blue Bag program, which



On May 21, State Rep. Boomer Wright loads the first Green Bag into the Florence Fred Meyer BottleDrop Bag Drop location for bulk recycling of redeemable bottles and cans.

Oregonians who have a Bottlehelps nonprofits engage their Drop account can purchase ap- spending them at the Fred Meyer supporters and supercharge their proved 20-gallon Green Bags for a Florence through the BottleDrop fundraising through ongoing can small fee. They also receive printed Plus program;

the individual's final dose of COVID-19 vaccine. • Fully vaccinated individwearing a mask and observe physical distancing on public transportation and in

and long-term care facilities. • Businesses, employers and faith institutions can choose to no longer require masks and physical distancing for fully vaccinated individuals or continue to require masks and physical distancing in their locations for all individuals, regardless

of vaccination status. • If a business, employer or faith institution chooses to no longer require masks and physical distancing, the business, employer or faith institution must require visitors to show proof of vacci-

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the Green Bag program on Bottle-Drop's website, by downloading the mobile app via the App Store and Google Play or by signing up at the BottleDrop kiosk inside the Fred Meyer Florence. OBRC is a statewide, not-for-

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Meyer Florence or Redemption Centers and container pickup service for more than 2,500 retail partners, the co-op recycles around 3 billion beverage containers annually. To learn more, visit BottleDropCenters.com or OBRC.

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According to Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said, "Vaccines protect you, and they protect everyone around you. It's going to take all of us working together to make sure enough Oregonians are vaccinated to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our communities and end this pandemic." On May 11, Brown an-

nounced that counties that vaccinate at least 65% of their residents 16 or older with at least one dose and submit documentation on how they will close equity gaps in their vaccination efforts are eligible to move to the lower risk level of community spread of COVID-19.

On May 21, five counties were able to shift to this lower risk after vaccination efforts, including Benton, Deschutes, Hood River, Lincoln and Washington counties.

When Oregon achieves a first dose 70% statewide vaccination rate for residents 16 or older, according to the

level health and safety restrictions. Some restrictions

To increase vaccinations, Brown has announced two your shot to enter!" separate motivators. The first is a \$1 Million "Take Your Shot Oregon" Vaccination Campaign, where all vaccinated Oregonians 12 and older are eligible for cash prizes or scholarships.

Oregonians 18 and older will have the chance to win \$1 million or one of 36 \$10,000 prizes, with one winner in each county in Oregon. Oregonians age 12 to 17 will have a chance to win one of five \$100,000 Oregon College Savings Plan scholarships. All Oregonians who have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by the draw date will be entered to win.

"Vaccines are the best tool we have to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19, and our fastest OHA, the state will lift all risk way to end this pandemic,"

said Governor Kate Brown. "The Take Your Shot Oregon based on CDC guidance for Campaign is a way to thank use of masks and physical Oregonians for stepping up distancing may remain in and keeping our communities safe. It's never been easier to get a vaccine, so don't miss

The campaign is a collaboration between the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Lottery, and the Oregon State Treasury, and is funded with \$1.86 million in federal Coronavirus Relief Act dollars. With the help of the Oregon Lottery, the Oregon Health Authority will draw names for winners in each category.

The drawing will take place on June 28, with names announced the following week. The cut off for names being added to the vaccine database is midnight on June

The second motivation encouraged by the state is an effort to add vaccinated sections are large events, such as for upcoming Portland Trail Blazers games.

"When fans left the Moda

Center last March, it was one of the first signs this pandemic was about to change our lives in ways we hadn't previously imagined," said Brown. "Vaccines are the key to our return to normal life. It is a testament to the way Oregonians have united to battle this virus and get vaccinated in large numbers that, this week, the Rip City faithful can return to give our schools, hospitals and clinics, Trail Blazers the legendary home court advantage they

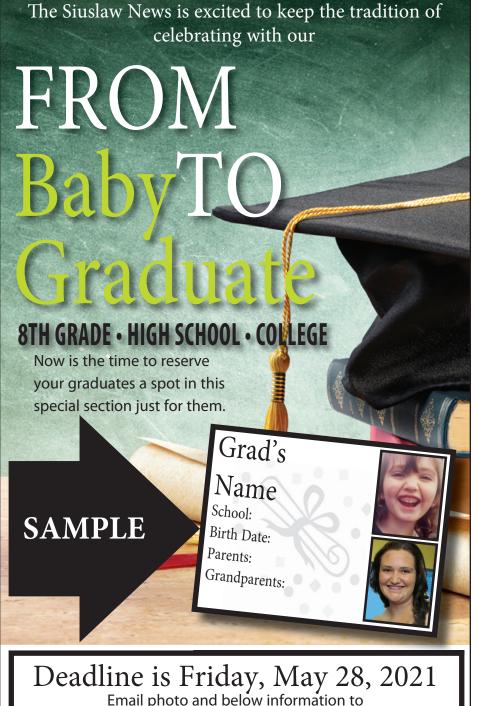
deserve." OHA will update health and safety guidance for lower risk counties this week to reflect the following changes, allowing the option for vaccinated sections for businesses, venues and faith institutions.

## OHA's new guidance includes the following:

• Individuals in Oregon are no longer required to wear a face mask or physically distance, whether indoors or outdoors, two weeks after their final COVID-19 vaccination dose. A "fully vaccinated individual" is a person who has received both doses of vaccination. In that case, of a two-dose COVID-19 a business would need to vaccine or one dose of a sin- have a policy for checking gle-dose vaccine and at least the vaccination status of cus-14 days have passed since tomers and employees if they are not wearing masks. Fully vaccinated individuals would need to provide proof they'd uals are required to continue been vaccinated if they want to remove face coverings and not observe physical distanc-

ing guidelines. In addition, state health homeless shelters, youth and experts announced that face adult correctional facilities 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.

People can learn more about the virus, and how to get vaccinated, at covidvaccine.oregon.gov; coronavirus.oregon.gov/ Pages/living-with-covid-19. aspx; all4oregon.org; lane county.org/coronavirus; and nation and review the proof lanecounty.org/vaxclinics.



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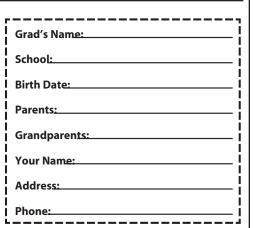
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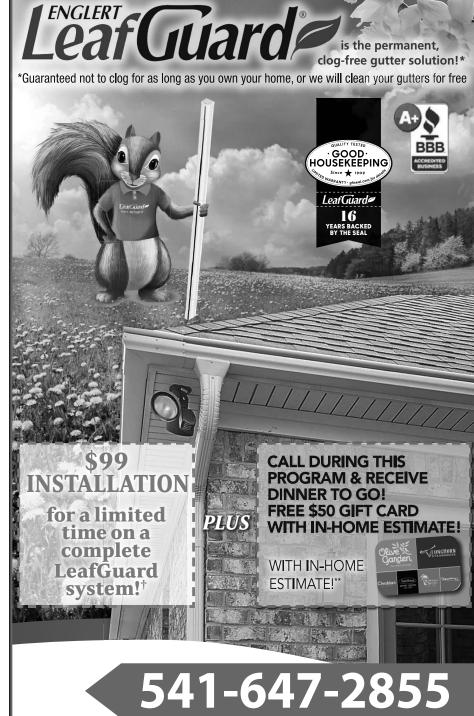
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