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risk of community spread of COVID-19.

vaccines are very effective in keeping people safe from COVID-19, and they are the key to returning to normal life and lifting health and safety restrictions statewide," said Brown. "Thanks to all the Oregonians who have been

to decline.

"But, COVID-19 re- residents with at least one which reaches moderate mains a serious threat to dose and submit documenunvaccinated individuals tation on how they will and communities with close equity gaps in their "The science is clear: low vaccination rates. If you have been waiting to get vaccinated, go get your shot today. It's never been easier to get vaccinated, and you may just win \$1 million through the Take Your Shot, Oregon campaign."

On May 11, Governor

vaccination efforts are eligible to move to the Lower Risk level.

As of Tuesday, a total of 2,863 prime doses need to be administered in Lane County to achieve 65 percent Lane County Public Health reported.

A county vaccination vaccinated so far, Oregon's Brown announced that data dashboard is availcase rates have continued counties that vaccinate able on OHA's website at

at least 65% of their adult https://public.tableau.com/ profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19#!/.

> People should note that the dashboard displays state vaccine allocations only, and does not track federally administered vaccine doses.

While additional counties submitted equity plans this week, none of those counties achieved the 65% threshold needed to move to Lower Risk this week.

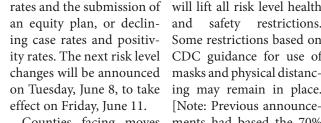
As case rates continue to decline, county risk level changes will be announced

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Fire and EMS Chief Michael Schick is coordinating the numerous elements of the merger and has responded to concerns by hiring a professional polling firm to elicit the opinions of residents regarding the merger.

The poll will start Monday, June 7, with calls made to random phone numbers divided by precincts.

According to Schick, the poll will add more public input to the decision-making process and assist with the creation of an updated strategic plan.



back up to higher risk levels this week are in a warning week only, giving county health partners an additional week to focus efforts Health Authority is trackon driving case numbers ing adult vaccination rates back down before additional health and safety restrictions are renewed.

every week. Counties can a first dose 70% statewide more is available at www. move to lower risk levels vaccination rate for resi- LaneCountyOR.gov/local based either on vaccination dents 18 or older, Oregon data.

The caller ID should in-

dicate Western Lane Am-

bulance or Siuslaw Valley

are in the process of up-

dating their respective

strategic plans. For Schick,

this is another reason for

taking the poll and inte-

decisions as to which op-

responders and the city.

"There have been many

and with our employees

Fire."

and safety restrictions. Some restrictions based on CDC guidance for use of ing may remain in place. [Note: Previous announce-Counties facing moves ments had based the 70% vaccination metric on residents 16 or older, however, in order to align state data with CDC data, the Oregon for residents 18 and older.]

Data regarding Lane County testing, patient When Oregon achieves status, case ZIP codes and

of experience in running we are missing is how the public feels about a popolls like this one. They will continue the poll until tential merger," Schick they get a total of 300 resaid. "We aren't even sure sponses. If someone does if people know that there not answer their phone, a are two separate districts message will be left includproviding fire suppression ing a number that they can and EMS." Data gathered from the call and participate in the poll if they would like to. poll will be made available

during the strategic planning processes of the two district.

"The community's par-Currently, both districts ticipation is very important so these two emergency service districts can better understand the community's opinions and point of view on fire grating the thoughts of the and ambulance services," Schick said.

There are at least three tion is best suited for Flor- possible outcomes that ence area residents, first could come about as a result of the information gathered, including a cona return to separate operations and a possible third party, either private or contracted, to handle all emergency calls in this area.

> For more information, visit www.svfr.com and westernlaneambulance. com.



In an advertisement that ran Saturday, May 29, the ad should have read, "Paid for by some Florentine Estate Owners". Siuslaw News apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.



"The idea of a public respondents into the final poll first came up when we established a committee made up of directors from Western Lane Ambulance District and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue to look at discussions by the boards tinuation of the merger, what it will take to merge the operations of the two and volunteers on if we Districts," Schick said. "We should merge operations are using a polling comand how to do it. The one pany and they have a lot bit of information that



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