

# Community News

## Governor recommends return to masks for schools, state agencies

SALEM—Last week, Gov. Kate Brown directed the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education to create a rule to require masks indoors for K-12 schools statewide for the 2021-22 school year, in line with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recently

updated guidance and based on the latest science on the spread of the Delta variant. "The science and data are clear: the Delta variant is in our communities, and it is more contagious," said Brown. "My priority is to ensure our kids are able to safely return to full-time in-person learning this fall,

five days per week and with minimal disruptions. With many children still ineligible to be vaccinated, masks are an effective way to help keep our kids safe in the classroom, the learning environment we know serves them best."

The governor is also working with Oregon Health Authority, which recommended universal mask use in public indoor settings throughout the state to protect Oregonians from COVID-19.

OHA's recommendation aligns with the CDC's new guidance that everyone, including fully vaccinated persons, wear a mask in public indoor settings. OHA's recommendation applies statewide, and not just areas with higher infections and high transmission, as cases have increased across the state in recent weeks due to the Delta variant.

"In the meantime, as we ask Oregonians statewide to mask up in public indoor spaces, we will continue

working hard to vaccinate more people so we can finally beat this virus once and for all," Brown said. "Vaccines remain the most effective and best way to protect ourselves and our families."

The governor's guidance requires all state employees (regardless of vaccination status) in any indoor state agency space to wear face coverings; the requirement also applies to visitors and customers who enter state agency indoor spaces.

"This mask requirement will protect Oregonians, many of whom have been on the frontlines of the pandemic and who continue to provide essential services to Oregonians. We also must protect everyone — both agency employees and community members who visit state agencies for information, services and resources. This new guidance accomplishes both," the governor said.

For more information, visit [governor.oregon.gov](http://governor.oregon.gov).

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## Florence honors Kelli Weese



On Aug. 2, the Florence City Council honored departing City Recorder and Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese (center). City Manager Erin Reynolds and Mayor Joe Henry spoke of the work done by Weese, recognizing her contributions to the city during her tenure. Read more in the Saturday edition of the *Siuslaw News*.

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## Visitor restrictions reinstated at PeaceHealth

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in local communities, including the circulation of the highly contagious variants, PeaceHealth is temporarily restricting all visitor access, with some exceptions, at its four Lane County hospitals and PeaceHealth Medical Group clinics. This change will take effect at noon, on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

The temporary restrictions will apply to the following medical centers:

- PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield
- PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center, University District in Eugene
- PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
- PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center in Florence

"We recognize the impor-

tance of having loved ones visit patients in our hospitals and made this decision only after careful consideration," said Todd Salnas, chief executive of the PeaceHealth Oregon network. "Our priority is the health and safety of our patients, caregivers and community."

PeaceHealth continues to follow CDC and state guidelines that include requiring all employees to wear appropriate personal protective equipment and masks, testing all admitted patients, restricting visitors and caring for COVID-19 patients on a dedicated unit.

"We urge all who are eligible to get vaccinated if they have not already done so," said Dr. Jim McGovern, PeaceHealth Oregon's chief medical officer. "We recommend that anyone who has questions or concerns about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine reach out to their healthcare provider."

The following exceptions allow visitors on a case-by-case basis for patients who are not positive for or suspected to have COVID-19:

- Two support persons for end-of-life patients
- Two parents/legal guardians of a minor patient
- One support person for Emergency Department patients
- One support person for Labor and Delivery and Mom-Baby at Sacred Heart RiverBend and Peace Harbor Medical Center; may also have a certified doula or community midwife for labor and birth
- Two parents of a NICU patient (Both parents must remain in the room for the duration of the visit.)
- One support person to help a patient with mobility challenges or discharge instructions

Patients who have confirmed COVID-19 or are suspected to have COVID-19 may not receive visitors except as follows:

- One visitor for patients receiving end-of-life care
- One parent or legal guardian of a minor
- One support person for labor and delivery
- One visitor for patients with cognitive or physical disability who require assistance

PeaceHealth encourages loved ones to connect with

patients through technology, such as cell phones, tablets and laptops.

PeaceHealth Medical Group clinics will temporarily limit visitor access at its clinics except for visitors accompanying patients needing assistance. Examples of patients who may require assistance include children and patients with physical or cognitive impairments.

In addition, visitors will be permitted in those clinical situations where a visitor will be integral to the decision making and information exchange process, for example, for Obstetrics, Palliative Care, Oncology and major procedural discussions.

PeaceHealth leadership wants to thank anyone affected by these restrictions for their understanding and help in keeping patients, caregivers and communities safe and healthy.

For more information about visitor restrictions and COVID-19 vaccines, including scheduling an appointment, please visit [peacehealth.org/coronavirus](http://peacehealth.org/coronavirus).

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<b>CATVIDEOFEST 2021</b> - 90 MIN - The year's best cat videos on the big screen. Smile.	3:50 PM	3:50 PM	3:50 PM			2:35 PM	2:40 PM
<b>FREE GUY</b> - Preview PG-13 115 MIN - Stars Ryan Reynolds							7:10 PM
<b>JUNGLE CRUISE</b> - PG-13 127 MIN - "Packs in everything satisfying about an adventure movie, with some of its own twists." Polygon	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM			1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM
<b>RESPECT</b> - Preview PG-13 145 MIN - Jennifer Hudson as ARETHA							7:00 PM
<b>ROADRUNNER: A FILM ABOUT ANTHONY BOURDAIN</b> R 118 MIN - "If you miss Anthony Bourdain - and for many, the celebrity chef's death in 2018 felt like the loss of a close and troubled friend - [this film] is a salve." Boston Globe	1:10 PM 7:10 PM	1:10 PM 7:10 PM	1:10 PM 7:10 PM			1:10 PM 4:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:50 PM
<b>PIG</b> - Shot in Oregon, Stars Nicholas Cage R 92 MIN - "Pig is a rich character study, marked by several riveting Cage monologues." LA Times	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 4:10 PM 6:50 PM			12:30 PM 3:50 PM 7:20 PM	12:30 PM 4:45 PM
<b>THE SUICIDE SQUAD</b> - R 132 MIN - "When Gunn took on Guardians Of The Galaxy, he turned nonsense into gold for Marvel. By giving The Suicide Squad the same sense of mischief and an equally surreal streak, he's done the same for DC." EMPIRE	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM			12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM

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