

Pause *from A1*

in the past 10 days, other counties in the state have reported troubling increases in infection spread.

Across the state, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported nearly 100 new cases in a 24-hour period, with 184 cases reported Monday before jumping to 278 confirmed cases of COVID-19 by noon Tuesday — marking the largest single-day spike in confirmed cases since the beginning of the pandemic's spread in Oregon.

Tuesday, Lincoln County, which has seen a major surge in reported cases due to an outbreak at the Pacific

Seafood fish and shellfish packaging and distribution plant, became the first county in Oregon to require maskwearing in indoor public spaces.

Gov. Kate Brown held a press conference Monday to announce a slowing of the reopening process, which has most counties in the midst of implementing Phase II Reopening protocols.

"The noticeable increase in COVID-19 infections in Oregon over the past week is cause for concern. In order to ensure that the virus is not spreading too quickly, I am putting all county applications for further reopening on hold for seven days. This is essentially a statewide

'yellow light.' It is time to press 'pause' for one week before any further reopening," Brown said.

According to the governor, this one-week pause will give public health officials time to assess what factors are driving the spread of the virus and determine if they need to adjust the state's approach to reopening.

"I will work with doctors and public health experts to determine whether to lift this pause, extend it or make other adjustments," Brown stated.

The increasing number of cases Brown referred to in the governor's press conference included reports from Multnomah, Hood River, Marion and Polk County, all

of which show increases — some as high as 40 percent — over the previous week.

Lane County currently allows outdoor recreation, retail stores, gyms, bars and restaurants for dine-in services, and personal-care businesses such as salons and barbershops with the following limitations:

- Gathering limits of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Indoor and outdoor venues, including theaters and churches, with 6 feet of physical distancing and other measures in place, can reach a COVID-19 occupancy limit of up to 250.
- Offices can begin reopening and employees can return to workplaces with

physical distancing and other measures in place, though remote work is still strongly recommended whenever possible.

Increased travel is allowed throughout Oregon, though staying local is still recommended to prevent overloading county health systems.

- Restaurant and bar curfews are extended to midnight where applicable.
- Many pools and sports courts are allowed to reopen under new guidance.
- Indoor and outdoor activities such as bowling, batting cages and mini golf are allowed to reopen under new guidance.
- Recreational sports can resume in a limited form,

under strict physical distancing guidance.

Cottage Grove is following the guidance provided by state and Lane County Health authorities and is implementing required procedures at the county level.

Lane County has a website page that is completely dedicated to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This page includes specific recommendations for many types of businesses and workplaces recommending the best practices to be utilized, for their individual circumstances at this time.

For more information, go to lanecounty.org.

SLSD *from A1*

\$600,000 for the high school success fund which covers things like dropout prevention and career and techni-

cal education.

- A 40 percent reduction in expected funds from the Student Investment Account, from just over \$2.4 million to \$1.5 million.
- An increase of \$285,000

in the Capital Projects Fund which is working to connect all district schools to fiber optic internet (recently completed at London and Dorena, but ongoing at Al Kennedy High School).

An initial COVID-19 response grant of \$30,000 from PeaceHealth Medical Group and a letter of intent for a contract from PeaceHealth with SLSD to provide \$345,000 over the next four years to enhance daily operations at the Family Resource Center.

The funds will primarily allow the center to have staffing for more hours five days per week, as opposed to the current part-time staffing two days per week.

The budget committee ratified the changes without public comment and though the changes represent a net reduction in instructional budget of \$668,600, Colley still views the changes as positive.

"Really, I think they're all positive," Colley said in

the meeting. "Because even though we approved the budget for the school improvement act money at \$2.4 million, we weren't sure we were going to get any of that. So, a 40-percent reduction from a big number, assuming we still get the legislature to appropriate the full general fund, those are all positive things."

New district Director of Finance and Operations Allison Bryson also weighed in on the district's ongoing efforts to have staff, administrators, committees and the board work in conjunction with as much shared information as possible in order to take on the challenges

that COVID-19 continues to present.

"I think that it's really important that [the board] gets detail and input into the process along the way," Bryson said.

"There's a lot that can be done as we look forward to strategic planning and aligning the budget with the strategic plan, if it's not already done that way ... I think that's something we can do starting next October. We'll have more information about COVID, more information about what that means for the budget, so we can adjust that along the way."

While Monday's meeting

was the last time the SLSD board will officially meet for this school year, their work will continue into the summer as schools across the country prepare for a 2020-21 school landscape that could look very different from what students, families and staff normally expect.

The effects and challenges presented by virus concerns are near limitless, with the looming fear that any and all guidance from the Oregon Department of Education could change at the drop of a hat if and when new information emerges.

But the SLSD board, along with Superintendent Yvonne Curtis, will be working through these difficulties throughout the summer — particularly in regard to how the district handles day-to-day instruction.

"The timeline is set by the virus, not by the rest of us," Curtis said. "We have to respond to individual needs and requests of families. Some families might not want their students to come back when we can be face-to-face. And after all that planning, we also have to make sure we can pivot in a matter of hours to everybody being at home on distance learning.

"And the distance learning cannot be 'hold them in place.' It has to still be moving [students] forward, which is not the kind of distance learning we just went through in the spring."



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