

Governor extends COVID-19 State of Emergency

SALEM — On Monday, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown extended her declaration of a state of emergency regarding COVID-19 for an additional 60 days, until Jan. 2, 2021.

The declaration is the legal underpinning for the Governor's COVID-19 executive orders and the Oregon Health Authority's health and safety guidance.

In her statement, Brown said that as early as January of this year, the Oregon Health Authority began its COVID-19 preparedness efforts as cases spread overseas.

Since then, more than 600 Oregonians and over 200,000 Americans have died from COVID-19 — and last week, we set a daily record with 550 new cases.

"Extending the COVID-19 state of emergency is not something I do lightly, but we know all too well that not taking action would mean an even greater loss of life," Brown said. "The second wave of COVID-19 has arrived in the United States, and this time it is hitting all of our communities."

Brown said her goal is to keep Oregon on track to open more schools for in-person instruction for students — and to continue to reopen and keep open businesses, communities and economies.

"Oregon is not an island. Without safety precautions in place, we could quickly see our case counts spike as well," said Brown. "We must continue to work together and follow the simple steps that have kept us safe throughout this pandemic: washing our hands, wearing face coverings, watching our physical distance, staying home when sick, and avoiding social get-togethers, especially indoors."

The state of emergency declaration is the legal underpinning for the executive orders the Governor has issued.

The governor reviews and reevaluates each of her emergency orders every 60 days to determine whether those orders should be continued, modified or rescinded.

The findings of this review process are listed in the executive order.

Flu crew



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Nonprofit health agency White Bird distributed free flu vaccines in Cottage Grove on Oct. 23. "We vaccinated 47 people, which was super busy and exciting," said Aden Martin-Anderson, the Community Health Project Manager for White Bird Medical. "We had a good turn out from the Guatemalan Mam language speaking community and Spanish speaking community in Cottage Grove, so we had a couple Spanish- and Mam-speaking interpreters." The vaccine clinics have been running Fridays throughout October with coordination with Catholic Community Services and vaccines donated from PeaceHealth. A final vaccine clinic will be held Oct. 30 in Springfield at the Catholic Community Services center at 1025 G St. and will run from 8 a.m. to noon.



COUNTY COVID-19 STATS

Lane County Public Health (LCPH) —
(As of Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m.)
Lane County Public

Health (LCPH) was notified of 81 additional positive cases of COVID-19. This makes a total of 2,393 positive cases.

- Of the cases:
- Hospitalized: 15 (+2)
 - Deaths: 27
 - Infectious: 181 (-26)
 - Cases within the

97424 zip code: 72.
• Cases within the 97426 zip code: 35.
Due to a significant rise in cases within the county in the past week, Lane County has been placed on a statewide Governor's Watch List along with 5 other counties that are continuing to experience a significant rise in cases.

Over the past weekend, Lane County added just over 290 newly confirmed cases.

Douglas County Public Health (DCPH) —
(As of Oct. 27 at noon)
there are 8 people with new positive test results and 1 new presumptive

since noon Oct. 26. The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 360.

Currently, there are 3 Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized locally.

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If you are interested in sharing your military story in the annual Veterans Day publication, or in updating information that we have published previously, please complete the form below and submit it to the Cottage Grove Sentinel. Service photographs are also welcome.

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Please be sure that all materials are carefully labeled with your name and phone number. **ALL FORMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 30, 2020.**

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YES NO

Do we have your military photo(s) on file? YES NO

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