

Risk from A1

More information is available at coronavirus.oregon.gov. Brown credited the lower risk designations to people receiving the COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. "As we work to open up vaccine eligibility to

all Oregonians by May 1, we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel get a little brighter. But we still have more work to do to reach the level of community-wide protection we need. I encourage all Oregonians to keep wearing your masks, maintain physical distance, stay home when sick, and get your vaccine when it's available to you," she

said. The next phase, Group 6, will be eligible no later than March 29. This will be:

- Adults 45 to 64 with one or more underlying health conditions
- Migrant and seasonal farm workers
- Seafood, agricultural and food processing workers
- People living in low-income senior housing, senior congregate and independent living
- Individuals experiencing homelessness (sheltered and unsheltered)
- People currently displaced by wildfires
- Wildland firefighters

Groups 1 to 5 are currently eligible, which encompasses school district staff and child-care workers as well as adults age 65 and older.

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- Pregnant people 16 and older.

Group 7 will be eligible no later than April 19. This includes

- Frontline workers as defined by CDC, including the U.S. Postal Service, food service workers, grocery store workers, journalists, utility workers and more
- Multigenerational household members
- Adults 16 to 44 with one or more underlying health conditions.

once Oregon receives enough increased doses from the federal government. As of press time Tuesday, 1.53 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Oregon, with 570,304 fully vaccinated. To sign up for vaccines in Lane County, people can go to www.lanecounty.org/coronavirus.

The county also offered Oregon Health Authority guidance for people who have already gotten the vaccine — both doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson — and waited the appropriate time.

"You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces," stated a staff report.

People should also continue to avoid medium or large-sized gatherings and travel.

Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 website is healthoregon.org/coronavirus.

People can see the full list of eligible frontline workers at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/categories-essential-workers.html for a full list.

Lane County Government announced its readiness for this timeline as it prepares for increased vaccine allocations in the coming week. On social media, staff posted, "Federal allocations bring May vaccinations."

Lane county also indicated the state is on track with current eligibility timelines based on current allocations.

Additionally, the timelines for eligible groups may advance

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To our valued readers:
Help small businesses affected by coronavirus right now, including ours.

Businesses of all sizes have been hit hard in this challenging new age of social distancing and self-isolation, but the blow has been catastrophic for small operations that rely on in-person transactions. There are many ways to help, like purchasing gift certificates or memberships, and yet there are many service-type businesses that don't have that option.



As we look to a new year, we're celebrating what connects us as a community, and what we can do to support our local businesses!

THAT'S WHY WE CREATED THE SUPPORT LOCAL TOGETHER CAMPAIGN.
The Support Local Together campaign will help local businesses who have to choose between promoting their business and paying the electric bill. It will also help support the *Cottage Grove Sentinel*, who has seen a strong decrease in advertising revenue, but an increase in readership.

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 - Make a donation of your choosing.
 - Choose a specific local business that you would like the advertising credit to go to, or leave that blank and we will designate it to a business we know needs help.

Our community is small but generous and we recognize there are many great organizations, like ours, that could use your help.

We believe the vast majority of our readers have always shared our view of the value and necessity of a strong local media and are willing to provide support equal to two or three cups of coffee a month to secure its future.

Thank you in advance for doing your share to secure a strong local economy in the community we are proud to serve.

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