

Douglas County gives Special Districts Election Update

Ballots for the upcoming May 18, 2021 Special Districts Election will be arriving after April 29 for registered voters in Douglas County.

Ballots must be returned no later than 8 p.m. on May 18. Douglas County voters have until approximately Monday, May 10 to utilize U.S. mail to cast their ballot for the Special Districts Election in time for the May 18 deadline.

Votes can also use office ballot drop sites (for a complete list, visit douglascounty-oregon.us/179/Official-Drop-Site-Locations).

The Douglas County Clerk would like to remind voters that, in order to receive an official ballot for the Special Districts

Election, you must be registered to vote and your voter registration must be up-to-date.

Registered voters who need to update their registration information have until 8 p.m. on May 18 at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote or complete Voter Registration form and return to Douglas County Clerk's Office located at the 1036 SE Douglas Avenue, Room 124 in Roseburg.

New Voter registrations are limited by the April 27 deadline.

If registered voters haven't received ballots by Friday, May 7, contact or visit our office. Before turning in a ballot, make sure you have reviewed and completed both sides

of the ballot.

Confirm you have signed your ballot return envelope, where it lists your printed name and address.

Sign the ballot envelope in the same manner as your most current voter registration card.

For more information about the Special Districts Election, please visit the Douglas County Elections Webpage. For Voter Education and Outreach support contact Douglas County Elections Division at 541-440-4252 or email us at elections@co.douglas.or.us. Additional information is available on the Oregon Secretary of State's website at oregonvotes.gov or by calling 1-866-673-VOTE.

Risk from AI

Statewide hospitalization metrics for determining Extreme Risk

For counties to move to (or remain in) extreme risk, they must meet the county metrics for case rates and percent positivity, plus statewide hospitalization metrics. These include COVID-19 positive patients occupying 300 hospital beds or more, and a 15 percent increase in the seven-day hospitalization average over the past week.

This week, there are 11 counties that qualify for extreme risk based on their county metrics, but are assigned high risk be-

cause the statewide hospitalization triggers have not been met: Baker, Clackamas, Columbia, Crook, Deschutes, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Linn, Marion and Polk.

Three counties enter a two-week caution period.

The two-week caution period applies to counties facing backward movement. Counties that reduced their COVID-19 spread enough to move down in risk level in the previous two-week period, but see their numbers go back up in the next two-week period, are given a two-week caution period to re-focus efforts to drive back down creeping case numbers and give local businesses ad-

ditional certainty on their plans for operating. This week, the caution period applies to Grant, Malheur and Umatilla counties.

The Oregon Health Authority will examine and publish county data weekly. County risk levels will be reassigned every two weeks.

The first week's data will provide a "warning week" to prepare counties for potential risk level changes.

The next assignment of risk levels will be announced May 4 and take effect May 7.

Updates to Warning Week data and county risk levels will be posted to coronavirus.oregon.gov.



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