

On The Record

As COVID surge looms, hospital systems urge vaccination

Current projections predict a significant spike in COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations driven by the Omicron variant beginning mid-January and likely peaking in February.

Although Omicron may cause a less severe illness, it is significantly more transmissible: The spike in hospitalizations is projected to two to three times the September peak driven by the Delta variant – from a high of 1,200 patients in hospitals in September to 2,000 to 3,000 hospitalizations from Omicron.

Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health, OHSU, PeaceHealth and Providence health systems are reminding the public that it is not too late to take action and are asking everyone to get fully vaccinated, including a booster if eligible, wear masks, and avoid large indoor gatherings this holiday season.

“We know our dedicated teams will once again do all they can to care for patients,” stated Peace-

Health in a press release. “But, after nearly two years of fighting this pandemic, our nurses and doctors are exhausted. Clinical staff and hospital beds are in short supply in all of our hospitals. A significant increase in COVID-19 infection and hospitalizations in Oregon and Southwest Washington will create delays in emergency department care for some patients and additional delays for surgeries, due to the lack of an available staffed bed.”

The Omicron variant has been infecting some people who are already vaccinated and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed that fully vaccinated people can spread the variant, but medical authorities report that people who are fully vaccinated and received a booster shot are less likely to be infected and much less likely to have a severe illness and hospitalization.

Go to getvaccinated.oregon.gov for information.

POLICE LOG

Dec. 21

- Graffiti was reported on private properties the 500 block of Kathleen Drive and on the 500 block of Grant Avenue. Homeowners were advised of the graffiti.

- Theft of approximately \$580-worth of property was reported on the 400 block of Holly Avenue.

- A non-injury vehicle traffic crash occurred at E Main Street and Gateway Boulevard. Both vehicles were towed due to damage.

Dec. 23

- Officers and South Lane medics responded to a motor vehicle accident at Highway 99 and Abbott Lane with a possible injury involved.

- An individual was

cited in lieu of custody regarding two outstanding warrants.

Dec. 25

- An individual was cited in lieu of custody regarding three outstanding warrants.

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Brown declares State of Emergency over severe winter weather

SALEM, Ore. — Governor Kate Brown on Dec. 23 declared a state of emergency lasting through Jan. 3 due to projected severe winter weather across the state.

The weather is expected to bring heavy snow and sustained temperatures below freezing, resulting in critical transportation failures and disruptions to power and communications infrastructure.

“Our state has experienced a number of climate-related emergencies this year, and with another coming, I urge all Oregonians to make a plan with your family now and be prepared,” said Gov. Brown. “I am directing state agencies to work proactively with local emergency management partners to coordinate on communications for emergency services, such as warming centers. Winter storms mean increased risk for those traveling as well as those staying home for the holidays. Check on your neighbors and loved ones when you can do so

safely. If road conditions worsen, please help our first responders by staying home when possible.”

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, Gov. Brown determined a potential threat to life, safety, property, and significant damage to infrastructure exists due to severe winter weather across Oregon.

The National Weather Service has issued multiple winter storm watches, warnings, and winter weather advisories throughout the state.

The governor’s declaration authorizes the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to activate state resources and to utilize personnel, equipment, and facilities from other state agencies in order to respond to or mitigate the effects of the weather emergency.

In addition, the Oregon National Guard, Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Human Services, and the Oregon Public Utility Com-

mission and other state agencies are directed to provide any assistance as

requested by OEM that is deemed necessary to assist in the response.

David R Cooper 1929-2021



David R Cooper, 92, passed away Friday, December 17th, at his home with family around him. He put up a good fight against Leukemia for more than a year. David was born the ninth child of David and Alma Cooper in Beaver County, Oklahoma, on July 1st, 1929. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Dorothy, and children Dave Cooper Jr. (Sherri), Melvin Cooper (Jodonna), Darlene Hurd (Gail), Rodney Cooper (Kristy), Steven Cooper (Wendy), Bonnie Morgan, and Margaret McDonald (KC), along with 19 grandchildren (and spouses), 37 great grandchildren (and spouses), and 5 great-great grandchildren, with more babies on the way.

David was a timberman. He started as a buckler for John

Woolley at the age of 18. Later he became a timber faller until retirement from Woolley Enterprises. He loved the outdoors and was a great hunter, killing his first elk in 1949. Since then, we have lost count! David loved to take his family fishing. Many weekends were spent at the high lakes. His enjoyment was to teach his children (and their friends) to hunt, fish, and take care of the land.

David went to school in Drain and Elkton. He was a member of the National Guard in Cottage Grove for several years.

Baseball was a sport that he excelled in, and he coached summer league baseball from the time Dave started peewees until Steve finished majors, often taking off his cork boots at the field. David also ran the chains for the North Douglas High football teams for over 30 years. He and his family attended all (or as many as possible) sport events of their children. A visitation will be held January 8, 2021 at the Church of Christ in Drain at 9:00 AM with funeral service and reception to follow at 10:00 AM. Interment at East Drain City Cemetery. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

LOCKARD - Michelle Marie Lockard, 50, of Cottage Grove, died December 20, 2021. Arrangements by Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

CONN - Haruko Naito Conn, 92, of Cottage Grove passed away December 23, 2021. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

BLAKELY—Kelly Ann Blakely, 53, of Eugene, died December 18, 2021. Arrangements by Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

Mitchell - Terrance Mitchell, 40 years old of Eugene. Died December 24, 2021. Arrangements by Sunset Hills Funeral Home Crematorium and Cemetery in Eugene.

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Paul Andrew Martin 1948-2021



Paul Andrew Martin was born on September 8th, 1948 and passed on December 17th, 2021. Paul is survived by sister Carol Little of Cottage Grove, sister Mary (Chris) Miller of St. Helens, Oregon, son Jack (Deanna) Martin of Lawrence, Kansas, son Craig (Jessica) Martin of Ottawa, Kansas, daughter Christina (Jesse) See-to of Cottage Grove, grandson Tyler Wells, granddaughter Makenzie Wells, grandson Brayden Wells, Niece Diana Dorris, nieces, nephews, great grandchildren and others. Paul was born, raised and lived his life in Cottage Grove, Oregon. In addition to being loved by his family, he was a valuable part of his community. Out of high school, Paul began his career at Bohemia Mill. He en-

listed in the Army and served in Vietnam. Paul received commendations; with diligence, determination, loyalty, initiative, and perseverance, he led others to accomplish maximum achievements with distinct credit. After Vietnam, Paul returned to the mill until retirement. Upon retirement, Paul brought 3 new businesses to the community. Paul owned and operated PM Tax Service, CG Classic Taxi, and CG Historical Guns. Paul was an avid collector of Star Trek and Guns, receiving public recognition for both. In addition, Paul received the HERO award from the Portland Trailblazers. He was given this award for his years of playing Santa Claus in the community, schools and for families who had children with Muscular Dystrophy in honor of his son Shawn. Paul will be missed by us all, loved and not forgotten. The family will host a Celebration of Life, the date is to be determined. If you would like to join us or share anything with his family, please contact 541-285-3236. Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.



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