

New husband’s moodiness may signal deeper trouble

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about my daughter's new husband, "Brad." I haven't interfered with their marriage and don't want to, but he seems very moody and barely speaks to me. Just when I think I've found a common topic, on the next visit four or five weeks later, he doesn't say a word.

During my last visit, he got very upset with my daughter because a piece of chicken fell out of his wrap while she was tasting it. She apologized twice, but her eyes were watering when I walked into the room. I wanted so badly to just hug her and ask Brad "What's wrong with you?" I have



DEAR ABBY

heard his tone before. Should I do anything?

— QUESTIONING

DEAR QUESTIONING: If Brad has behaved this way before when you were visiting, is it possible that your visit was inconvenient for him? Could they be having marital problems?

I don't think it would qualify as interference to ask your daughter how often her husband gets upset over things as trivial as a piece of chicken spilling out of his wrap. Exploding over something so insignificant could be an indication that there is a larger problem that hasn't been dealt with. It also would not be inter-

fering to let your daughter know that if this happens often, it isn't normal, and that you are — and always will be — there for her if she feels she needs it.

DEAR ABBY: A friend died in a state that has restrictions on gathering for funerals because of the pandemic. Only those in the household, the mortuary staff and a pastor or other religious officiant can be present at the funeral.

This was a good friend, Abby, someone I had known for 35 years. He and his wife, also a longtime friend, were in my wedding party. The sudden loss of this friend saddens me, and it grieves me that I cannot offer condolences in person or attend the funeral or support his widow in

person. Other readers may also be facing this quandary. Do you have any suggestions?

— GRIEVING

DEAR GRIEVING: Ask your friend's widow if the funeral home can stream the funeral service to friends and extended family who are unable to attend in person. Call her, extend your condolences, and ask if she needs your help or if she is planning to have a memorial you can attend once the quarantine is lifted.

While you're at it, ask if she would like a contribution in her late husband's name made to a particular organization. Do NOT send flowers without first asking because she may be inundated. And, of course, continue calling

to check on her, lift her spirits and allow her to vent if she needs to, which may help her to feel less isolated and vulnerable.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about privacy. No matter when I am in the restroom, my husband feels the need to come in and hang out. Every single day. I have mentioned over and over that I would prefer some privacy, but he won't listen. I mean, come on, is nothing sacred? What gives?

— EXPOSED

DEAR EXPOSED: You have my sympathy. Your husband either doesn't respect your need for privacy or has an insatiable desire for a captive audience. The solution to your problem may be as simple as a sturdy lock on your bathroom door.

Russia approves first coronavirus vaccine, but scientists uneasy

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MOSCOW — Russia on Tuesday, Aug. 11, became the first country to approve a coronavirus vaccine, a move that was met with international skepticism and unease because the shots have only been studied in dozens of people.

President Vladimir Putin announced the Health Ministry's approval and said one of his two adult daughters already was inoculated. He said the vaccine underwent the necessary tests and was shown to provide lasting immunity to the coronavirus, although Russian authorities have offered no proof to back up claims of safety or effectiveness.

"I know it has proven efficient and forms a stable immunity," Putin said. "We must be grateful to those who made that first step very important for our country and the entire world."

However, scientists in Russia and other coun-

tries sounded an alarm, saying that rushing to offer the vaccine before final-stage testing could backfire. What's called a Phase 3 trial — which involves tens of thousands of people and can take months — is the only way to prove if an experimental vaccine is safe and really works.

By comparison, vaccines entering final-stage testing in the U.S. require studies of 30,000 people each. Two vaccine candidates already have begun those huge studies, with three more set to get underway by fall.

"Fast-tracked approval will not make Russia the leader in the race, it will just expose consumers of the vaccine to unnecessary danger," said Russia's Association of Clinical Trials Organizations, in urging government officials to postpone approving the vaccine without completed advanced trials.

While Russian officials have said large-scale production of the vaccine wasn't scheduled until September, Deputy Prime Min-



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An employee works with a coronavirus vaccine at the Nikolai Gamaleya National Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology in Moscow, Russia on Tuesday, Aug. 11, became the first country to approve a coronavirus vaccine for use despite international skepticism about injections that have not completed clinical trials.

ister Tatyana Golikova said vaccination of doctors could start as early as this month. Officials say they will be closely monitored after the injections. Mass vaccination may begin as early as October.

"We expect tens of thousands of volunteers to be vaccinated within the next months," Kirill Dmitriev, chief executive of the Rus-

navirus, as a way to prime the body to recognize if a real COVID-19 infection comes along.

That's a similar technology as vaccines being developed by China's CanSino Biologics and Britain's Oxford University and AstraZeneca — but unlike those companies, Russian scientists haven't published any scientific information about how the vaccine has performed in animal tests or in early-stage human studies.

Dmitriev said even as Russian doctors and teachers start getting vaccinated, advanced trials are set to start Wednesday that will involve "several thousand people" and span several countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and possibly Brazil.

The Associated Press couldn't find documentation in the Russian Health Ministry's records indicating that permission to start the advanced trials was granted. The min-

istry has not responded to a request for comment.

Putin said one of his daughters has received two doses, and had minor side effects such as slight fever, and is now "feeling well and has a high number of antibodies." It wasn't clear if she was one of the study volunteers.

The Health Ministry said in a statement Tuesday that the vaccine is expected to provide immunity from the coronavirus for up to two years, citing its experience with vaccines made with similar technology.

However, scientists around the world have been cautioning that even if vaccine candidates are proven to work, it will take even more time to tell how long the protection will last.

"The collateral damage from release of any vaccine that was less than safe and effective would exacerbate our current problems insurmountably," Imperial College London immunology professor Danny Altmann said in a statement Tuesday.

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weather

TONIGHT

Clear

Baker City 40

Comfort Index™ 9

FRI

Sunny and pleasant

Baker City 85 42

Comfort Index™ 8

SAT

Sunny and pleasant

Baker City 91 49

Comfort Index™ 5

SUN

Very hot with some sun

Baker City 99 57

Comfort Index™ 3

MON

Very hot

Baker City 100 56

Comfort Index™ 3

La Grande 45

Comfort Index™ 9

84 48

8

91 53

6

100 60

4

102 58

2

Enterprise 41

Comfort Index™ 10

81 48

9

88 52

5

97 60

3

98 64

3

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TEMPERATURES

Baker City

La Grande

Elgin

High Tuesday

93°

94°

93°

Low Tuesday

43°

46°

45°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Tuesday

0.00

0.00

0.00

Month to date

0.02

0.03

Trace

Normal month to date

0.23

0.27

0.21

Year to date

2.63

13.05

25.19

Normal year to date

6.61

10.33

14.66

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity

20%

Afternoon wind

N at 4 to 8 mph

Hours of sunshine

10.5

Evapotranspiration

0.23

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir

29% of capacity

Unity Reservoir

52% of capacity

Owyhee Reservoir

58% of capacity

McKay Reservoir

74% of capacity

Wallowa Lake

37% of capacity

Thief Valley Reservoir

46% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy

594 cfs

Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder

105 cfs

Burnt River near Unity

123 cfs

Umatilla River near Gibbon

48 cfs

Minam River at Minam

170 cfs

Powder River near Richland

30 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 116°

Death Valley, Calif.

Low: 30°

Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.

Wettest: 3.23"

Pensacola, Fla.

OREGON

High: 97°

Ontario

Low: 41°

Meacham

Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY

Hurricane Connie dumped up to 9.85 inches of rain on eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey on Aug. 13, 1955. Hurricane Diane followed six days later with 10.75 inches of rain.

SUN & MOON

THU.

FRI.

Sunrise

5:51 a.m.

5:53 a.m.

Sunset

8:02 p.m.

8:01 p.m.

Moonrise

12:27 a.m.

1:04 a.m.

Moonset

3:59 p.m.

5:01 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New

First

Full

Last

Aug 18

Aug 25

Sep 1

Sep 10

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday night's lows and Friday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

FRI.

SAT.

City

Hi/Low/W

Hi/Low/W

Astoria

70/55/pc

81/58/s

Bend

85/52/s

94/57/s

Boise

91/59/s

95/66/s

Brookings

79/59/s

75/57/pc

Burns

90/46/s

95/53/s

Coos Bay

71/54/s

75/57/s

Corvallis

87/56/s

99/60/s

Council

87/51/s

92/56/s

Elgin

83/47/s

91/54/s

Eugene

87/53/s

99/60/s

Hermiston

88/56/s

97/59/s

Hood River

87/59/s

97/62/s

Imnaha

83/54/s

92/59/s

John Day

86/53/s

94/60/s

Joseph

81/49/s

87/54/s

Kennewick

88/56/s

96/60/s

Klamath Falls

90/52/s

94/56/s

Lakeview

90/51/s

92/55/s

Lewiston

87/58/s

93/62/s

Longview

80/57/pc

91/60/s

Meacham

81/46/s

89/50/s

Medford

99/62/s

107/70/s

Newport

64/49/s

69/53/s

Olympia

79/50/pc

88/55/s

Ontario

92/56/s

96/62/s

Pasco

90/55/s

96/59/s

Pendleton

86/55/s

95/59/s

Portland

85/59/s

97/66/s

Powers

87/56/s

99/65/s

Redmond

89/48/s

98/54/s

Redmond

91/59/s

105/65/s

Salem

85/57/s

99/62/s

Spokane

80/54/s

88/57/s

The Dalles

90/61/s

100/66/s

Ukiah

81/45/s

90/52/s

Walla Walla

85/60/s

93/63/s

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES

Plenty of sunshine

63 44

MT. EMILY REC.

Mostly sunny

71 49

EAGLE CAP WILD.

Plenty of sunshine

69 40

WALLOWA LAKE

Sunny and nice

81 49

THIEF VALLEY RES.

Sunny and pleasant

85 42

PHILLIPS LAKE

Sunny and pleasant

82 46

BROWNLEE RES.

Sunny and nice

87 52

EMIGRANT ST. PARK

Mostly sunny; nice

76 43

MCKAY RESERVOIR

Mostly sunny

84 55

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK

Sunny and pleasant

84 48

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