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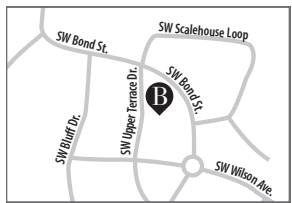
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# LOCAL, STATE & REGION

## DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

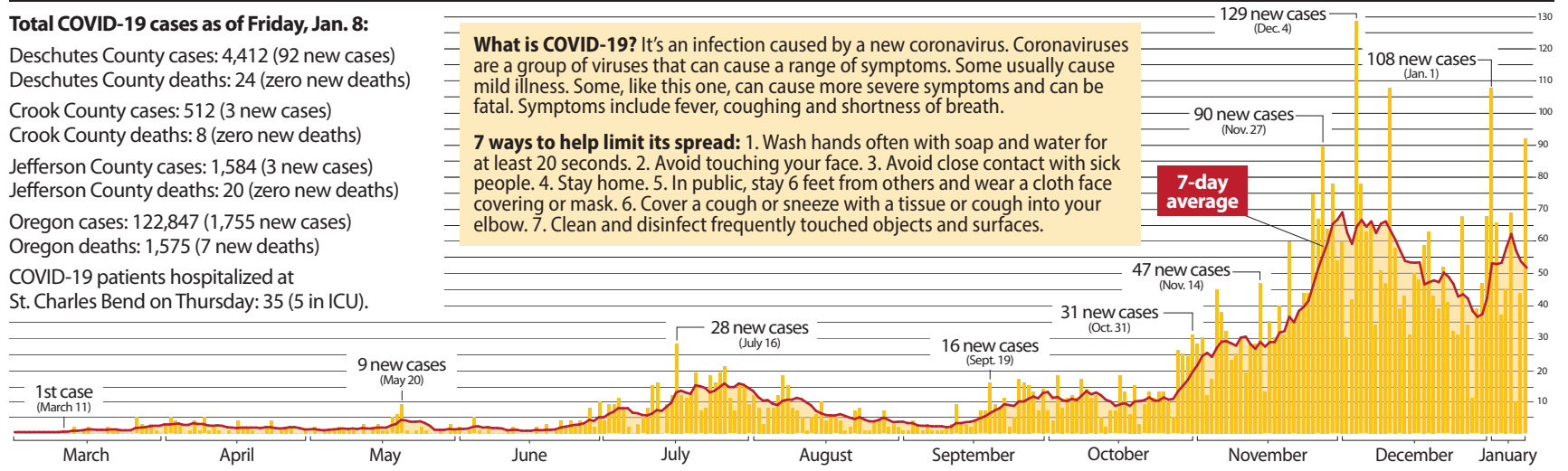
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### Total COVID-19 cases as of Friday, Jan. 8:

Deschutes County cases: 4,412 (92 new cases)  
Deschutes County deaths: 24 (zero new deaths)  
Crook County cases: 512 (3 new cases)  
Crook County deaths: 8 (zero new deaths)  
Jefferson County cases: 1,584 (3 new cases)  
Jefferson County deaths: 20 (zero new deaths)  
Oregon cases: 122,847 (1,755 new cases)  
Oregon deaths: 1,575 (7 new deaths)  
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Thursday: 35 (5 in ICU).

**What is COVID-19?** It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause a range of symptoms. Some usually cause mild illness. Some, like this one, can cause more severe symptoms and can be fatal. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath.

**7 ways to help limit its spread:** 1. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 2. Avoid touching your face. 3. Avoid close contact with sick people. 4. Stay home. 5. In public, stay 6 feet from others and wear a cloth face covering or mask. 6. Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



## Health workers | Vaccine

# Rollout hits snag as some balk at shots

BY BERNARD CONDON, MATT SEDENSKY AND CARLA K. JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

The desperately awaited vaccination drive against the coronavirus in the U.S. is running into resistance from an unlikely quarter: Surprising numbers of health care workers who have seen firsthand the death and misery inflicted by COVID-19 are refusing shots.

It is happening in nursing homes and, to a lesser degree, in hospitals, with employees expressing what experts say are unfounded fears of side effects from vaccines that were developed at record speed. More than three weeks into the campaign, some places are seeing as much as 80% of the staff holding back.

"I don't think anyone wants to be a guinea pig," said Dr. Stephen Noble, a 42-year-old cardiothoracic surgeon in Portland, who is postponing getting vaccinated. "At the end of the day, as a man of science, I just want to see what the data show. And give me the full data."

Alarmed by the phenomenon, some administrators have dangled everything from free breakfasts at Waffle House to a raffle for a car to get employees to roll up their sleeves.

# Judge orders pretrial release of accused eco-saboteur Dibee

BY MAXINE BERNSTEIN  
The Oregonian

A federal judge on Friday ordered the pretrial release of accused eco-saboteur Joseph M. Dibee as soon as he tests negative for COVID-19.

"It has become untenable for him to review discovery and in helping counsel prepare for trial," U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken said. "I think this is the most appropriate manner to move this case forward."

Dibee, 53, learned he had tested positive for the coronavirus after he was tested Dec. 21 in Multnomah County's Inverness Jail, at the urging of his defense lawyer Matthew Schindler. The lawyer had reported to the court that Dibee was ill and had lost his sense of taste and smell. He began suffering flu-like symptoms just days after the jail had moved him out of the medical unit to another unit against the judge's direction.

Dibee had been in the medical unit, recovering from a broken jaw he had suffered during an assault from another inmate at the jail in January 2020. He underwent surgery but has not received the necessary physical therapy to repair his jaw, the judge noted.

The judge said she was "re-ally disturbed" by the medical issues at the jail, considering that she had received weekly status reports that no one in the jail had contracted coro-



A nurse puts on protective gear Thursday in a COVID-19 unit in California.

Jae C. Hong/AP file

Some states have threatened to let other people cut ahead of health care workers in the line for shots.

"It's far too low. It's alarmingly low," said Neil Pruitt, CEO of PruittHealth, which runs about 100 long-term care homes in the South, where fewer than 3 in 10 workers offered the vaccine so far have accepted it.

Many medical facilities from Florida to Washington state have boasted of near-universal acceptance of the shots, and

workers have proudly plastered pictures of themselves on social media receiving the vaccine. Elsewhere, though, the drive has stumbled.

While the federal government has released no data on how many people offered the vaccines have taken them, glimpses of resistance have emerged around the country.

The pushback comes amid the most lethal phase in the outbreak yet, with the death toll at more than 350,000, and it could hinder the gov-

ernment's effort to vaccinate somewhere between 70% and 85% of the U.S. population to achieve "herd immunity."

Administrators and public health officials have expressed hope that more health workers will opt to be vaccinated as they see their colleagues take the shots without problems.

Oregon doctor Noble said he will wait until April or May to get the shots. He said it is vital for public health authorities not to overstate what they know about the vaccines. That

is particularly important, he said, for Black people like him who are distrustful of government medical guidance because of past failures and abuses, such as the infamous Tuskegee experiment.

Medical journals have published extensive data on the vaccines, and the Food and Drug Administration has made its analysis public. But misinformation about the shots has spread wildly online, including falsehoods that they cause fertility problems.

There have been no signs of widespread severe side effects from the vaccines, and scientists say the drugs have been rigorously tested on tens of thousands and vetted by independent experts.

States have begun turning up the pressure. South Carolina's governor gave health care workers until Jan. 15 to get a shot or "move to the back of the line." Georgia's top health official has allowed some vaccines to be diverted to other front-line workers, including firefighters and police, out of frustration with the slow uptake.

"There's vaccine available but it's literally sitting in freezers," said Public Health Commissioner Dr. Kathleen Toomey. "That's unacceptable. We have lives to save."

# Oregon National Guard to support vaccinations

BY ANDREW SELSKY

The Associated Press  
SALEM — Oregon will be stepping up its vaccinations against COVID-19, including by administering thousands of doses at the state fairgrounds in Salem this weekend with the support of the National Guard, Gov. Kate Brown said Friday.

"The goal is to vaccinate 250 people per hour, vaccinating thousands of Oregonians," Brown announced during a Zoom call with reporters.

Those eligible to receive the vaccination are in the top priority category set by the Oregon Health Authority, which includes hospitals, health care providers and residents at long-term care facilities; emergency medical service providers and other first responders.

Those who appear for the vaccination "will be asked to provide ... a self attestation that they qualify in the Phase 1a category," said OHA Director Patrick Allen. "This is part of the process of simplifying 1a and being able to get through the category as quickly as we can."

On Friday, OHA recorded 7,994 doses of vaccine administered — including 578 second doses — raising the state's total number of shots given to 74,914.

The agency also reported Friday that COVID-19 claimed seven more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 1,575.

There were also 1,755 new cases, bringing the total to 122,847 in a state with a population of around 4.2 million.

**JOSEPH MAHMOUD DIBEE**  
Conspiracy to Commit Arson of United States Government Property and of Property Used in Interstate Commerce; Conspiracy to Commit Arson and Destruction of an Energy Facility; Arson of a Building

DESCRIPTION  
FBI/file

Joseph Dibee, in an FBI file photo.

navirus, and learned only of Dibee's positive test when she ordered he be tested after his lawyer requested it. After that, the jail reported a second inmate also had tested positive.

"I'm very concerned whether I've been getting accurate information about the status of the health of inmates at Inverness," Aiken said.

This marks the second time Aiken has ordered Dibee's release pending trial. He was arrested in August 2018 in Cuba, a fugitive for 12 years accused in a string of environmental sabotage across the West.

On Dec. 18, 2019, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned Aiken's release order for Dibee, six days after she had allowed for his pretrial release to live with his sister in Seattle. He was out for less than a week when he surrendered to federal authorities in Seattle and returned to custody in Portland.

This time, Aiken ordered

Dibee to be released to his sister's home in Seattle and quarantined there once he tests negative for COVID-19. He'll be under GPS monitoring and home detention with special monitoring software installed on his computer and phone. After his quarantine, he can live with and care for his father, who is suffering from a terminal illness, the judge said.

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