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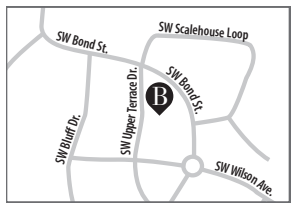
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

SOURCES: OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, DESCHUTES COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, BULLETIN GRAPHIC

COVID-19 data for Wednesday, Jan. 20:

Deschutes County cases: 5,073 (38 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 39 (2 new deaths)
Crook County cases: 629 (7 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 11 (1 new death)
Jefferson County cases: 1,712 (7 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 25 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 135,142 (704 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 1,832 (24 new deaths)

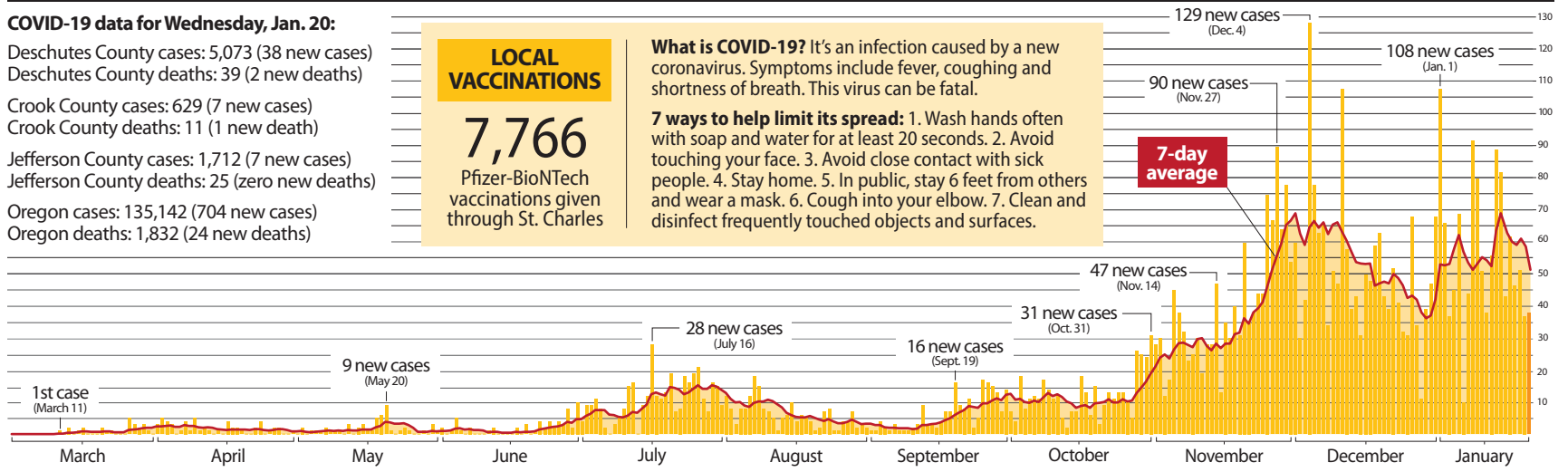
LOCAL VACCINATIONS

7,766

Pfizer-BioNTech vaccinations given through St. Charles

What is COVID-19? It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath. This virus can be fatal.

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 mask. 6. Cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Oregon updates guidance for in-person learning

BY SARA CLINE

Associated Press/Report for America
PORTLAND — The Oregon Department of Education on Tuesday issued updated guidance for the return of in-person learning, which includes a requirement that schools provide on-site COVID-19 testing.

The guidance is the most recent push for students to return to school. Earlier this month, Gov. Kate Brown set a Feb. 15 goal for returning more students to the classroom, with a focus on elementary students.

"It's absolutely critical that we re-

turn Oregon students to in-person instruction as quickly as possible," Brown tweeted. "The educational, social, emotional, mental, and physical health of so many students is tied to their schools and to the personalized support that educators provide."

Before winter break, less than 10% of Oregon's estimated 580,000 students were receiving some form of in-person instruction, according to data from the Oregon Department of Education.

At the start of the year, Brown gave local school districts the power to decide when to return students to in-

person learning.

"We are providing school leaders with the information they need to make local decisions about returning to in-person instruction," Colt Gill, the director of the state's department of education, said on Tuesday. "We all know that in-person instruction provides our children and families with access to an equitable education."

Updated advisory metrics now allow for in-person classes for elementary students at higher levels of community case rates than previously recommended.

A new requirement is that schools provide on-site COVID-19 testing for

symptomatic students and staff members and for those who have had a known exposure to a positive case.

The department of education said that as school officials make decisions about returning to in-person instruction, they must also continue to focus on county case counts and following safety protocols — wearing face coverings, distancing and frequent handwashing.

In addition, Brown said that \$500 million in federal relief will be used to implement safety standards and buy personal protective equipment for staff and students.

LOCAL & STATE BRIEFING

St. Charles Redmond reports COVID-19 outbreak

An outbreak of COVID-19 has affected caregivers at St. Charles Redmond.

As of Wednesday, 31 caregivers had tested positive, according to a statement from St. Charles Health System. The cases are being investigated in collaboration with Deschutes County Health Services and the Oregon Health Authority.

"We are taking every possible measure to stop the spread of the virus, to protect our patients and our caregivers," said Aaron Adams, chief executive officer for the Redmond hospital, in the statement.

The hospital is offering COVID-19 testing to all St. Charles Redmond hospital-based caregivers. According to its statement, it has also imposed new safety measures.

Visitors at the Redmond hospital are now limited to:

- A caregiver or attendant of a patient who needs assistance due to a language barrier or the patient's disability, whose presence will assist the person with the disability in receiving treatment, ensure the safety of the patient or facility staff, or who must assist with activities of daily living.
- A close family member of a patient undergoing end-of-life care
- A parent or legal guardian of a hospitalized child.

Former teacher pleads guilty to sex trafficking

A former Eugene elementary school teacher on Tuesday pleaded guilty to sex trafficking involving a child.

Federal prosecutors will seek a prison sentence of more than 13 years for William Cantu Hamann, 38, when he's sentenced in U.S. District Court in Eugene in March.

They'll ask that the sentence run consecutive to a proposed state prison term of one year and eight months, according to global plea negotiations from both federal and state cases.

Hamann is accused of sexual abuse and sodomy in Lane County Circuit Court and has not formally entered any pleas. A trial is set there for March 10.

The victim was not a student of Hamann's, according to prosecutors. He had taught at Spring Creek Elementary in Eugene.

Hamann met the victim on social media, paid her for sex and recorded her performing sex acts between 2018 and July 2019, according to federal prosecutors. She was 15 when Hamann met her.

Eugene police detectives and FBI agents arrested Hamann

on July 26, 2019, when he arrived at a school to meet her, according to Eugene police P

Pendleton Police arrest man allegedly on kratom

Pendleton Police on Monday arrested a man who allegedly caused a public disturbance and later leapt through a second-story closed window before he was arrested, according to a press release.

Officers said the man was suffering from an "apparent psychosis," most likely brought on by the substance kratom, which is derived from a tree native to Southeast Asia where it has been used for centuries as a stimulant and pain reliever. It is legal and, for the most part, unregulated and untracked in Oregon and nationally.

At around 7:30 p.m., Pendleton police found Daniel P. Kemp, 37, agitated, screaming, removing his clothing, going into neighboring residences, destroying property and running in and out of his home, the press release said.

Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation. But Kemp went inside a building, ran to the second story, jumped through a closed window and landed on the ground outside, according to the press release.

Kemp fought the police, and it took four officers to restrain him and secure him to a medical gurney to treat his injuries. Officers also used a stun gun on Kemp, but he was not affected.

Kemp was taken to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, and after evaluation was lodged in the Umatilla County Jail on second-degree disorderly conduct.

Gresham couple accused of starving their children

Two Gresham parents are facing 18 counts related to child abuse after authorities say the pair starved their two young children.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office said Mena Kamel, 33, and Marina Zaki, 28, are facing four counts of assault and 14 of criminal mistreatment. All of the accusations are linked to the parents failing to provide their children with food or adequate medical care.

The investigation began in late June after police and medics came to their Gresham home to attend to one of the children, who had suffered a critical injury.

Court documents did not specify what kind of injury the child had or whether the parents caused the injury, but reports indicated that after the child was taken to the hospital

Vaccination clinic at the Deschutes fairgrounds



Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin

Karla Toms, a registered nurse with St. Charles Health System, administers a vaccine in the arm of Suzi Smith, of Bend, during a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond on Wednesday. The hospital system and Deschutes County health officials are teaming up at the fairgrounds to vaccinate those in the 1A cohort classification. That includes hospitals, urgent care, skilled nursing and memory care facility health care providers and residents, long-term care providers and residents, hospice programs, health care personnel working in public health settings, and workers caring for children or adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

for treatment, medical workers discovered the child was starved and malnourished.

Court documents say both children are younger than 6.

Proud Boy organizer arrested in Florida after riot

Two Florida men, including a self-described organizer for the Proud Boys, a far-right extremist group responsible for rallies in Portland, were arrested Wednesday for taking part in

the siege of the U.S. Capitol earlier this month, authorities said.

Joseph Biggs, 37, was arrested in central Florida and faces charges of obstructing an official proceeding before Congress, entering a restricted on the groups of the U.S. Capitol and disorderly conduct.

According to an arrest affidavit, Biggs was part of a crowd on Jan. 6 that overwhelmed Capitol Police officers who were manning a metal barrier on the steps of the Capitol. The

mob entered the building as lawmakers were certifying Joe Biden's election win.

Ahead of the riot, Biggs told followers of his on the social media app Parler to dress in black to resemble the far-left antifascist movement, the affidavit said.

Biggs had organized a 2019 rally in Portland, in which more than 1,000 far-right protesters and anti-fascist counter-protesters faced off.

— Bulletin staff and wire reports

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