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## COVID-19 | Redmond schools

# Reopening is delayed to Feb. 22 as cases rise

BY JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin  
 Nearly 7,500 students in Redmond schools will have to wait about three weeks longer than planned before they can return to in-person learning, the school district announced

Friday afternoon.

The Redmond School District said it will delay its return to classrooms to Feb. 22, 20 days after the original plan.

Superintendent Charan Cline said a primary reason for the delay was because too many

school staffers are in COVID-19 quarantine, which would make staffing schools difficult.

"It was clear that it was going to be hard to reopen on the second because of personnel," Cline told The Bulletin on Friday.

Cline declined to say how many staffers were in quarantine, but noted that it was a higher number than when Redmond had to temporarily shutter limited in-person classes in early December, when there were 91 students

and staff combined in quarantine.

A recent COVID-19 outbreak at St. Charles Redmond also sent a warning about reopening schools on Feb. 2, Cline said.



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## Central Oregon welcomes winter weather

Storm brings 4 to 5 inches of snow to Bend, Redmond; more expected

BY GARRETT ANDREWS

The Bulletin  
 Central Oregon saw its first real snow of winter early Friday, brought by a mid-season storm that largely avoided the rest of the state.

By midday, observers with the National Weather Service in and around Bend and Redmond were reporting a snowfall of 4 to 5 inches, as a low-pressure storm system passed through on its way to Northern California. Meanwhile, TripCheck roadside cameras showed clear roads and sunshine at Government Camp, Siskiyou Summit and Santiam Pass.

Another inch or two was forecast to fall in Central Oregon by the end of the afternoon, according to Ann Adams, weather technician for the National Weather Service's Pendleton office.

A winter weather advisory was to remain in effect until 10 p.m. The Oregon Department of Transportation was reporting two weather-related road closures, U.S. Highway 97 a mile north of Terrebonne and state Highway 126 about 8 miles east of Sisters.

The winter storm concentrated on the Bend-Redmond area. Mt. Bachelor reported receiving 4 inches in the past 24 hours, bringing its total on the ground to 18 inches. Meanwhile, Hoodoo Ski Area outside Sisters got just half an inch.

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Kerstin Brady, 82, clears several inches of fresh snow from the sidewalk in front of her house Friday in Bend.

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## COVID-19 | Vaccines

# Brown defends giving priority to teachers

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau

Gov. Kate Brown said Friday that she will stick with her controversial plan to vaccinate school staff ahead of elderly residents.

"My priorities have not changed," Brown said during a press conference.



Brown: "It's really pretty simple. I am using every single tool I have to get kids back into the classroom this school year."

The current state vaccination priority list calls for an estimated 100,000 K-12 teachers, school staff, child care workers and preschool employees to be eligible for vaccination Monday.

Residents 80 and over will be eligible two weeks later, on Feb. 8. The minimum age will drop five years each week until those 65 and over are eligible on March 1.

Eligibility does not ensure availability. Brown has set a goal of the state's program administering 12,000 shots per day.

With the current vaccines requiring two shots spaced several weeks apart, the goal means 6,000 residents would be fully vaccinated each day in the near future.

Oregon is one of only five states in the nation where the inoculation of those 65 and over has not begun.

As of Friday, it is the only state to prioritize educators and staff ahead of older residents.

Oregon has an estimated 767,500 residents who are aged 65 or over out of a total population of about 4.2 million.

The state ranks 11th in percentage of elderly residents at just over 18%.

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## Appeals court reverses ban on pot operations near youth activity centers

BY BRENNIA VISSER

The Bulletin

The state Court of Appeals has affirmed earlier rulings from the Land Use Board of Appeals, which ruled last year that Deschutes County can't stop marijuana production near "youth activity centers" because the term is too ambiguous.

In a ruling issued Jan. 13, the court found the legal merits of the decision made by the Land Use Board of Appeals, otherwise known

as LUBA, to be correct.

"Simply put, as LUBA recognized, no one could tell by reading the Deschutes County Code what is likely to be deemed a 'youth activity center,'" the state Court of Appeals wrote in the ruling.

Last summer, LUBA decided the factors Deschutes County used to reject the applications of two separate marijuana growing and processing facilities don't fit with the state's land use law.

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## Why at least 45 states will vaccinate seniors against virus before Oregon

AIMEE GREEN

The Oregonian

Seniors in Oregon will wait longer than almost anywhere else in the country to be eligible for coronavirus vaccinations, a review by The Oregonian has found, undercutting claims that the federal government is to blame. And that has shifted focus

back to Gov. Kate Brown's decision to prioritize teachers over the elderly.

Brown had already decided to vaccinate educators before seniors in an attempt to reopen K-12 schools.

But she briefly reversed course last week based on expectations more vaccines would be pro-

vided by the federal government, announcing that seniors 65 and older would join day care, preschool and K-12 employees as being eligible for vaccines Jan. 23.

Yet when the prospect of extra vaccines fell apart, Brown said she had no choice but to make elderly Oregonians wait.

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