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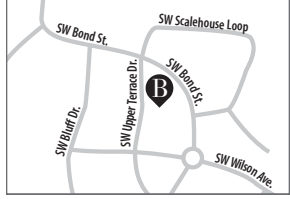
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# LOCAL, STATE & REGION

## DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

### COVID-19 data for Friday, Jan. 29:

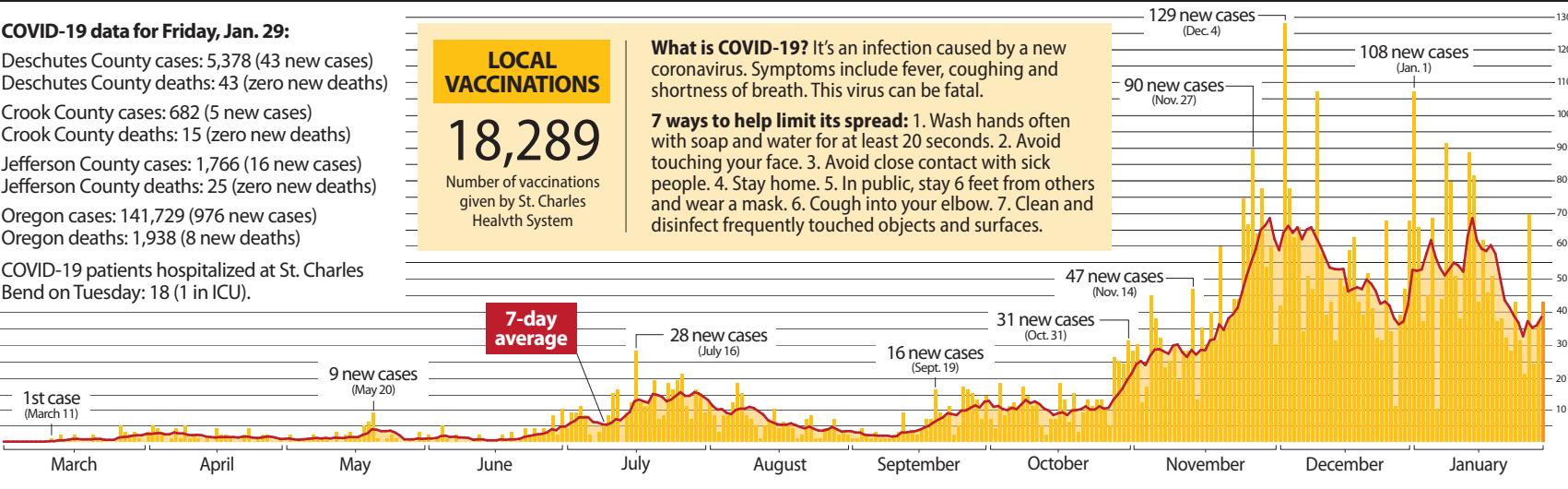
Deschutes County cases: 5,378 (43 new cases)  
Deschutes County deaths: 43 (zero new deaths)  
Crook County cases: 682 (5 new cases)  
Crook County deaths: 15 (zero new deaths)  
Jefferson County cases: 1,766 (16 new cases)  
Jefferson County deaths: 25 (zero new deaths)  
Oregon cases: 141,729 (976 new cases)  
Oregon deaths: 1,938 (8 new deaths)

COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Tuesday: 18 (1 in ICU).

**LOCAL VACCINATIONS**  
**18,289**  
Number of vaccinations given by St. Charles Health System

**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.



## Legislative panel starts hearing policing bills

### BY PETER WONG

Oregon Capital Bureau  
Five lawmakers on an Oregon House subcommittee will focus on the state's policing practices and the people who carry them out.

They have started public hearings on more than a dozen bills, some of them overlapping, that propose various changes to Oregon laws in the aftermath of last year's death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer and the nationwide protests it triggered.

One hearing on two bills is scheduled Monday. The subcommittee chair is Rep. Janelle Bynum, a Democrat from Clackamas who also leads the full House Judiciary Committee. Her District 51 straddles Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

Bynum, while canvassing her district in 2018, was reported as a "suspicious person" to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. She is Black.

Bynum said in opening the subcommittee's work Jan. 25 that, while there is a need for a strong law enforcement presence, "that is not the only way to keep the peace."

"I believe that our communities need some healing and an update to our laws so that everyone can live and breathe freely," she added. "That is the perspective I am bringing to this committee — a sense of fairness, a sense of balance and

an opportunity to fix things that have been neglected for a long time — and make sure that all of us feel safer in our communities."

Bynum was the House co-leader of a joint interim committee that produced half a dozen bills lawmakers passed during a special session June 24 to 26. But the committee conceded in its final report that more work needs to be done.

While several bills now before the subcommittee emerged from the interim committee, the committee never voted on its final report because it was unable to meet in person in December due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Legislature's lawyers advised lawmakers that the Oregon Constitution and House rules bar remote voting, unless the governor invokes a "catastrophic disaster" provision that has never been used since voters approved it in 2012.

The two Republican members of the subcommittee are former police chiefs in small communities.

All legislative panels are taking testimony virtually or in writing because the Capitol has been closed to the public since March 18, 2020, at the start of the pandemic. They are not expected to amend or advance bills until the midpoint of the session in April, when they will start meeting in person.

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### Law-enforcement related bills, concepts

Bills and bill concepts laid out at a subcommittee meeting Jan. 25.

#### Bills

- **House Bill 2306:** Requires police agencies to set up boards to review policies annually and report to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.
- **House Bill 2928:** Generally bars police use of tear gas or other chemical irritants, rubber bullets and sound cannons, except where police can justify physical use of force (proposed amended version).
- **House Bill 2929:** Requires police to report misconduct by police involving "unjustified or excessive force," discrimination, sexual harassment or misconduct, a crime, or violations of minimum standards. Also requires investigation of such reports.
- **House Bill 2930:** Limits arbitrators' decisions about alleged misconduct by police. Creates a commission on statewide law enforcement conduct and discipline.
- **House Bill 2931:** Requires an arresting officer to provide for a medical assessment of someone who is arrested.
- **House Bill 2932:** Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to set up a statewide database on use of force incidents.
- **House Bill 2936:** Requires Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to investigate the character of officer and reserve candidates before they are accepted for training at the state public safety academy in Salem. Also bars "racist behaviors" by police.

#### Bill concepts

- **LC 743:** Specifies that police uniforms must be blue; black is reserved for members of special weapons and tactics teams and correctional emergency response teams. Undercover officers are exempted.
- **LC 748:** Requires a state database to contain any complaint filed against any public safety employee, whether or not it resulted in disciplinary proceedings, and the status of and findings related to the complaint. A state database is maintained by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training of suspensions and revocations of the certifications of officers.
- **LC 748:** Requires police to report specified disciplinary actions to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.
- **LC 751:** Creates a task force on statewide law enforcement disciplinary standards.
- **LC 769:** Creates a commission on statewide public employee standards on conduct and discipline.
- **LC 3177:** Bars disclosure of booking photos to publish-for-pay publications.
- **LC 3178:** Allows civil lawsuits against police agencies for improper disclosure of personal information of people who file complaints against police.

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Mt. Bachelor, NeighborImpact hosting food drive Friday and Saturday

Mt. Bachelor and the Redmond nonprofit NeighborImpact are teaming up for a food drive Friday and Saturday.

Both are asking for nonperishable food items, especially canned meats and fish, soups and stews, canned vegetables, canned fruit and dry

beans, according to a Mt. Bachelor press release. All the donated food will be added to NeighborImpact's Food Bank, the release stated.

To donate food, visit the Sun Country Tours location in Bend at 531 SW 13th St. The food drive will accept food from noon to 5 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, the release stated.

—Bulletin staff report

## IDAHO

### Ban on legal marijuana advances

#### BY KEITH RIDLER

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — As legal weed becomes a reality in every corner of the U.S., Idaho is putting up a fight.

State lawmakers on Friday moved forward with a proposed constitutional amendment that would bar the legalization of marijuana in Idaho in an attempt to keep the growing nationwide acceptance of the drug from seeping across its borders.

Idaho is one of only three

states without some sort of policy allowing residents to possess products with even low amounts of THC, the psychoactive chemical in marijuana. Residents can cross the state border in nearly every direction and find themselves in a place where marijuana can be bought for recreational or medicinal purposes. Support for medicinal marijuana use is growing among some residents — with legalization activists trying to get an initiative on the state ballot in 2022.

It's made some lawmakers in the deep-red state nervous, particularly after voters in the neighboring state of Oregon decriminalized the personal possession of drugs like heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine in November.

Washington, Oregon, Montana and Nevada have legalized recreational and medical marijuana, while Utah allows medical marijuana. Wyoming allows CBD products containing less than 0.3% of THC.

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