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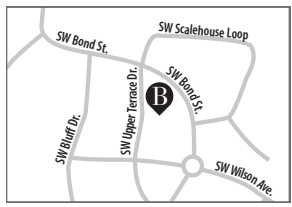
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Monday, Feb. 1:

Editor's note: Cases reported Monday include data from Saturday and Sunday, when the state was conducting computer maintenance.
Deschutes County cases: 5,434 (31 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 45 (0 new deaths)
Crook County cases: 692 (3 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 15 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 1,777 (3 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 25 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 143,373 (964 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 1,958 (1 new death)

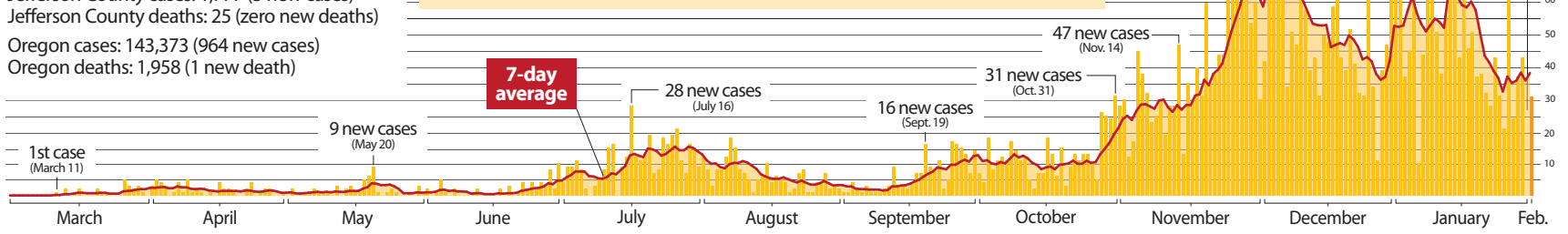
LOCAL VACCINATIONS

22,423

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.



DECRIMINALIZATION OF HARD DRUGS

Pioneering new law takes effect

Police can no longer arrest someone for possession of small amounts of heroin, meth and more

BY ANDREW SELSKY

The Associated Press

SALEM — Police in Oregon can no longer arrest someone for possession of small amounts of heroin, methamphetamine, LSD, oxycodone and other hard drugs as a ballot measure that decriminalized them took effect on Monday.

Instead, those found in possession would face a \$100 fine or a health assessment that could lead to addiction counseling. Backers of the ballot measure decriminalizing hard drugs, which Oregon voters passed by a wide margin in November, hailed it as a revolutionary move for the United States.

“Today, the first domino of our cruel and inhumane war on drugs has fallen, setting off what we expect to be a cascade of other efforts centering health over criminalization,” said Cassandra Frederique, executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, which spearheaded the ballot initiative. Ballot Measure 110’s backers said treatment needs to be the priority and that criminalizing drug possession was not working. Besides facing the prospect of being locked up, having a criminal record makes it difficult to find housing and jobs and can haunt a person for a lifetime.

Two dozen district attorneys had opposed the measure, saying it was reckless and would lead to an increase in the acceptability of dangerous drugs.

Instead of facing arrest, those found by law enforcement with personal-use amounts of drugs would face a civil citation, “like a traffic ticket,” and not a criminal citation, said Matt Sutton, spokesman for the Drug Policy Alliance.

Under the new system, addiction recovery centers will be “triaging the acute needs of people who use drugs and assessing and addressing any ongoing needs thorough intensive case management and linkage to care and services.”

The addiction recovery centers will be funded by millions of dollars of tax revenue from Oregon’s legalized marijuana industry. That diverts some funds from other programs and entities that already receive it, like schools.

The ballot measure capped the amount of pot tax revenue that schools, mental health alcoholism and drug services; the state police; and cities and counties receive at \$45 million annually, with the rest going to a “Drug Treatment and Re-



Yes on Measure 110 Campaign via AP, file

Volunteers deliver boxes containing signed petitions in favor of Measure 110 on June 26 to the Oregon Secretary of State's Office in Salem. Police can no longer arrest someone for possession of small amounts of heroin, methamphetamine and other hard drugs as the measure that decriminalized them took effect Monday.

covery Services Fund.” The fund will be awash in money if the sales trend for marijuana continues as expected.

In the 2020 fiscal year, marijuana tax revenues peaked at \$133 million, a 30% increase over the previous year, and a 545% increase over 2016, when pot taxes began being collected from legal, registered recreational marijuana enterprises around the state.

The other recipients of pot tax revenues are now saying that, after assessment and related treatment options are set up, the distribution of those revenues will deserve another look. A leading lawmaker agrees.

“In the future, as Oregon’s treatment programs reach full funding, the state should evaluate what other services would benefit from our continually growing marijuana tax revenues,” Oregon Education Association President John Larson said in an email. Larson said a “balanced approach to budgeting” will support communities and students. The OEA union represents about 44,000 educators.

State Sen. Floyd Prozanski, chair of the Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation, said he expects Oregon’s cannabis tax revenues to increase exponentially if recreational marijuana in the United States is legalized. He expects that to happen within four years.

That would make the Drug Treatment and Recovery Services Fund “oversaturated with revenue” as out-of-state consumers legally buy Oregon’s potent marijuana, Prozanski said in a telephone interview.

“It would be foolish for us as a Legislature to think that the voters would want us to put hundreds upon hundreds upon hundreds of millions of dollars into a program that would be, at that point, I would think, having a gold standard” in addiction recovery services, the Democrat said.

Oregon is a pioneer in liberalizing drug laws. It was the first state, in 1973, to decriminalize marijuana possession.

In 2014, Oregon voters passed a ballot measure legalizing recreational use of marijuana.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Bend-La Pine will offer free meals into June

Classrooms are starting to reopen in Bend-La Pine Schools, but one distance learning-era staple will remain through the end of the school year: free meals.

Bend-La Pine will keep offering three free meals per day — both for students learning in-person inside their schools, and at pick-up sites for families still choosing to learn at home, according to a school district press release.

There are now only three meal pick-up locations: Bend, Mountain View and La Pine high schools, the release stated. Brown bag meals can be picked up at those schools from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on weekdays.

The school district has served nearly 1.3 million free meals to students since it began offering them in mid-March, at the onset of the pandemic, according to the release.

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