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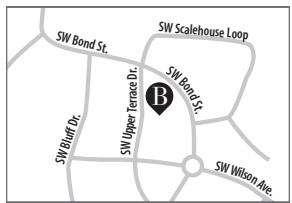
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# LOCAL, STATE & REGION

## DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

**COVID-19 data for Wednesday, Feb. 3:**

Deschutes County cases: 5,468 (20 new cases)  
Deschutes County deaths: 46 (1 new death)  
Crook County cases: 702 (7 new cases)  
Crook County deaths: 15 (zero new deaths)  
Jefferson County cases: 1,788 (7 new cases)  
Jefferson County deaths: 25 (zero new deaths)  
Oregon cases: 144,605 (649 new cases)  
Oregon deaths: 1,991 (10 new deaths)

COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Tuesday: 15 (4 in ICU).

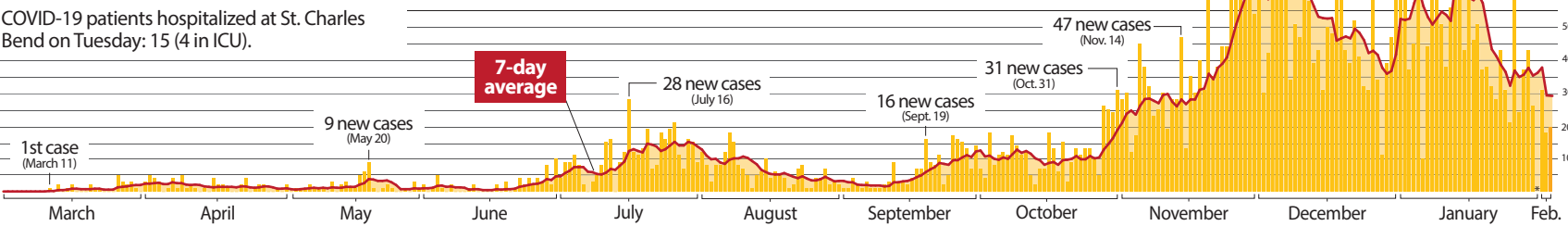
**LOCAL VACCINATIONS**

**22,481**

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.



# Judge: Inmates to be prioritized for vaccine

The Associated Press

Gov. Kate Brown's office said Wednesday that Oregon will soon begin offering COVID-19 vaccinations to as many as 11,000 inmates in the state's 14 prisons — one day after a federal judge ordered it.

"The court's decision is clear, and the state has decided not to appeal," said Charles Boyle, a spokesman for the governor's office, in an email Wednesday. Boyle didn't offer a date when vaccinations will commence.

But on Tuesday, U.S. Magistrate Stacie Beckerman ruled that inoculations must begin immediately.

Some Oregonians have worried this will slow the administration of shots to Oregon's oldest residents and day care,

preschool and K-12 employees as part of Phase 1b because of the already overburdened rollout in Oregon. But the governor's office said it should not.

"We do not anticipate that these adjustments will alter our timelines for beginning Phase 1b vaccinations, including vaccines for educators or seniors—however that is dependent on the weekly vaccine supplies we receive from the federal government," Boyle said.

In all, the state estimates there are 152,000 educators currently eligible for inoculations. From Feb. 8 to the first week of March, up to 767,000 seniors will become eligible, although state officials say the true number is smaller because a small portion have already

been vaccinated because they qualified for reasons including they work in the health care industry or live in long-term care facilities.

In comparison, there are about 12,600 inmates in custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections. About 1,600 of them have already been vaccinated.

Most of them are over age 60 or are medically vulnerable and were inoculated because of a miscommunication, Beckerman wrote in her ruling.

Beckerman called for all inmates to be offered the vaccines after lawyers for several inmates argued the state's prisoners were disregarding virus safety protocols and inmates were falling ill and dying at disproportionate rates.

## 30 people infected in Josephine County jail outbreak

GRANTS PASS — More than two dozen people have been infected with COVID-19 at the Josephine County jail in Southern Oregon, authorities said.

Josephine County Undersheriff Travis Snyder said Tuesday in a news release the outbreak at the jail in Grants Pass was discovered last week after some inmates reported flu-like symptoms.

The individuals were separated from the general population and tested for COVID-19 with six positive cases as of Friday, he said.

The county Public Health Department was notified and a plan was formulated to test the entire jail population and staff with rapid tests. The jail was then notified of 19 additional positive results, according to the sheriff's office.

On Tuesday, all inmates and staff present were tested again using rapid tests, which returned five additional positive results.

At the recommendation of public health officials, everyone in the jail will be tested again next week, according to Snyder.

The facility has been placed on modified programs until containment and treatment can be verified to decrease the further chances of exposure, he said.

—The Associated Press

# State blocks public access to vaccine equity group's meeting

BY FEDOR ZARKHIN

The Oregonian

Oregon's coronavirus vaccine equity group was scheduled to meet in secret Tuesday to evaluate the group's work over the last month after the state shut down public access following weeks' of open meetings.

Oregon's Vaccine Advisory Committee was charged with recommending who should be vaccinated after the governor's priority groups, with an emphasis on tackling health disparities that stem from "structural racism." But the group's final recommendations last week appeared rushed and some committee members expressed frustration with the process.

A spokesman for the health authority defended the decision to prohibit media or members of the public from viewing Tuesday's 5:30 p.m. meeting, saying the group accomplished



Gillian Flaccus/AP file

Members of Oregon's 27-member vaccine advisory committee are seen meeting by teleconference in this photo taken Jan. 2 in Portland. The committee advises Democratic Gov. Kate Brown and the Oregon Health Authority on the phases of vaccine distribution.

its original function at its Jan. 28 session.

The committee "has completed its official duties and

fulfilled its purpose of making recommendations" about vac-

ination order to the Oregon Health Authority, spokesman Rudy Owens said in an email Tuesday. "OHA is now working on planning for implementation of the committee's recommendations. OHA will conduct an evaluation with VAC members of the committee process."

The committee has met publicly eight times, including a meet and greet Jan. 5 that was open to the public and recorded for public viewing.

"The committee has an optional meeting on Feb. 2 to discuss implementation issues," the health authority announced in a news release Friday.

But state official now say that's not the intended subject of Tuesday's meeting. An agenda for the 5:30 p.m. session lists only "debrief and evaluation." Cowie said the state will release a summary of the Tuesday discussion.

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Man sentenced for 2020 shooting in south Bend

The man who shot at a stranger behind a Bend steakhouse while experiencing "meth-induced paranoia" received five years in prison on Wednesday for that case and an earlier domestic violence arrest.

Vicente Guerra, 44, was sentenced in Deschutes County Circuit Court for two cases his lawyer says share a common theme: meth.

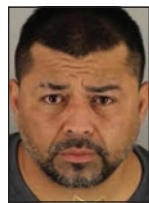
On the night of Jan. 20, 2020, Guerra approached a 2003 Infiniti G35 in the parking lot behind Okawa Steakhouse & Grill at 1180 SE Third St. and fired twice from a .22-caliber handgun, grazing one of the two occupants of the car. Guerra took off on foot, stopping briefly at nearby Binky's video poker lounge, where he told a friend he'd just "shot at people."

Bend Police tracked Guerra in the snow, finding him two hours later in a rocky canal nearby. Paramedics treated him for cold exposure.

The other case involved a woman he was in a relationship with in December 2019. She was scared of Guerra and trying to move out, and he was upset about it, according to the prosecution. He blocked her path to prevent her from leaving and when she attempted to walk past him, he grabbed her by the neck and covered her mouth. In another instance, he pinned her to the bed, covered her mouth and told her, "You will learn to respect me."

Both cases arise from paranoia and other negative effects of Guerra's long-term use of methamphetamine, his lawyer Shawn Kollie, told the court. "The evaluation that was conducted on Mr. Guerra really shows that he can go through long periods of sobriety where he does exceptionally well," Kollie said.

In court Wednesday, Guerra apologized for his conduct before Judge Ray Crutchley, who asked him several questions. Guerra told the judge he first used meth when he was 17.



Guerra

and reached NE Division Street and NE Harriman Street, where he crashed into a tree. He then reversed and crashed into a power box, causing a power outage in the area, police said.

Erickson continued toward the Newport Avenue Bridge, where he lost control of his truck. Officers attempted to block Erickson on the bridge, but he drove in reverse and rammed two Bend Police cars, causing damage.

Erickson kept driving recklessly toward NW Regency Street, where he left his truck and ran into his apartment. As officers prepared a search warrant, Erickson came out of the apartment and was arrested.

He was booked into Deschutes County jail on charges of reckless driving, reckless endangering, hit and run, attempted assault, eluding police and criminal mischief.

—Bulletin wire reports



Erickson

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