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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

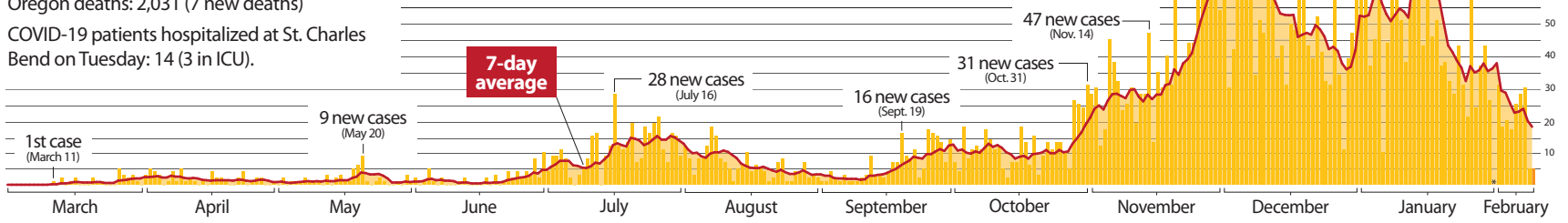
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COVID-19 data for Tuesday, Feb. 9:

Deschutes County cases: 5,577 (5 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 48 (1 new death*)
Crook County cases: 721 (1 new case)
Crook County deaths: 16 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 1,837 (5 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 25 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 147,932 (529 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,031 (7 new deaths)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles
Bend on Tuesday: 14 (3 in ICU).

What is COVID-19? It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause a range of symptoms. Some usually cause mild illness. Some, like this one, can cause more severe symptoms and can be fatal. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath.

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 cloth face covering or mask. 6. Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Multnomah County

Inmates protest over COVID-19 response

BY JAIMIE DING

The Oregonian
With over 100 inmates in Multnomah County's Inverness Jail infected with COVID-19 over the past few weeks, a handful of inmates protested late Sunday night and trapped four deputies in a room after they responded with a stun gun and pepper foam, a defense lawyer and a sheriff's spokesperson said Monday.

The protest began after an inmate started to show symptoms of the coronavirus and tested positive using a rapid test Sunday, said William Walsh, an attorney from Multnomah Defenders Inc.

Later that night, a different inmate demanded that everyone in that dorm be immediately tested for COVID-19, Walsh said.

When that didn't happen, that inmate became belligerent, Walsh said. He said he represents an inmate in the dorm where the protest occurred but who wasn't in-



The Oregonian file

A handful of inmates in Multnomah County's Inverness Jail protested late Sunday night, trapping four deputies in a room after they responded with a stun gun and pepper foam, a defense lawyer and a sheriff's spokesperson said Monday.

involved in the protest.

Deputies used a Taser on the inmate who was acting out and other inmates then began throwing chairs and water bottles, Walsh said. The dep-

uties also used pepper foam, according to Chris Liedle, a spokesperson for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

The four deputies who ini-

tially responded retreated to a room in the dorm, where they remained for about three hours as inmates piled desks and chairs in front of the door, Walsh said.

The jail's equivalent of a riot team, the Correction Emergency Response Team, then arrived and broke up the protest without further use of force, Walsh and Liedle said.

Liedle said the disturbance began when several inmates refused to return to their beds and one resisted when deputies tried to escort him out of the dorm. The cause is under investigation, Liedle said.

Tensions have been high ever since the jail's most recent outbreak of COVID-19, which has infected 109 inmates at last count — more than 20% of the jail population. Though the jail began vaccinating inmates Feb. 2, administering 108 vaccines, several have refused to get the vaccine out of distrust of the government and the jail, Walsh said inmates have told him.

Vaccination begins for Oregon inmates

The Oregon Department of Corrections will begin immunizing inmates statewide starting Wednesday.

Jennifer Black, a department spokeswoman, said 5,000 Moderna vaccines had arrived Monday and were expected to be shipped Tuesday to each of the state's 14 prisons.

The effort to vaccinate inmates was planned to start Wednesday, with "COVID-19 vulnerable" prisoners getting priority, Black said. The vaccination clinic will continue on Thursday if necessary, she said. The department expects to receive another 5,000 doses next week.

The vaccines will be offered to inmates but won't be required, corrections officials said.

Black said the agency estimates about 75% of inmates will get vaccinated. Oregon's prisons currently house nearly 12,600 inmates. Some have already been vaccinated.

"We have communicated that vaccinations will decrease the number of cases inside Oregon's prisons and help us open visiting," she said in an email to The Oregonian.

— The Oregonian

Feds uphold denial of Jordan Cove permit

BY TED SICKINGER

The Oregonian
In another setback to the Jordan Cove liquefied natural gas export terminal proposed in Coos Bay and its Pacific Connector Pipeline, federal authorities on Monday upheld the state of Oregon's finding that the project is not consistent with its coastal zone management plans.

Jordan Cove's backers, Calgary-based Pembina Pipeline Corp., had appealed the state's finding to the U.S. Commerce Department, hoping to get a sympathetic hearing from the Trump Administration and override the state's federally delegated authority to determine if projects are consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act.

The National Oceanic and



Sierra Dawn McClain/Capital Press

The view from the North Spit.

Atmospheric Administration, part of the Commerce Department, declined to do so, saying the company had failed to

show that the project is consistent with the law.

It's the latest of several roadblocks the controversial \$10

billion terminal and pipeline project have encountered. On Jan. 19, federal regulators upheld the state's earlier decision

against granting the project a clean water certification. The state has also denied a necessary dredging permit for the project. Without those approvals, the project, which has been on the drawing board for more than 15 years, cannot move forward.

Opponents of the project cheered Monday's decision.

"Pembina's last-ditch effort to override Oregon's authority to stop Jordan Cove LNG has failed," Allie Rosenbluth, campaigns director at Rogue Climate, said in an emailed statement.

Pembina did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The company could reply to the state for both its clean water and coastal zone certifications, though it's not clear it would get different outcomes.

Law allowing police to declare unlawful assemblies faces repeal

BY MAXINE BERNSTEIN

The Oregonian
Legislators in Oregon are examining a law on the books that now gives police authority to declare unlawful assemblies, which Portland police and other agencies used frequently during months of mass protests in the past year.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon has called on the Legislature to repeal the law.

Police chiefs and sheriffs across the state counter that their ability to declare unlawful assemblies is an effective way to prevent violence, yet they do think changes should be made to the language in the law.

Under the law, police or sheriff's deputies or any chief executive officer in Oregon such as a mayor — can command dispersal when five or

more people, whether armed or not, are "unlawfully or riotously assembled" in any city, county, town or village.

If people are commanded to leave an area and don't immediately do so, the law also says, "The officer must arrest them or cause them to be arrested" and they may be punished by law.

Kelly Simon, interim legal director of the ACLU of Oregon, said the law doesn't define what constitutes an unlawful assembly and gives police too much discretion. It's been more frequently used against left-wing demonstrators than against right-wing demonstrators in Oregon, she said.

Simon told lawmakers that a separate statute allows for the criminal charge of riot, so the state doesn't need the unlawful assembly statute.

A person commits riot under state law if they're participating with five or more people "engaged in tumultuous and violent conduct" and intentionally or recklessly creating "a grave risk of causing public alarm."

House Bill 3059, sponsored by state Rep. Janelle Bynum, D-Clackamas, at the request of the ACLU, is one of a number of police reform and criminal justice proposals introduced this legislative session. The House Subcommittee on Equitable Policing held a hearing on it Monday morning.

Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner, representing the state police chiefs' and sheriffs' associations, said unlawful assembly declarations allow police to move a crowd before extreme violence occurs.

The declarations are usually made by incident commanders

or a chief in a police command center — not officers on the ground, he said.

For example, he said Eugene police declared an unlawful assembly in early January and broke up a crowd of about 70 people as officers attempted to intervene and arrest six people fighting in the middle of a Eugene street. That occurred days after the Jan. 6 takeover of the U.S. Capitol, Skinner said.

Dispersing the crowd was necessary, he said, to allow officers to safely move in to make arrests and helped "defuse" a volatile situation. Police chiefs and sheriffs highlighted as a problem, though, the law's clause that says police "must arrest" people who don't disperse once an order is given.

"There's no chance we would ever do that," Skinner told lawmakers.

Nick Chaiyachakorn of Portland presented testimony calling the unlawful assembly dispersals "an ineffective shakedown tactic."

"Every time I've seen law enforcement in Portland disperse unlawful assemblies, it has not brought peace but simply given cause for left and right to keep protesting and escalating the conflict," he said in written testimony. "It exacerbates conflict, rather than resolves it."

The House subcommittee will consider any amendments to the proposed bill and then forward it to the House Judiciary Committee for review. The goal is to have a group of bills addressing police violence and systemic racism that can be brought to the House and Senate floors by March, Bynum said.