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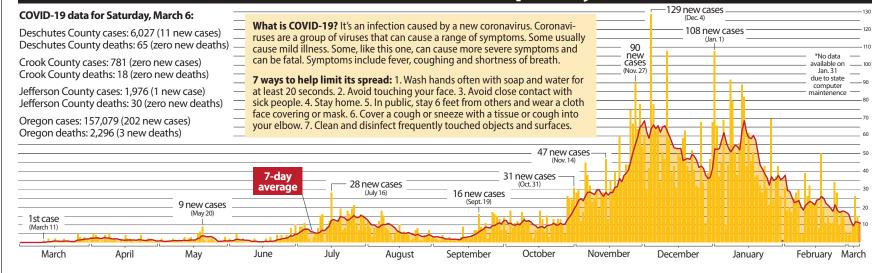
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#### New COVID-19 cases per day COUNTY ESCHUTES



## Lawmakers mull bill to put race on voter registration

#### Associated Press

SALEM — State lawmakers in Oregon are considering a bill that would give residents the option of providing their racial identity, ethnicity and language preference when registering to vote.

Those backing the measure say the publicly available data would allow for stronger engagement with voters of color and would make it easier for state and local elections officials to address racial inequity in voting access.

"Right now, because we do not collect this data, we do not have a clear picture of how well voting populations across the state are served by the systems that we have," said Rep. Khanh Pham, D-Portland, the chief sponsor of House Bill 2745 during its first public hearing Thursday.

Similar data is already collected in fields including education and health care to improve outcomes in different demographic groups, and the same should be done for the state's elections, Pham said.

Providing demographic information would be voluntary. Oregonians have four ways to register to vote, and

the bill would require that the option of providing race, ethnicity and preferred language information be available in each manner.

Eight states collect similar data via voter registration.

During a committee hearing, House Republican Leader Christine Drazan, R-Canby, questioned the need for the information to be public if the intent is to simply study participation. No one spoke in opposition of the bill during testimony or public comment Thursday.

So, is this a (get out the vote) bill for targeting minority populations? What are we going for here? Are we trying to turn out voters?" Drazan asked.

Pham, a former community organizer, said the goal would be to make sure potential voters in underserved communities know what they're voting on, especially in their own language. The bill would dovetail with another before state lawmakers that would require voter pamphlets to be translated into four or five of the most spoken non-English languages in the state.

### **Coronavirus in Oregon**

SOURCES: OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY DESCHUTES COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES



Gov. Kate **Brown receives** the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at a rural health clinic."I want to reassure Oregonians that they should feel confident taking any of the three vaccines available to protect themselves and their loved ones." Brown said.

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#### The Oregonian

# Gov. Brown receives vaccine made by Johnson & Johnson

#### **BY JAIMIE DING** The Oregonian

Gov. Kate Brown joined the ranks of those inoculated against the coronavirus on Saturday, receiving a Johnson & Johnson vaccine at a rural health clinic.

'There have been a number of rumors and misinformation about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine since its approval by the FDA," Brown said in a statement. "It was important to

the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is safe and effective."

The single-dose vaccine produced by Johnson & Johnson was given emergency authorization for use in the U.S. on Feb. 27 and endorsed by a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advisory panel for adults 18 years and up.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported the vaccine was 66% effective in preventing moderate to seven

after vaccination in clinical trials, which involved more than 43,000 participants in the United States, Latin America, Brazil and South Africa. The vaccine was 72% effective in the United States, the FDA reported.

The other two vaccines approved in the United States are the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for those 16 years and up and the Moderna vaccine for adults 18 years and up, both of which

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Lottery results can now be found on the second page of Sports.

TODAY

It's Sunday, March 7, the 66th day of 2021 There are 299 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was violently broken up at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, by state troopers and a sheriff's posse in what came to be known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Ciboure, France.

In **1876**, Alexander Graham Bell received a U.S. patent for his telephone.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft ordered 20,000 troops to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border in response to the Mexican Revolution. In 1912, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen arrived in Hobart, Australia, where he dispatched telegrams announcing his success in leading the first expedition to the South Pole the previous December.

In **1926**, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place between New York and London. In **1936**, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact. In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge. In **1963**, the Pan Am Building (today the MetLife Building) first

opened in midtown Manhattan. In 2001, Ariel Sharon was sworn in as Israel's prime minister, serving until he suffered a stroke in 2006. In 2010, the Iraq war thriller "The Hurt Locker" received six Academy Awards including best picture, with Kathryn Bigelow accepting the first directing Oscar awarded to a woman

Ten years ago: Reversing course, President Barack Obama approved the resumption of military trials at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, ending a twoyear ban. Charlie Sheen was fired from the sitcom "Two and a Half Men" by Warner Bros. Television following repeated misbehavior and weeks of the actor's angry, often-manic media campaign against his studio bosses.

Five years ago: Stephen Curry scored 41 points and became the first player in NBA history to make 300 3-pointers in a season as the Golden State Warriors held off the Orlando Magic 119-113 for their 45th straight home victory.

One year ago: Health officials in Florida said two people who had tested positive for the new coronavirus had died; the deaths were the first on the East Coast attributed to the outbreak. Italy saw its biggest daily increase in coronavirus cases since the outbreak began in the northern part of the country.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Willard Scott is 87. International Motorsports Hall of Famer Janet Guthrie is 83. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 81. Entertainment executive Michael Eisner is 79. Pro Football Hall of Famer Franco Harris is 71. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Lynn Swann is 69. R&B singer-musician Ernie Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 69. Actor Bryan Cranston is 65. Golfer Tom Lehman is 62. International Tennis Hall of Famer Ivan Lendl is 61. Singer-actor Taylor Dayne is 59. Author E.L. James is 58. Author Bret Easton Ellis is 57. Comedian Wanda Sykes is 57. Actor Jonathan Del Arco is 55. Actor Rachel Weisz is 51. Actor Peter Sarsgaard is 50. Actor Jay Duplass is 48. Actor Jenna Fischer is 47. Actor Tobias Menzies is 47. Actor Laura Prepon is 41. Actor Bel Powlev is 29. Actor Giselle Eisenberg (TV: "Life in Pieces") is 14.

— Associated Press

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