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Tweaks to state guidelines not enough for 2 superintendents

District leaders of Redmond, Bend-La Pine wanted decrease to 3 feet of social distancing

BY JACKSON HOGAN
 The Bulletin

Less than a week after every Central Oregon superintendent sent Gov. Kate Brown a list of requests to ease school

social distancing rules, the state responded with tweaks to its COVID-19 guidelines. But these changes, released Monday afternoon, included only one of the three requested

by the superintendents: eliminating the 100-person limit, or cohort, for student contact. The superintendents of Bend-La Pine and Redmond school districts weren't happy the Oregon Department of Education didn't reduce social distancing from 6 feet to 3 feet. That means most students in those districts will be stuck

in part-time, hybrid learning rather than a full five-day in-person schedule, they said. Bend-La Pine Superintendent Lora Nordquist said the social-distancing change is important, because less space between students would allow schools to welcome back all students at the same time.
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Oregon to nearly double vaccine eligibility — despite availability woes

BY GARY A. WARNER
 Oregon Capital Bureau

Over 1 million more people will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccines in the next two upcoming eligibility phases, state officials said Tuesday. The groups to be added on March 29 and May 1 will nearly double the number of

people eligible for vaccination. Like most states, Oregon is already struggling with the gap between vaccine eligibility and availability. To date, there has only been enough vaccine available to inoculate less than half of the approximately 1.36 million Oregonians already eligible.
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TRICKY TURN

Bend homeowner's oft-repaired fence is the victim of excessive speed, poorly marked curve on Murphey Road

BY KYLE SPURR
 The Bulletin

It's happened about once a year for the past four years.

Cars miss a turn on Murphy Road between the Bend Parkway and Brookwood Boulevard and crash through a wooden fence along Mike Condino's property.

Two vehicles were totaled. Once, a rock pile in the backyard stopped a vehicle from destroying Condino's shed. "This last person made it 40-plus feet onto the property in their vehicle," said Condino, who rents the property. "They were coming through with such speed it threw fence boards 50-plus feet."

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A vehicle drives past a section of broken fence Friday at Mike Condino's property along Murphy Road in Bend.

Redmond man gets life in prison for murder of his ex-girlfriend

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
 The Bulletin

Clinton Kevin Holland, 62, will likely spend the rest of his life in prison for the 2020 murder of a Redmond woman he briefly dated. A full accounting of the death of Nicole Gayle Jakubek, whose body was discovered July 6 with multiple stab wounds after her son was unable to reach her, may never be known.
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Some got vaccines ahead of planned rollout

BY GERRY O'BRIEN
 The Bulletin

While the COVID-19 vaccination clinics are running like well-oiled machines, according to social media reports, the startup for the first vaccine deliveries in mid-January was slightly less coordinated and the result was some recipients moved ahead in the line, though they had not intended to do so. In mid-January a number of people received calls from friends alerting them that they could sign up on St. Charles Health System's "MyChart" web portal for a vaccine appointment, even though they

We didn't think we were eligible in the Tier 1 group, but the staff did not ask us about our eligibility. We signed a waiver that the drug was an experimental drug, but did not have to attest that we were in the Tier 1 group or had underlying health conditions.

— Neil Bryant, who was vaccinated in January

were not in the 1A eligibility group (health care workers, long-term care facility employees and residents, first responders) to receive the vaccine at that time. Hospital caregivers and first responders were the first to get the first vaccines at St. Charles Bend.

Numerous people reported to The Bulletin they received the first Pfizer vaccine dose (two are required) within 24 hours at St. Charles Bend and were scheduled for appointments to get the second within three to four weeks. Former state Sen. Neil Bryant, 72,

told The Bulletin he and his wife, Mary, 73, were able to get an appointment online on Thursday, Jan. 14 and his shot on Friday evening, Jan. 15. He received his second shot Feb. 5. People age 70-74 were not officially eligible for vaccines until Feb. 22. "I got a call from a friend to make the appointment. We didn't think we were eligible in the Tier 1 group, but the staff did not ask us about our eligibility. We signed a waiver that the drug was an experimental drug, but did not have to attest that we were in the Tier 1 group or had underlying health conditions."
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