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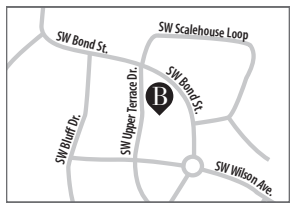
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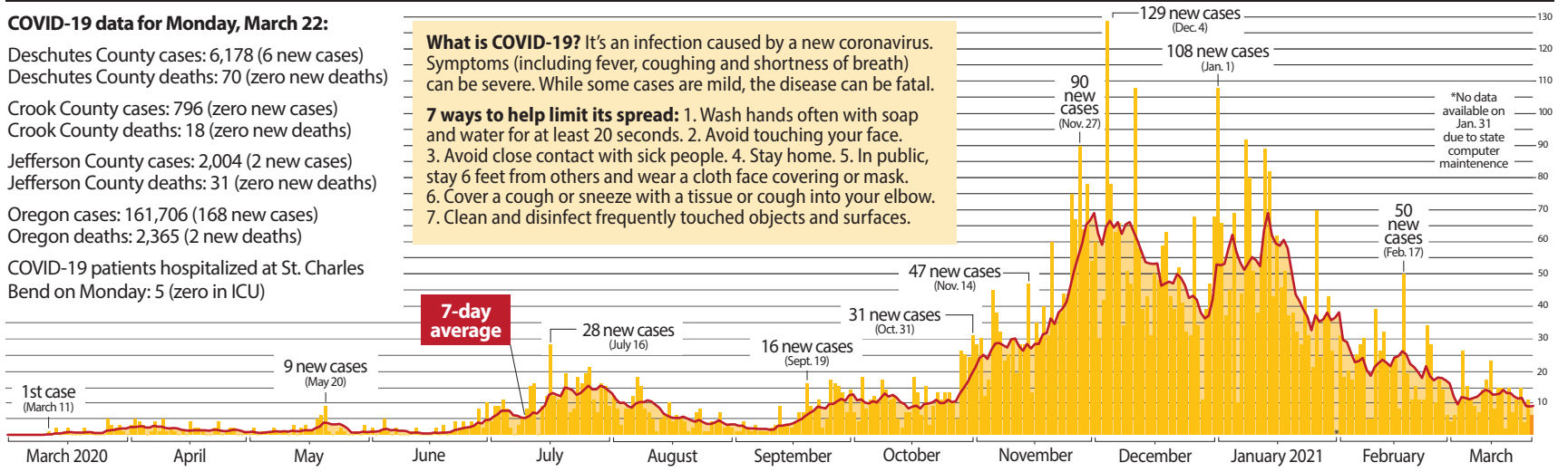
LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Monday, March 22:
Deschutes County cases: 6,178 (6 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 70 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 796 (zero new cases)
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 2,004 (2 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 31 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 161,706 (168 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,365 (2 new deaths)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Monday: 5 (zero in ICU)

What is COVID-19? It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Symptoms (including fever, coughing and shortness of breath) can be severe. While some cases are mild, the disease 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 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.



THE BLUES GO WHITE



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian

Fresh snow blankets the Blue Mountains on Monday. The National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory Monday for the mountains in Northeast Oregon. It was expected to last until 8 p.m. Monday. The forecast called for 3 to 6 inches above 3,500 feet in elevation.

STATE BRIEFING

OSU trustees reopen discussion over president

The fate of Oregon State University's embattled president, F. King Alexander, will once again go before the university's board of trustees. The trustees announced they will meet again publicly Tuesday "to discuss and consider action regarding President Alexander's leadership." OSU spokesman Steve Clark confirmed the meeting Sunday but declined to elaborate on what prompted the board to revisit the question of Alexander's leadership, saying it was "a number of considerations." Alexander has come under fire after an investigation detailed leadership failures in the handling of sexual violence and misconduct at Louisiana State University when he was its president and chancellor from 2013 to 2019. In a 12-2 vote the OSU board decided Wednesday not to terminate Alexander, instead placing him on probation through June 1 and pledging to hire an outside consultant to review his conduct.

Oregon adopts CDC's new 3-foot rule for schools

Oregon will shift to allowing 3 feet of physical distancing in schools, down from 6, the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education announced Monday. They cited recent studies and

new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as saying 3 feet of separation is enough to prevent transmission of COVID-19 between masked students. Oregon will allow schools to space elementary students 3 feet apart in all cases but will require 6 feet of spacing for middle and high school students if the county's rate of new coronavirus cases exceeds 200 per 100,000 residents over the course of 14 days. The 3-foot flexibility means schools can put four times as many students in a classroom as under the previous rule. Schools will still need to ensure at least 6 feet of spacing when students from different classrooms are passing in hallways between periods or when students are eating, the agencies said.

Idaho man gets life term for 2017 slaying of ex-wife

A former Nampa, Idaho, man received a life sentence Friday in the stabbing death of his ex-wife and a 20-year sentence in the death of a motorist killed in a head-on crash as the former Nampa man fled police. The hearing at the Malheur County Courthouse was the latest chapter in a four-year legal case that began in the early morning of Jan. 9, 2017. Anthony Montwheeler, 53, stabbed to death his ex-wife, Annita Harmon, killed Vale resident David Bates and in-

jured Bates' wife, Jessica, in a head-on crash as he fled police. Montwheeler pleaded guilty Feb. 26 to second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter and third-degree assault. Under terms of a plea deal reached earlier this year, Montwheeler will serve a life sentence for killing Harmon but be eligible for parole in 25 years — when he is 78. But he would have to serve another 10 years of the 20-year sentence he has agreed to for Bates' death.

Crash at Oregon Dunes kills 24-year-old woman

A 24-year-old woman was killed after a vehicle she was riding in flipped while off-roading at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area on the southern coast, officials said. Deputies from the Coos County Sheriff's Office responded to reports that a 2001 Jeep Cherokee had gone off Ten Mile Sand Road near Horsfall Beach about 6 p.m. Saturday. The vehicle had gone into the water and was submerged with three people trapped inside, the sheriff's office said in a statement.

Vaccine eligibility

Can you get your shot as of Monday?

Some counties will accelerate their COVID-19 vaccine eligibility schedule this week under a state plan announced Friday. Vaccination eligibility began Monday for migrant and seasonal farmworkers in counties where they are currently already working. Counties that attest to "largely completing" vaccination eligibility for residents 65 and older were able to move to the next group starting Monday.

- The group includes:**
- All adults age 45-64 with underlying health conditions
 - Migrant and seasonal farmworkers
 - Pregnant women
 - Seafood and agricultural workers
 - Food-processing workers
 - People living in low-income senior housing, senior congregate and independent living
 - Homeless people
 - People currently displaced by wildfires over the past year
 - Wildland firefighters

Deschutes County was among counties offering the expanded eligibility. Deschutes County residents can pre-register online at www.centraloregoncovidvaccine.com. Residents who are unable to pre-register online can call 541-699-5109 for assistance from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekends.

More information can be found at covidvaccine.oregon.gov or by calling 211.

Counties that are not currently meeting the standard of mostly completing the vaccination of seniors will begin expanding who can get shots on March 29.

Residents do not need a doctor's note or other records to sign up under the group of those with underlying health conditions. They will be asked to sign a statement attesting they qualify because of conditions that include:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity as defined by a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or above
- Sickle cell disease
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Gov. Kate Brown also announced on Friday that another group set for eligibility on May 1 would be moved up to April 19. It includes adults 16-44 with underlying health conditions, front-line workers as defined by the federal government and multigenerational household members.

—Gary A. Warner, Oregon Capital Bureau

Two were extricated from the Jeep by all-terrain vehicle riders who were in the area and came to help, the sheriff's office said. When deputies arrived, the third person, later identified as Hailey Marie Vincent, was still trapped inside. With the help of bystanders, the officers attached

a winch to the flipped Jeep and pulled Vincent out. Emergency responders attempted to resuscitate Vincent but were unsuccessful, and she died at the scene, the sheriff's office said. The cause of the crash is under investigation, the sheriff's office said.

—Bulletin wire reports

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