

Weather forecast for TODAY through TUESDAY. TODAY: HIGH 51°, LOW 32°. TONIGHT: LOW 32°. THURSDAY: 48°/26°. FRIDAY: 59°/31°. SATURDAY: 70°/34°. SUNDAY: 63°/32°. MONDAY: 49°/25°. TUESDAY: 57°/28°.

ALMANAC: Bend Municipal Airport through 5 p.m. yesterday. TEMPERATURE: Yesterday 50°, Normal 53°, Record 77°. PRECIPITATION: 24 hours through 5 p.m. yesterday 0.00". SUN, MOON AND PLANETS: Rise/Set for Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus.

OREGON WEATHER: Map of Oregon showing today's weather. Includes text: 'Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.' and 'AccuWeather Plan with confidence'.

TRAVEL WEATHER: NATIONAL table with columns for City, Yesterday, Today, Thursday. Lists cities like Abilene, Albany, Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, etc.

UV INDEX TODAY: 10 a.m. 1, Noon 1, 2 p.m. 2, 4 p.m. 1. ROAD CONDITIONS: For web cameras of our passes, go to www.bendbulletin.com/webcams.

OREGON EXTREMES YESTERDAY: High: 59° at The Dalles. Low: 14° at Crater Lake. Includes a table of weather data for various Oregon cities.

NATIONAL WEATHER: -10s to 110s. NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY: National high: 94° at Kingsville, TX. National low: -3° at Antero Reservoir, CO.

NATIONAL WEATHER: Map of the United States showing weather systems and precipitation. Includes text: 'Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.'

INTERNATIONAL: Table with columns for City, Yesterday, Today, Thursday. Lists cities like Amsterdam, Athens, Auckland, etc.

Oregon expands pool of people approved to give vaccines

Bulletin staff report. Citing the need for a "historic public health effort," the Oregon Health Authority has invoked a federal law expanding the pool of professionals and students who can give COVID-19 inoculations.

who wish to receive a vaccine," Oregon Health Authority Director Pat Allen announced in a statement. Naturopaths, veterinarians and optometry students are among 30 groups that can immediately give vaccinations under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act.

outlines the requirements and rules for how and when vaccines can be given. If followed, those giving the shots are exempted from liability beyond gross negligence. In addition to doctors and nurses, the groups include several new categories from allied health professionals and students.

censed, certified or registered in their professions or had an active license, certification or registration within the last five years. A complete list of who qualifies to give vaccines, state guidelines and the PREP Act order can be found online at www.oregon.gov/oha/covid19/Documents/Oregon-PREP-Act-Authorization-for-Vaccinators.pdf.

Missteps could mar long-term credibility of AstraZeneca shot

BY MARIA CHENG The Associated Press. AstraZeneca's repeated missteps in reporting vaccine data coupled with a blood clot scare could do lasting damage to the credibility of a shot that is the linchpin in the global strategy to stop the coronavirus pandemic, potentially even undermining vaccine confidence more broadly, experts say.

aging results from a U.S. trial a day earlier. That may have provided "an incomplete view of the efficacy data," according to the statement. AstraZeneca responded that the results, which showed its shot was about 79% effective, included information through Feb. 17 but appeared to be consistent with more up-to-date data. It promised an update within 48 hours.

Risk

Continued from A1. The three-county Central Oregon area saw Deschutes County's numbers of cases and infection rates continue to drop, just not enough to move it into the lower risk category. Jefferson County, which up to a month ago had some of the worst infection numbers in the state, improved enough to drop two levels, from high to lower. Crook County saw a slight uptick in numbers, but not enough to move it out of its lower risk rating.

rector Pat Allen said the issue wasn't just vaccine hesitancy, but "vaccine obstinacy." Allen said six months of data from vaccination efforts show demand "varies wildly" around the state. While vaccination appointments are booked weeks in advance in most areas, southwest Oregon hasn't matched its demand with its supply. Allen said a recent mass vaccination event in Douglas County did not come close to filling its eligible slots for shots. "It's an indication they are running out of people who are interested in being vaccinated," Allen said.

County risk levels. Effective March 26-April 8. LOWER RISK (14): Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Lake, Lane, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa, Wasco, Wheeler, Yamhill. MODERATE RISK (14): Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Deschutes, Douglas, Grant, Josephine, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Union, Washington. HIGH RISK (6): Benton, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Marion, Umatilla. EXTREME RISK (2): Coos, Curry.

Largest counties and risk status. Seven of the 10 largest counties in Oregon are now at moderate or lower risk level. None are in the extreme risk category. 1. Multnomah (pop. 829,560) moderate. 2. Washington (pop. 620,080) moderate. 3. Clackamas (pop. 426,515) moderate. 4. Lane (pop. 381,365) low. 5. Marion (pop. 349,120) high. 6. Jackson (pop. 223,240) high. 7. Deschutes (pop. 197,015) moderate. 8. Linn (pop. 127,320) moderate. 9. Douglas (pop. 112,530) high. 10. Yamhill (pop. 108,605) low.

Streets. Continued from A1. Overall, the city is preparing to spend about \$2.8 million for street preservation work to improve about 74.5 miles of travel lanes, an amount that is more than the actual length of roadway because it includes multiple lanes, turn lanes and bike lanes. Bend has a total of 850 travel lanes. Residents can find a map of streets getting repaired on the city's website, www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/streets/street-operations/street-preservation-program. David Abbas, Bend streets and operations director, said the city tries to focus on preventative work rather than having to fully reconstruct damaged roads, which is far more expensive.

about 14 miles of travel lanes west of Pilot Butte with the rubberized material, which came from about 3,600 recycled tires, Abbas said. The city will then expand the treatment to other streets as needed. "We are going to try it as a tool in the tool box for Bend and try it on some residential roads," Abbas said. "We feel like it could be a good tool." Other cities across the country, including Madras, have used the recycled tire material on roads, Abbas said. The city has a contractor that provides the recycled rubber. "The use of recycling rubber from tires for secondary purposes in the paving industry is something that has been going on for a number of years," Abbas said. The recycled rubber makes up about 20% of the pavement and makes the resilient, Abbas said. "Overall, I was looking for those new cost-effective tools to help maintain a road," Abbas said. Reporter: 541-617-7820, kspurr@bendbulletin.com