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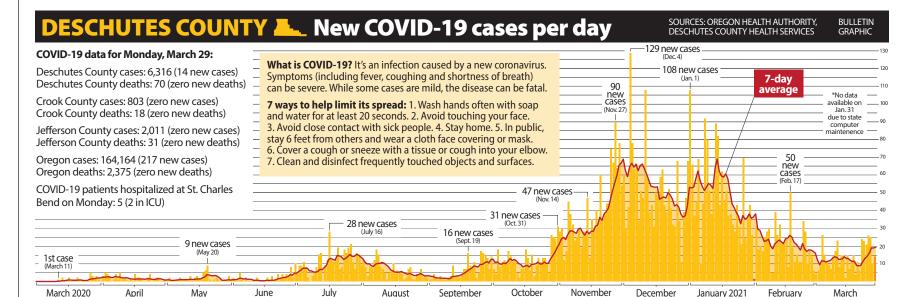
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# Real-world CDC study of 2 vaccines: They're effective

The U.S. government's first look at the real-world use of COVID-19 vaccines found their effectiveness was nearly as robust as it was in controlled studies.

The two vaccines available since December — Pfizer and Moderna — were highly effective at 90% after two doses, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Monday. In testing, the vaccines were about 95% effective in preventing COVID-19.

"This is very reassuring news," said the CDC's Mark Thompson, the study's lead author. "We have a vaccine that's working very well."

The study is the government's first assessment of how the shots have been working beyond the drugmakers' initial experiments. Results can sometimes change when vaccines are used in larger, more diverse populations outside studies.

With nearly 4,000 participants from six states, the study focused on health care workers, first responders and other front-line workers who had first priority for the shots because they are at

higher risk. They were given nasal swab test kits to use every week to check for signs of a coronavirus infection.

The evidence base for (currently available) COVID-19 vaccines is already strong, and continues to mount ever higher with studies like this one," said David Holtgrave, dean of the University at Albany's School of Public Health, in an email.

The study included roughly 2,500 volunteers who had completed two vaccine doses, about 500 who got one dose and about 1,000 who did not get vaccinated between mid-December and mid-March.

No one died, and only two were hospitalized. Thompson did not say whether the people hospitalized were vaccinated or not.

About two-thirds of the vaccinations in the study were Pfizer shots, one-third were Moderna and five people got the newest single-dose shot from Johnson & Johnson. The study was done in Miami; Duluth, Minnesota; Portland; Temple, Texas; Salt Lake City; and Phoenix and other areas in Arizona.

# 'It could not have ended better'

Great gray owl treated and released after being injured from striking a window in Sunriver

## BY MICHAEL KOHN

The Bulletin

A rare, great gray owl that was injured on March 20 after it crashed into a window in Sunriver has been rehabilitated and released back into the wild.

The owl was initially treated at the Sunriver Nature Center before being transferred to Think Wild, a wildlife hospital and conservation center in

Vets at Think Wild determined the owl, which weighed 2.2 pounds, had hemorrhaging in its right eye but was otherwise in good condition. Tests were conducted to determine if it could still successfully hunt on its own. The tests proved leased on Friday.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife lists the great gray owl as an Oregon Conservation Strategy Species, a designation given to species with small or declining populations. Great gray owls are Oregon's largest owl species and require



This great gray owl, which was injured after crashing into a window in Sunriver, was rehabilitated and released

large forested areas with grassland clearings.

"It could not have ended better for the great gray owl and for those of us who treasure our wildlife," said Dr. Donna

Harris, a retired veterinarian who initially located the bird after its injury.

Harris said seeing the bird fly back into the wild was a bright spot for her during a year "of

uncertainty and sadness."

In order to avoid bird strikes, Think Wild recommends placing bird feeders away from windows. It also advises applying decals or screens to win-



dows so birds can recognize them as a barrier.

If a bird strike does occur, Think Wild suggests placing the bird inside a well-ventilated box, and leaving it in a quiet, dark and warm location for one hour. Resist handling and don't give food or water. Attempt to release it after one or two hours. If the bird does not fly away, contact Think Wild at 541-241-8690.

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## **Drive-thru virus testing Wednesday in Bend**

Free COVID-19 testing will be available to the public on Wednesday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in downtown Bend.

The testing event, held at the Bend-La Pine Schools Education Center, 520 NW Wall St., is a joint effort between the Deschutes County Health Services department and Oregon Health Authority.

The tests are available to everyone, and results will be returned in two to three days. No symptoms or ID will be required to be tested. Participants will be asked to wear a mask.

Preregistration for the event is recommended but not required. Registration can be made online at www. doineedacovid19test.com.

## Wyden virtual town halls are coming to area April 5

Central Oregonians will get multiple opportunities to hear from and chat with U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden virtually on Monday, April 5.

Two of Wyden's 10 scheduled online town hall meetings over the next two weeks will be focused on Deschutes and Jefferson counties, according to a press release from Wyden's

The Jefferson County town

hall will take place 10:30 a.m. on April 5, and the Deschutes County meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. that same day, the release stated. Links to these meetings can be found on Facebook. To submit questions for the town halls, visit Wyden's

Gerry O'Brien, editor of The Bulletin, will also interview Wyden at 5 p.m. that day live on The Bulletin's Facebook

## House to vote Tuesday on Juneteenth holiday bill

The Oregon House will vote Tuesday on a bill that would make Juneteenth, the day celebrating the true end to slavery in the United States, a legal holiday in the state.

The bill, House Bill 2168, was introduced at the request of Gov. Kate Brown.

Juneteenth commemorates the day — June 19, 1865 when the enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, were told they were free. Two months earlier, on April 9, Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant after the Battle at Appomattox Courthouse.

Black Portlanders have long hosted celebrations to mark the occasion. In the wake of the killing of George Floyd and nationwide protests demanding racial justice, Juneteenth has

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gained wider popularity. In testimony in support of the bill, Marsha Peoples Jack of Portland spoke about her mother, Clara Peoples.

"My mom, Mrs. Peoples, introduced Portland to June-

teenth while working at the shipyards in 1945," Peoples Jack said. "This is a day of celebration, engaging, learning, coming together of communities and diversity."

"The city of Portland recog-

nized Juneteenth celebrations in 1972 and each year, Mrs. Peoples organized a celebration in North/Northeast Portland with entertainment and a parade," Peoples Jack said.

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