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New vaccine eligibility: Is it your turn?

COVID-19 Q&A

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No later than Monday, Oregon will give the green light to a large swath of residents to get their COVID-19 vaccinations. State officials don't know exactly how many people are becoming eligi-

ble for inoculation. But the group of newly eligible Oregonians comprises anyone who works a frontline job or is ages 16 to 44 with underlying conditions — including being overweight or having common health problems such as hypertension and asthma. By May 1, all healthy Oregonians 16 and older will get the official OK to get their shots. That'll amount to about 3.4 million people, or more

than 80% of the population. If you're one of these newly eligible people, here's what's helpful to know:

Who will be eligible Monday?

April 5 was supposed to be the first day people in "Group 7" could start getting vaccinated, but 23 counties last week actually began inoculations of the group because the counties had

enough vaccine to go around. That leaves 13 counties — including those in the Portland area — to start vaccinating this newest wave Monday. Gov. Kate Brown on Friday expanded the list of underlying conditions that qualify a person to be a part of this group. The group now includes anyone 16 to 44 who has the following underlying conditions: cancer, heart conditions,

type 1 or 2 diabetes, a substance abuse disorder, kidney disease, sickle cell disease, HIV, a compromised immune system, liver disease or a past stroke or other condition affecting blood vessels to the brain. People who are current or past smokers also are eligible. So are people who are overweight, defined as having a body mass index of 25 or higher. That's most people. See **Vaccines** / A10



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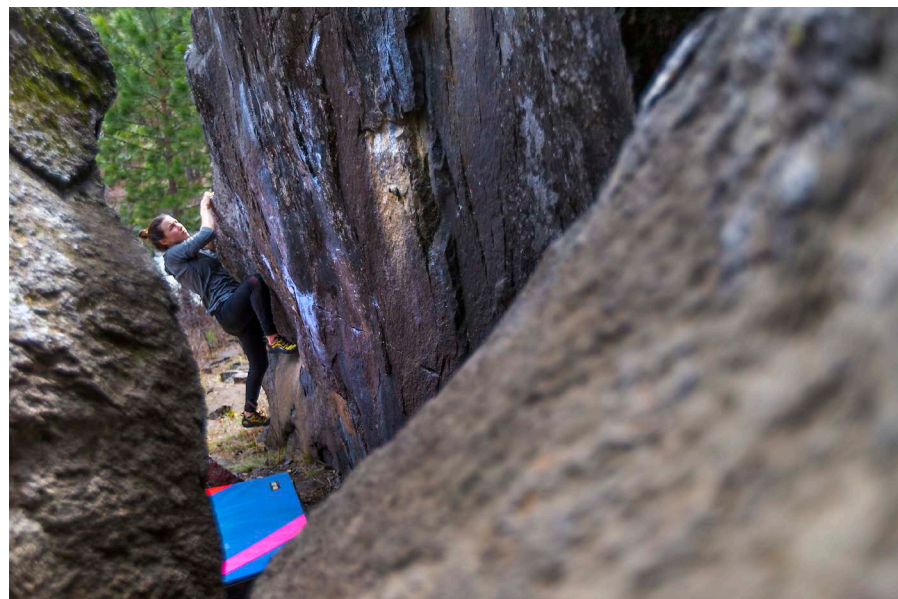
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BOULDERING TIME



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Bend couple Koby Yudkin (above) and Tess Miller (left) look for their next hold while bouldering in the shaded area of a large rock along the Deschutes River Trail near Bend on Saturday. Other popular spots for bouldering include Smith Rock and Meadow Camp. Though temperatures are dipping, skies are mostly clear starting out the week.

What to know about Jordan, a U.S. ally that quashed an alleged coup attempt

BY MIRIAM BERGER
The Washington Post

An alleged plot to unseat King Abdullah II of Jordan unfolded over the weekend, unsettling a close U.S. ally in the Middle East. Following what Jordan called a "threat to the country's stability," authorities said they had arrested nearly 20 people and limited move-

ment of the former crown prince Hamzeh bin Hussein. The United States and Arab governments quickly sided with King Abdullah II, reflecting the country's strategic importance in a turbulent region. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has been spared much of the political upheaval that's rocked other capitals in the Middle East over the

past decade. But it has seen pro-democracy protest movements, been economically hurt by the coronavirus pandemic, and struggled to host more than 1 million refugees displaced by the war in neighboring Syria. Here's what you need to know about Jordan.

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Jordanian princes Hashem bin Hussein, left, and Hamzeh bin Hussein — brothers of King Abdullah II — attend the opening of parliament in Amman, the capital, in 2006. Prince Hamzeh has been placed under house arrest.

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