

Weather forecast grid for TODAY through SUNDAY. Includes icons for sun, clouds, rain, and temperature ranges. TODAY: HIGH 55°, LOW 29°. TONIGHT: LOW 29°. TUESDAY: 67°/34°. WEDNESDAY: 61°/28°. THURSDAY: 56°/27°. FRIDAY: 64°/28°. SATURDAY: 54°/22°. SUNDAY: 60°/24°.

ALMANAC

Almanac table containing temperature records (High: 63°, Low: 34°), precipitation (0.00" record), sun/moon/planet rise/set times, and UV index (3-5).

OREGON WEATHER

Oregon weather map showing today's weather and temperatures across the state. Includes text boxes for EAST, CENTRAL, and WEST regions.

TRAVEL WEATHER

Table of travel weather for various cities across the nation, including yesterday's and today's high/low temperatures.

ROAD CONDITIONS

For web cameras of our passes, go to www.bendbulletin.com/webcams. I-84 at Cabage Hill: Snow showers this morning; storm total 2-4 inches.

NATIONAL WEATHER

National weather map showing weather systems and precipitation across the United States.

INTERNATIONAL

Table of international weather for various global cities, including Amsterdam, Athens, and Tokyo.

SKI REPORT

Ski report table listing snow conditions at various resorts like Anthony Lakes Mtn, Hoodoo Ski Area, and Mt. Bachelor.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

National high: 103° at Ocotillo Wells, CA. National low: 10° at Clayton Lake, ME. Precipitation: 0.16" at Junction, TX.

INTERNATIONAL EXTREMES

Table of international extremes for various cities, including Mecca, Mexico City, and Moscow.

Vaccines

Continued from A1. The mean BMI of an American man or woman is almost 30 — with the average 5-foot-9 man weighing about 200 pounds...

Who else is eligible by Monday?

People in multigenerational households, which state officials define as at least three generations such as children, parents and grandparents living together.

Which jobs fit the definition of "frontline"?

Oregon is adopting the job categories set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. To put it simply, the list is huge.



Medical professionals from Oregon Health & Science University load syringes with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at a drive-thru vaccination clinic in Portland in January.

ernor on Friday pleaded with residents to do their part by getting inoculated as soon as they are eligible — stating that Oregon is in a neck-and-neck race between the vaccines and the variants.

Some experts estimate 70% to 90% of Americans need to be vaccinated in order to reach herd immunity, the point that the virus has so much trouble finding hosts to spread that it dies off.

But 18% of Oregonians — or 766,000 people — are younger than 16, making them ineligible to receive any of the vaccines until more studies about their safety and efficacy on children are complete.

That means we need every or nearly every Oregonian who's eligible to get vaccinated to do so in order to achieve herd immunity. A recent study on vaccine hesitancy outlined the challenge: Only 62% of American adults said they're sure they want to get vaccinated or already have been.

The longer it takes society to reach herd immunity, the more chances the virus has to replicate to forms that are more contagious, resist the current vaccines or are deadlier. That especially puts people who can't get vaccinated or haven't yet gotten vaccinated — including children with serious conditions — at greater risk.

When can I schedule my appointment?

David Baden, chief financial officer of the Oregon Health Authority, told The Oregonian that residents in Group 7 are free to start scheduling ahead of time for vaccination dates that fall on Monday or later.

The same holds true for May 1. Baden confirmed: Oregonians who become eligible in the last wave of the rollout can start booking appointments before May 1 — as long as their ac-

tual vaccination dates are May 1 or later. State officials say even though some websites, such as those for pharmacies or some mass vaccination clinics say people aren't eligible to sign up ahead of time, they actually are.

How do I schedule an appointment?

- You have several options, including: Register at getvaccinated.oregon.gov, which will enter you into a lottery. Go to vaccinefinder.org, which will provide links to pharmacies with available appointments. Visit covidvaccine.oregon.gov and click on "Vaccine Information by County" to learn if you can book appointments.

Which vaccine will I get?

Sites across Oregon are administering doses of Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccines. Many websites tell you which vaccine they're offering before you schedule.

Medical experts say all three vaccines are good choices. Researchers who studied the real-world protection offered by the two-dose regimens of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have found them to be 90% effective — similar to 94% to 95% found in clinical trials.

A trial estimated the efficacy of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine, which requires only one dose, at 72% in the United States, 64% in South Africa and about 66% overall. But experts say the vaccine can't be directly compared with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines because their trials were held at a time when the South African variant played no role in the United States.

Britain eyes testing COVID-19 passports at mass gatherings

Britain is planning to test a series of measures including "coronavirus status certifications" over the coming weeks to see if they can allow people to safely return to mass gatherings at sports arenas, nightclubs and concerts.

People attending a range of events this month and in May, including a club night and key FA Cup soccer matches, will need to be tested both before and after. The trials will also gather evidence on how ventilation and different approaches to social distancing could enable large events to go ahead.

Officials are also developing plans to test out COVID-19 passports that are expected to show if a person has received a vaccine, has recently tested negative for the virus, or has some immunity due to having had coronavirus in the previous six months.

The issue of vaccine passports has been a hotly debated topic around the world, including in the United States and Israel. The question is how much governments, employers, venues and other places have a right to know about a person's virus status.

Some critics also say such vaccine passports will enable discrimination against poor people and impoverished nations that do not have ready access to vaccines.

Authorities in Britain have said the passes could involve the use of an app or paper certificates for those who don't have access to the digital option.

How hard is it to get an appointment?

Although state officials say they can't provide an exact estimate, it's safe to say hundreds of thousands of Oregonians will become eligible no later than Monday as part of Group 7. So it's wise to prepare yourself for the possibility that you might not get an appointment right away.

But there are indicators that demand might not be as high as it was in February and early March, when seniors 65 and older became eligible.

One day last week, a surprising 22 hours passed before a batch of freshly released appointments at OHSU's drive-thru sites were reserved. That compares to the 10 minutes it took for appointments to vanish when seniors first became eligible.

Another example: Just one day after Group 6 — which includes people 45 to 64 with underlying conditions and some frontline workers — became eligible, the Oregon Convention Center already was inviting people in Group 7 to start booking appointments for dates after Monday.

State officials said that appears to be because demand in Group 6 had already been met. Baden, who is overseeing the vaccine rollout for the Oregon Health Authority, said these examples might be indicators that younger, generally healthier people feel less urgency to get vaccinated.

"I think seniors' appetite for going and finding that vaccine," Baden said, "was very, very strong."

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