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**Central & Eastern Oregon**

# 17 residents contract virus despite vaccination

BY SUZANNE ROIG  
The Bulletin

More than 150 people have become sick and three have died of COVID-19 in Oregon despite having been fully vaccinated, health officials reported Thursday.

Seventeen of those people testing positive for COVID-19

live in an area that spans eight counties from Jefferson in the northwest, to Grant in the northeast to Klamath in the southwest and Harney in the southeast.

And coronavirus continues to spread. Deschutes County reported 47 positive cases of COVID-19 on Thursday, the

highest single-day amount since Feb. 17. By comparison, there were four new cases in Crook County and five in Jefferson County.

“This is not unexpected,” said Dr. Cynthia Maree, medical director of infection prevention services at St. Charles Health System. “Although the

vaccines are almost 100% effective at preventing serious disease and hospitalizations, they have shown to be 90% effective at preventing all infections, asymptomatic and symptomatic.

Most cases have been asymptomatic with a small number of people having mild

symptoms.”

“We have given out tens of thousands of vaccines in our region and although cases are rising, our hospitalizations are not. This is the most encouraging sign that vaccines are making a difference in a serious disease.”

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Breakthrough cases in 25 counties, as of April 2, according to Oregon Health Authority.

**Breakthrough cases:** Instances in which a positive COVID-19 test result occurs at least 14 days after the final dose of vaccine.

**BEND PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT**

## After 18 years on park district board, Schoenborn steps aside



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Ted Schoenborn stands in Drake Park on April 3. Schoenborn has been a board member with the Bend Park & Recreation District for nearly two decades.

### Schoenborn helped Bend Park & Recreation District through period of growth

BY MICHAEL KOHN  
The Bulletin

Ted Schoenborn knows Bend better than just about anyone in this town. He has walked nearly every street and trail in the city, and he continues to pound the pavement on an almost daily basis.

All that exploration has served Schoenborn well as a member of the Bend Park & Recreation District board of directors. It has given him a ground-level view of what's needed to make this city more accessible to hikers, bikers and anyone else who enjoys the outdoors.

Schoenborn, first elected to the park board in 2003, will now have more time to explore those trails and paths. He's decided not to seek reelection to his seat on the board in the May 18 special election. It's been 18 years for Schoenborn, and he said

*“The agency continues to be an outstanding organization. It was easy to stay because the staff is so good. My only real job is to wave my arms around and take credit for all the great work that the staff does.”*

— Ted Schoenborn, Bend Park & Recreation District board member

the park board could use some fresh faces.

“I just turned 80, so I think it's time to bring in some different blood,” said Schoenborn. “I am still capable of doing the job and

I will still find a way to be active, with parks and rec. It was just time.”

Whoever replaces Schoenborn on the board will have enormous shoes to fill, said Don Horton, the park district's executive director.

“He has been a huge part in creating the direction that this organization has gone over the last two decades,” said Horton. “It's going to be hard to find someone to replace a person with that amount of experience.”

Besides the nearly two decades of work Schoenborn put into the park district, he also served on the parks and recreation board in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky for 19 years. Between the two places, Schoenborn has been a parks and recreation board member for longer than many people have a career.

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## COCC will bring back staff on June 14

BY JACKSON HOGAN  
The Bulletin

After 15 months of working from home due to COVID-19, the majority of Central Oregon Community College staffers will return to their offices on June 14.

COCC President Laurie Chesley announced Thursday that the community college campuses would partially reopen that day, and many in-person services would resume. The state's speedy vaccine rollout convinced her to make this decision, she said.

“I think there's some light at the end of the tunnel around the pandemic, and I really feel hopeful for the future,” Chesley told The Bulletin. “We believe that by mid-June, everyone who wants a vaccine would have time to have it.”

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**BEND CITY COUNCIL**

## New site for shelter needed as deal fails

BY BRENNIA VISSER  
The Bulletin

After discovering significant foundational and structural issues, the Bend City Council backed out of an agreement to buy a motel property and turn it into a homeless shelter, but intends to find a new site.

On Wednesday, the council voted to withdraw from a purchase and sale agreement to buy the Old Mill & Suites Motel at 904 SE Third St. for no more than \$5 million. But the council made it clear it intends to find another motel to turn into a homeless shelter quickly.

“I know how important it is to this community to get that work done,” Mayor Sally Russell said Wednesday night.

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