LOW

31°

EAST: Partly to mostly

sunny across the re-

chilly tonight. Mostly

**CENTRAL:** Sunshine

some clouds during

the afternoon hours

Mainly clear and chilly

WEST: Partly to mostly

clear and cool tonight.

**OREGON EXTREMES** 

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Yesterday

Hi/Lo/Prec.

53/30/0.00

68/39/0.00

54/17/0.00

sunny today. Mainly

Sunshine and a few

clouds on Tuesday.

**YESTERDAY** 

Low: 17

NATIONAL

**EXTREMES** 

at Daniel WY

T-storms

YESTERDAY (for the

48 contiguous states)

National high: 101° National low: 8°

Precipitation: 2.52'

at Crystal River, FL

New

will give way to

sunny on Tuesday

gion. Mainly clear and

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows

50/24

Joseph

Ontario

Baker City

61/32

Jordan Valley 52/31 •

52/31

57/31

Yesterday

Hi/Lo/Prec.

60/32/0.00

61/34/0.00

60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

Warm Front

**Burns Junction** 

McDermitt

Hi/Lo/W

67/42/s

58/27/s

69/38/s

Hi/Lo/W

69/41/s

56/27/9

68/37/9

Partly sunny

**76°** 

Plenty of sunshine

Apr 19 Apr 26 May 3 May 11 Tonight's sky: Auriga, the charioteer, drives across the western evening sky this month Source: Jim Todd, OMSI **UV INDEX TODAY** 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m.

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number

6

Full

First

the greater the need for eve and skin protection, 0-2 Low. 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme **ROAD CONDITONS** For web cameras of our passes, go to www.bendbulletin.com/webcams I-84 at Cabbage Hill: Mostly sunny today. Overcast evening, then partly cloudy, US 20 at Santiam Pass: Plenty of sunshine today Mainly clear tonight US 26 at Gov't Camp: Plenty of sunshine US 26 at Ochoco Divide: Plenty of sun today. Partly cloudy and cold tonight.

**ORE 58 at Willamette Pass:** Plenty of sun today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine

ORE 138 at Diamond Lake: Plenty of sunshine today. Mainly clear tonight CKI DEDUBI

2VI	NEPU	NI	
	In inches as	of 5 p.m	. yesterda
Ski resort	New	snow	Base
Anthony Lakes Mt	n	0	80-8
Hoodoo Ski Area		0	0-9
Mt. Ashland		0	42-6
Mt. Bachelor		0	92-11
Mt. Hood Meadow	S	2	0-20
Mt. Hood Ski Bow		0	66-9
Timberline Lodge		0	0-18
Willamette Pass		0	0-4
Aspen / Snowmas	s, CO	0	46-6
Mammoth Mtn. Sk	ci, CA	0	45-7
Squaw Valley, CA		0	0-10
Park City Mountain	n, UT	0	45-5
Sun Valley, ID		0	38-6
	Source	o· OnThe	Snow cor

Mainly clear Abundant sunshine Sunshine

62/42

Seaside

Tillamook

Lincoln City

64/41

59/49

**Yachats** 

Coos Bay

Port Orford

60/44

Hi/Lo/W

62/42/s

62/46/s

55/27/9

ther(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-sh

Cannon Beach

60/45

32°

Hillsboro Portland

64/42

Eugene

La Grande

Medford

Corvallis 63/41

Grants

76/42

Hi/Lo/W

64/41/s

64/47/s

54/26/pc

**OREGON WEATHER** 

Hood

Warm Springs 60/34

Sisters 58/31

Sunriver .

55/26

Klamath

Hi/Lo/Prec.

48/24/0.02

68/32/0.00

50/32/0.00

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

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Salt Lake City 57/39

• 91/65

Flurries

Snow

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Showers

Redmond

La Pine

•Prineville 61/29

Fort Rock

Hi/Lo/W

55/29/s

74/38/s

59/44/s

58/43/s 61/33/s 59/32/s

56/27

59/24

Hi/Lo/W

56/28/s

69/37/s

61/45/s

86/69

Intervals of clouds and sunshine

Day 55/27

Frenchgler

55/31

Portland

rms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Tr-trace, Yesterday data as of 5 p.m. yesterday

**FRIDAY** 67° 33°

warmer

## TRAVEL WEATHER

Warm with periods of

clouds and sunshine

			NAT	IONAL			
	Yesterday	Today	Tuesday		Yesterday	Today	Tuesday
City	Hi/Lo/Prec.	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/Prec.	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	93/49/0.00	76/50/pc	64/51/t	Juneau	37/22/Tr	39/37/r	42/39/r
Akron	63/56/0.63	59/45/c	65/45/pc	Kansas City	76/40/0.00	62/38/c	60/38/pc
Albany	70/51/0.02	53/39/r	61/44/pc	Lansing	60/49/0.38	62/40/sh	59/35/pc
Albuquerque	78/39/0.00	74/45/pc	71/46/pc	Las Vegas	87/62/0.00	87/62/pc	85/56/s
Anchorage	30/14/Tr	38/30/c	41/34/pc	Lexington	55/48/0.03	66/45/s	66/48/c
tlanta	75/57/0.01	81/58/s	82/60/pc	Lincoln	70/29/0.00	61/31/s	58/30/pc
tlantic City	60/51/0.47	52/46/sh	57/47/pc	Little Rock	80/46/0.00	82/55/pc	69/50/pc
Austin	87/38/0.00 81/59/0.54	86/61/c 62/47/sh	74/62/t 63/48/c	Los Angeles	74/58/0.00 59/55/0.15	72/57/pc	66/55/sh
Baltimore	46/29/0.09	42/24/pc	36/20/c	Louisville Madison, WI	56/48/0.61	71/50/pc 56/37/c	69/52/pc 50/32/c
Billings Birmingham	75/52/0.00	82/56/s	83/58/pc	Memphis	74/50/0.00	81/58/pc	73/54/0
Bismarck	47/35/0.25	37/20/sn	32/21/c	Miami	91/72/0.61	86/67/t	84/67/s
Boise	52/29/0.00	57/35/s	60/33/c	Milwaukee	56/42/0.37	60/41/c	54/36/pc
Boston	49/47/0.00	48/42/sh	52/44/pc	Minneapolis	55/42/0.00	49/33/sh	40/32/c
Bridgeport, CT	53/50/0.11	51/43/r	58/45/pc	Nashville	73/50/0.00	79/53/s	71/53/c
Buffalo	67/60/0.69	58/45/sh	57/42/pc	New Orleans	81/67/0.00	83/66/pc	77/69/r
Burlington, VT	72/47/0.01	62/44/c	63/46/pc	New York City	57/54/0.43	50/45/r	62/50/pc
aribou, ME	57/28/0.00	53/38/c	53/31/c	Newark, NJ	58/52/0.92	50/45/r	63/49/pc
Charleston, SC	77/61/0.00	83/59/s	82/58/s	Norfolk, VA	81/64/0.21	72/52/s	62/47/c
Charlotte	76/59/0.12	80/53/s	78/53/pc	Oklahoma City	82/37/0.00	64/46/c	64/44/c
Chattanooga	75/56/0.00	81/54/s	78/54/pc	Omaha	69/34/0.00	60/34/s	56/31/pc
Cheyenne	47/27/0.00	39/21/pc	35/23/sn	Orlando	70/63/1.40	84/59/pc	88/64/pc
Chicago	56/45/Tr	62/42/pc	58/37/pc	Palm Springs	95/66/Tr	93/62/s	87/56/s
Cincinnati	52/50/0.08	65/44/pc	67/47/pc	Peoria	52/45/0.27	62/39/pc	59/38/s
Cleveland	63/57/0.45	60/46/sh	64/45/s	Philadelphia	69/56/0.82	53/46/sh	62/48/pc
Colorado Springs	65/35/0.00	52/30/pc	43/31/c	Phoenix	93/65/0.00	91/65/s	88/62/s
Columbia, MO	71/46/0.15	63/43/pc	61/42/pc	Pittsburgh	66/58/0.43	60/46/sh	66/46/pc
Columbia, SC	79/56/Tr 79/57/0.04	83/54/s	81/55/s	Portland, ME	50/43/0.00 54/53/0.07	50/42/c	56/40/pc
Columbus, GA Columbus, OH	58/51/0.28	83/55/s 62/44/pc	86/58/pc 66/47/pc	Providence Raleigh	79/61/0.21	51/41/c 77/53/s	56/43/pc
Concord. NH	61/47/0.00	52/38/sh	61/41/pc	Rapid City	50/36/0.01	45/24/s	75/51/pc 42/19/pc
Corpus Christi	82/57/0.00	83/72/pc	84/74/r	Reno	68/41/0.00	66/39/s	56/36/pc
Dallas	87/49/Tr	81/56/t	73/55/t	Richmond	80/57/0.11	72/50/s	69/47/c
Dayton	53/50/0.25	62/42/pc	65/45/pc	Rochester, NY	62/58/1.04	53/43/sh	59/41/pc
enver	56/41/0.00	51/29/pc	45/31/c	Sacramento	84/44/0.00	82/49/s	76/47/s
es Moines	64/39/0.02	60/35/pc	54/32/c	St. Louis	69/49/0.20	67/46/pc	64/45/pc
etroit	59/51/0.56	63/43/sh	64/41/pc	Salt Lake City	54/40/0.00	57/39/s	57/40/c
uluth	45/39/0.34	42/31/sh	38/31/c	San Antonio	90/53/0.00	90/66/c	79/66/t
l Paso	86/59/0.00	86/57/c	85/56/pc	San Diego	67/57/Tr	66/59/pc	64/56/sh
airbanks	35/8/0.00	41/22/pc	41/26/pc	San Francisco	68/48/0.00	67/51/pc	62/51/pc
argo	59/30/0.00	39/23/sn	34/27/sn	San Jose	73/43/0.00	73/48/pc	67/46/pc
lagstaff	67/26/Tr	66/35/pc	61/37/s	Santa Fe	75/36/0.00	71/38/pc	63/38/c
Grand Rapids	61/46/0.65	59/39/c	56/35/c	Savannah	74/57/0.00	84/59/s	83/59/pc
Green Bay	57/46/0.58	54/38/sh	49/32/c	Seattle	54/35/0.01	60/40/s	64/41/s
Greensboro	75/60/0.13	76/52/s	75/51/pc	Sioux Falls	64/29/0.00	53/29/pc	44/25/pc
larrisburg	73/56/0.64	58/47/c	63/47/pc	Spokane	49/23/0.00	52/34/s	53/35/s
Hartford, CT	65/51/0.01	53/40/c	61/43/pc	Springfield, MO	75/40/0.00	64/46/pc	59/42/pc
lelena	40/29/Tr	44/24/pc	41/24/c	Tampa	76/67/2.14	84/63/pc	87/68/pc
Honolulu Houston	79/64/0.07	81/68/pc	81/69/pc	Tucson	91/58/0.00	89/58/s	87/55/pc
louston luntsville	88/51/0.00 72/47/Tr	86/69/pc 81/54/s	83/69/t 78/55/pc	Tulsa Washington DC	84/42/0.00 79/61/0.19	66/50/c 65/50/pc	64/46/c 65/51/c
ndianapolis	52/47/0.20	65/43/pc	64/43/s	Washington, DC Wichita	83/37/0.00	63/40/c	60/40/c
Jackson, MS	78/48/0.00	85/55/pc	80/60/t	Yakima	56/22/Tr	61/40/s	62/38/s
Jacksonville	70/57/0.97	83/56/s	84/60/pc	Yuma	93/66/0.00	90/59/s	88/51/s
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			INTERN	NATIONAL			
Amsterdam	46/37/0.69	46/34/pc	49/33/pc	Mecca	96/72/0.00	94/69/s	93/69/s
Athens	64/43/0.00	66/52/s	66/53/s	Mexico City	85/59/0.00	80/59/s	79/57/pc
Auckland	71/64/0.12	74/63/r	71/60/pc	Montreal	64/45/Tr	59/44/c	62/43/s
Baghdad	75/59/0.00	82/58/pc	82/55/pc	Moscow	63/39/0.00	62/48/c	71/51/pc
Bangkok	95/79/0.74	93/80/sh	93/81/t	Nairobi	77/59/0.01	77/60/pc	77/61/r
Beijing	68/54/0.00	69/49/pc	62/40/s	Nassau	84/72/0.00	82/68/t	82/68/s
Beirut	63/53/0.19	62/51/sh	65/54/s	New Delhi	99/68/0.00	101/72/pc	
Berlin	68/44/0.05	47/33/c	49/31/c	Osaka	68/41/0.00	74/57/pc	67/59/r
Bogota	70/52/0.09	67/50/c	69/51/c	Oslo	45/21/0.10	40/34/pc	44/25/s
Budapest	59/37/0.13	68/41/pc	48/34/sh	Ottawa	68/46/0.00	60/43/sh	60/44/pc
Buenos Aires	70/61/0.74	71/59/s	71/63/s	Paris	45/41/0.16	52/34/pc	53/33/pc
Cabo San Lucas	90/63/0.00	80/63/s	82/62/s	Rio de Janeiro	88/70/0.00	91/75/s	79/72/t
Cairo	70/54/0.00	73/51/s	76/55/s	Rome	63/52/0.26	59/48/r	59/40/r
Calgary	41/23/0.00	38/22/pc	43/22/pc	Santiago	82/44/0.00	84/51/s	86/50/s
Cancun	88/79/0.00	88/78/pc	87/76/pc	Sao Paulo	82/66/0.00	82/64/s	68/60/t
Dublin Edinburgh	46/28/0.25 45/26/0.16	46/34/sh 49/27/pc	51/38/pc 52/31/pc	Sapporo Seoul	63/32/0.00 70/41/0.02	60/43/pc 61/51/sh	55/38/sh 62/38/s
Canava	43/20/0.10	49/21/pc	52/31/pt	Changhai	64/67/1 22	6E/E7/oh	70/51/20

# **Hesitancy**

#### **Continued from A1**

As Oregon prepares to open the vaccine floodgates to everyone 16 and older April 19, state health officers and rural leaders in some counties face a potential issue: What to do with the not-insignificant portions of the population who apparently aren't clamoring for a shot.

It's a question that's hummed in the reaching a crescendo last week, when Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen said seven counties had vaccinated less than half their seniors. The problem, health officials warned, would likely grow as younger and healthier Oregonians become eligible and any possible late-adopters get crowded out.

Allen told lawmakers during a legislative hearing Wednesday that Oregon will change how it distributes vaccines to a more "demand-based model" instead of directing largely on per-capita eligibility. That would seemingly spell bad news for Umatilla County and other locales where demand has been tepid. Allen said the change is "so that we don't over-allocate to places where we can't administer those doses efficiently."

The policy change could create a self-fulfilling prophecy, where early hesitancy prompts fewer doses in the community and helps keep some counties under vaccinated. Fewer people vaccinated makes it easier for the virus to continue spreading and, potentially, mutate.

## Infections vs. vaccinations

The scale of the challenge in parts of rural Oregon remains difficult to enumerate. Some of the counties hardest hit by COVID-19 appear to be among the least vaccinated. But rural leaders question if there are unknowns behind those numbers, like how many residents were vaccinated by tribes, the federal government or in neighboring states.

Umatilla County previously ranked near or at the top in state data for most infections per capita and at the bottom in vaccines administered per capita a problem that health officials, business leaders and politicians acknowledge likely reflects reality.

As of Friday, Umatilla still had the lowest vaccination rate in the state, with about 21% of people at least partially inoculated, and Malheur was second worst at 22%, according to the state's recently updated database. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which calculates rates based on full vaccinations, ranks



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian file

The Pendleton Round-Up Arena sits empty on what would have been the third day of the Round-Up in September. Instead, it was canceled for 2020. This year's massive event is scheduled for Sept. 11-18.

Umatilla County officials think the figures are slightly better than what shows up in Oregon's database, particularly among people 65 and older.

"We think perhaps 60% of our seniors have probably gotten a vaccine," said George Murdock, chair of the Umatilla County Commission. "But when you realize that 75% of the deaths are among that age group, it's mind-boggling why that number wouldn't be considerably higher."

In fact, as of Friday, only about 55% of the county's seniors had received at least one dose of vaccine. That's significantly below the statewide average for seniors of more than

"I can't fathom why somebody wouldn't," Murdock, 78, said of getting the vaccine. "I got mine on the first day" of eligibility.

The hesitancy is frustrating, Mur-

dock said, because he's adamant the county should have received more doses in the first place. County officials were particularly steamed when doses from many rural parts of the state were funneled toward the metro area in late January to help inoculate healthcare workers and teachers there. That anger lingered.

The commission sent a blistering letter to Gov. Kate Brown's office March 3 calling the vaccine distribution "unconscionable" and decrying the "embarrassing contradiction" in the state's vaccine plans by not funneling more shots to Morrow, Mal-

heur and Umatilla counties. "We have several things in common with both of those counties in that we have collectively suffered from the highest rates of infection and we are three of the five counties with the highest Latino population," Murdock and the other commissioners wrote.

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**Umatilla County** 

Commission

Murdock said he is now concerned

cally has a low percentage of people who get flu shots, will miss out on its coveted summer events — fairs, rodeos, the iconic Pendleton Roundup and more — because the state will not authorize large gatherings due to low vaccination rates or perceived COVID-19

risks. Over in Hermiston, Kristina Olivas, the new executive director

of the local chamber of commerce, said she's not surprised by the low adoption rate and high infection rate.

Olivas, who was born and raised in Hermiston, said her 87-year-old grandmother is one of those locals who is doing well, as is, and is uninterested in a vaccine.

"I don't leave the house anyway," she said of her grandmother's think-

ing, "I'm not getting it." When asked if Olivas tried to convince her to take the shot, Olivas demurred: "She's a real strong woman, she's going to do what she wants."

## **Early intervention**

Where Umatilla has struggled even in recent weeks, Morrow County got a shoutout from the governor and health officials for its successes last week. Melissa Lindsay, a county commissioner, said the county raised its hand two months ago to partner with Federal Emergency Management Agency to reach agricultural workers in the rural area.

The mobile clinics brought shots directly to people at their workplaces. It was a pain to get the program off

the ground, she said, but ultimately the county administered 1,000 doses in the span of four days. Despite that success, Lindsay is

concerned there's still reluctance from some quarters in the county, where about 25% of the population has received at least one vaccine dose. Some calls to big employers are met with reluctance, with people saying they would wait and see what restrictions, if any, will meet those who don't opt for a vaccine.

Some express concern about the long-term effects of the new vaccines, Lindsay has heard, a concern scientists say isn't an issue. She's worried that while the mobile clinics were a success, other agricultural workers are already in the fields and may not be reachable.

"The spring has sprung, and everyone is going full speed ahead," she

#### **Vaccine**

Sydney Taipei City Tel Aviv

Tokyo

Toronto

Vancouve

48/34/r

81/55/s

62/39/s

94/79/pc

72/64/pc

70/56/pc

67/43/c

78/54/0.00 81/69/0.00 55/36/0.00 57/44/0.00

83/60/0.00

48/34/0.02

59/50/0.34

Johannesburg

Lisbon

Madrid

### **Continued from A1**

Some people who've received Johnson & Johnson's vaccine have posted giddy and celebratory Tweets under the popular hashtag #OneandDone.

62/49/0.00

63/55/0.41

65/45/0.00

65/57/sh

66/55/pc

65/57/pc

64/36/pc

88/77/sh 89/77/t 46/33/r 44/28/s 67/53/s 71/56/s 84/68/s 87/65/s

51/44/sh 56/41/sh 56/41/s 57/41/s

65/61/c

Gov. Kate Brown received a Johnson & Johnson dose in early March.

The one-dose vaccine also has been a valuable resource for states eager to immunize hard-to-reach or mobile are homeless, jail inmates, migrant workers or college students.

Overall, the hit to Oregon's Johnson & Johnson allocation will result in an overall 20% reduction in total vaccines received — from 258,190 last week to 205,830 this week — because shipments of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are staying relatively consistent and Johnson & Johnson allocations have been comparatively small, according to numbers from the state.

Those numbers, however, don't include doses sent to pharmacies through the federal retail pharmacy program. The number of doses sent to the program weren't yet available, as of Friday.

Allen said he predicts the Johnson & Johnson production problems will amount to only a slight delay to Oregon's goal of inoculating 70% of residents 16 and older by the end of May with at least one dose of one of the three available vaccines.

'That may shift a week or two based on what we're currently beginning to see, but not by months or months or anything like that," Allen said.

The number of Johnson & Johnson vaccines shipped to Oregon and other states since the federal government granted emergency use authorization in February has seesawed from week to week because of production challenges overseas, where all doses of the vaccine are currently manufactured.

Two weeks ago, the federal government sent nearly 2 million Johnson & Johnson doses to states. Last week, it was nearly 5 million. This week, it's just 700,000.

Washington is seeing its allocation drop from 109,000 to 12,900. Californias is going from 572,700 to 67,600.

Although Allen said the reduction might delay Oregon's overall vaccination efforts by a week or two, the timing of Johnson's production difficulties is unfortunate. New COVID-19 cases are up 44% and hospitalizations 46% over the past two weeks, as the state battles a fourth surge that started weeks ago. Nationwide, new known cases are up 13% and hospitalizations up 7% over the same time period.