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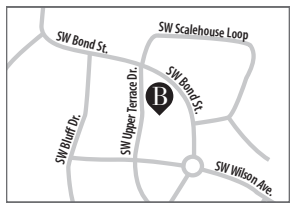
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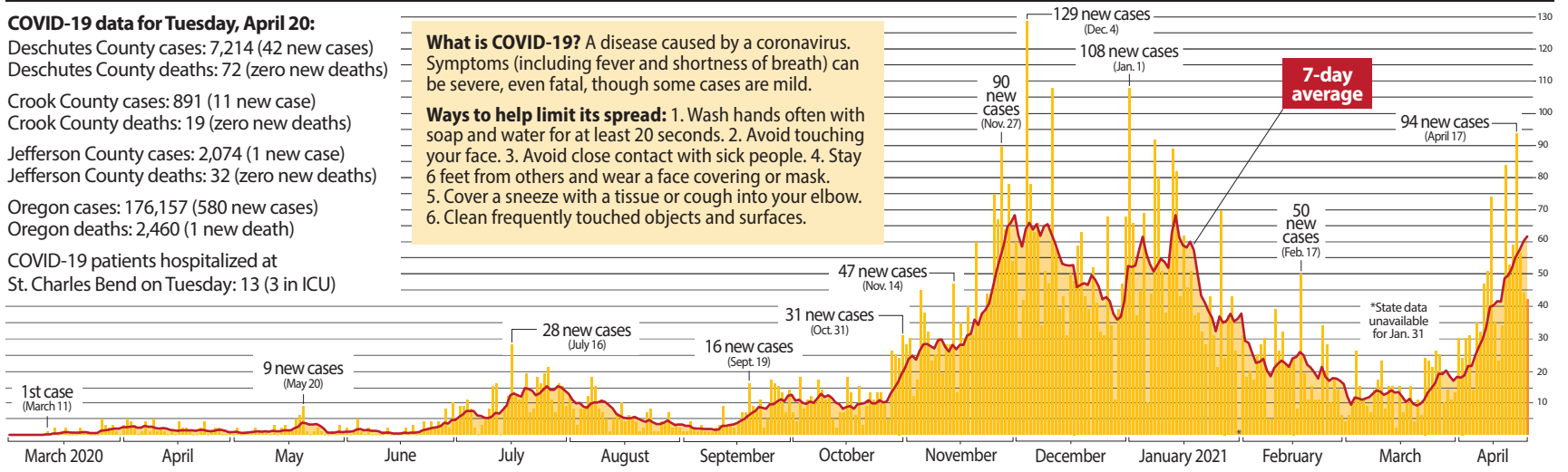
# LOCAL, STATE & REGION

## DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

SOURCES: OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, DESCHUTES COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES BULLETIN GRAPHIC

**COVID-19 data for Tuesday, April 20:**  
Deschutes County cases: 7,214 (42 new cases)  
Deschutes County deaths: 72 (zero new deaths)  
  
Crook County cases: 891 (11 new case)  
Crook County deaths: 19 (zero new deaths)  
  
Jefferson County cases: 2,074 (1 new case)  
Jefferson County deaths: 32 (zero new deaths)  
  
Oregon cases: 176,157 (580 new cases)  
Oregon deaths: 2,460 (1 new death)  
  
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Tuesday: 13 (3 in ICU)

**What is COVID-19?** A disease caused by a coronavirus. Symptoms (including fever and shortness of breath) can be severe, even fatal, though some cases are mild.  
  
**Ways to help limit its spread:** 1. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 2. Avoid touching your face. 3. Avoid close contact with sick people. 4. Stay 6 feet from others and wear a face covering or mask. 5. Cover a sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 6. Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces.



# COVID-19 shuts down Oregon House a 3rd time

BY PETER WONG

Oregon Capital Bureau  
Another person infected with COVID-19 has prompted yet another shutdown of floor sessions in the Oregon House. The House on Tuesday canceled sessions for the rest of the week. The next scheduled session is Monday. Committees, which have been meeting online since the start of the 2021 session, will continue their work virtually. At this stage of the session, committees have begun considering bills passed by the Senate, although a few committees were exempt from the April 13 deadline for reporting out House bills. The infected person may have had contact with others on the floor of the House on Thursday. It is the third time this year

that the House has had to curtail daily sessions. The other delays were the week of March 22-26 — after someone infected was present in the chamber March 15 or 16 — and on March 29. Because of federal health privacy laws, people with reported infections have not been identified. “The priority for the session continues to be to keep people safe and do the people’s work,” Lindsey O’Brien, chief of staff for House Speaker Tina Kotek, said in a statement. Capitol facilities staff clean the chambers and office wings under COVID-19 guidelines of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. House Republican Leader Christine Drazen of Canby said in a statement: “Due to this

positive COVID-19 case in the Capitol, we will defer to public health authority guidance and look forward to returning to the floor next week, barring any additional cases.” Under the coronavirus protocols of the House, no more than 25 members can be on the House floor at any time, although 40 members are required to be present for business to be conducted. Other members can be in the galleries or in their offices to comply with the quorum requirement. The House also has added one-minute alerts to accommodate members before discussion and voting on measures. The Senate, which has half the House membership, has not reported any COVID-19 cases in that chamber.

# Facebook Accelerator chooses The Bulletin for training, grant program

Bulletin staff report  
The Bulletin, Central Oregon’s daily newspaper, has been selected to be part of the Facebook Journalism Project’s Accelerator program aimed at growing its digital subscriber base, it was announced Tuesday. The newspaper is one of 30 news organizations joining the Accelerator programs for reader revenue in North America. More than half (55%) are owned or led by Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and/or other communities of color, and 75% focus on local news, according to a news release from the Facebook Journalism Project. These organizations will participate in a premier business training program for news publishers, which is built on four pillars: virtual workshops where participants listen to experts and participate in hands-on exercises; weekly calls with a dedicated, world-class expert coach; grant funding to execute projects using lessons learned; and a community of shared practice in which people work together to support each other’s progress. This is the third year of this training program. “Newspapers are constantly evolving to remain successful in today’s growing digital marketplace,” said Bulletin Publisher Heidi Wright, who is also chief operating officer for EO Media Group, the Oregon-based parent company of the paper. “This program will put

The Bulletin at the forefront of cutting-edge tools to keep us viable. “The goal is to produce enough reader revenue from digital subscriptions to fund our news-gathering operations, so we can continue to be a company that produces robust content that is valued by the communities we serve,” Wright said. “This evolution is the opposite of what the hedge funds and large companies are doing these days by slashing their newsrooms to the bone just to stay afloat.” The 12-week program, from April through mid-July, is followed by a six-month period to execute specific grant-funded initiatives. Grants will be distributed by the nonprofit Local Media Association. “At least once a week, I hear from someone who expresses their appreciation for one or more of our publications — and they often worry aloud about our survival,” said Kathryn Brown, EO Media Group vice president. “I’m happy to be able to tell them that we are evolving as a company as the newspaper industry evolves.” Participants were selected from nearly 300 applications by Facebook staff, Local Media Association staff and Accelerator coaches based on a demonstrated impact on their communities, commitment to the program’s requirements and readiness to pursue their biggest business opportunities.

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Prescribed burns planned for areas east of La Pine

Prescribed burns to reduce forest vegetation are planned for areas about 5 miles east of La Pine on Wednesday and Thursday. The burns will start at 10 a.m. on both days and cover 600 acres of land, according to a release from the Deschutes National Forest. The designated burn areas are located along the north side of Forest Road 22 (Finley Butte Road), between Forest Road 9750 and Forest Road 2215. The units will be monitored following ignitions and into the weekend. La Pine-area residents should expect to see smoke through the week, more heavily in subdivisions east of town such as Newberry Estates. Flagger and pilot cars may be in use along Forest Road 22 and drivers may experience delays. The prescribed fire will reduce fuel loadings in ponderosa pine stands that were treated as part of the Ogden Landscape Vegetation Management Project, which is designed to prevent wildfire from entering the La Pine community. Prescribed fire in this area conducted in 2018 helped to slow and eventually stop the spread of last year’s Rosland Road Fire, which burned 393 acres. Evening and early morning smoke may occur in the affected areas. Residents are advised to keep windows closed

### Man pleads not guilty to attempted murder

A Redmond man pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a raft of serious charges from an alleged cross-state crime spree, including an allegation that he strangled and tried to kill his mother. Ryan Michael Shinn, 40, appeared in Deschutes County Circuit Court, where a November trial date was scheduled. Shinn is accused of using three stolen vehicles to drive from Portland to Bend, where he allegedly attacked his mother, Kelly Jo Shinn, in an attempt to take custody of his 10-year-old daughter. Shinn is charged with 13 counts, 10 felonies and three misdemeanors: second-degree attempted murder, first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, menacing, strangulation, interfering with making a report, fourth-degree assault, unauthorized use of a vehicle, reckless endangerment of highway workers, two counts of coercion and two counts of first-degree theft. He remains an inmate of the Deschutes County jail.

### Registered voters will be mailed a ballot starting April 28 for the May 18 election.

Voters with an Oregon DMV number can register to vote online at [www.oregonvotes.gov/](http://www.oregonvotes.gov/) register or by filling out a paper Oregon Voter Registration Card, which is available at the DMV, U.S. Post Office, library or city hall. Voters are asked to check that their addresses and names are up to date in their voter registration record. Voters can update their registration at [www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote](http://www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote) or with an Oregon Voter Registration Card. For those away from home on Election Day, they can request an absentee ballot at [www.deschutes.org/clerk](http://www.deschutes.org/clerk) or call the Deschutes County Elections Office at 541-388-6547. For the May 18 election, candidate and measure information is available online at [www.deschutes.org](http://www.deschutes.org).

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