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With early and sometimes heavy restrictions, Oregon has one of the lowest rates of cases and deaths since the pandemic began spreading in the first months of 2020. Brown said decisions often had to be made pitting “lives and livelihoods.”

“As your governor, I chose to save lives,” she said.

Brown said more than half of state residents have been at least partially vaccinated. The first to receive the vaccine were elderly in nursing homes, who made up more than half the deaths from COVID-19 in the state. While the daily death toll has fallen since its peak during the winter, Brown said the current infection rate was rising too quickly and new variants that are more contagious and in some cases, lethal, meant the recent spike had to be taken as seriously as earlier outbreaks.

Brown's latest actions included extending her authority over public health by extending the emergency declaration she issued in March 2020 until at least June 28.

The orders to instigate the extreme risk and extend the emergency set off protests from some political and business leaders.

A Republican-led effort was started in the Legislature to initiate bills to curb Brown's powers or bar another extension.

“Literally everything in Oregonians’ lives are being dictated by one person,” Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend, said on the floor of the Senate on Thursday.

A group of commissioners from 27 counties, along with the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association, sent a letter Tuesday to Brown asking her to reconsider her order and instead give local governments more control to make decisions appropriate to their counties and cities.

“The time has come to allow our communities the opportunity to move forward while embracing continued health and safety precautions,” the letter said.

Brown said she knew the pandemic had hammered small businesses, especially restaurants and bars, which have been whipsawed by closings, openings and restrictions for more than a year. A special \$20 million fund was being created by the Legislature to go to businesses that take a financial hit under the latest restrictions.

Oregon health officials have also struggled with “vaccine hesitancy” across the state from people unsure of whether they should get inoculated. But vaccinations have also become a political statement, with some counties in Republican areas reporting a dwindling number of people seeking shots.

Brown said supplies would be redirected to areas where there is still heavy demand. Lane County announced Thursday that it would receive triple the number of doses it had been getting each week. Walk-in vaccinations have also started sporadically, copying the state-wide efforts in New York and California.

Peter Graven, a lead data scientist at Oregon Health & Science University, who has

advised Brown throughout the pandemic, said it would only take three weeks of observing the restrictions before the virus spread would stall. He reiterated Brown's position that maintaining a brisk rate of vaccination was the key to getting the state back to something close to normal by the end of June.

Without the current restrictions, Graven said 176 people could die and over 700 people could be hospitalized in the next few months, primarily in May.

Graven said a short stoppage of activity would pay off in the short and long term.

“We have just three to four weeks until we will be in good shape,” he said.

While extolling the personal health and community cooperation shown by those who were vaccinated, Brown said a decision to not be vaccinated was a personal choice.

But trying to stop people from getting vaccinated during a declared state public health emergency was not acceptable. Brown said she was aware of the Thursday incident in which anti-vaccination activists heckled students arriving at a school-sponsored clinic at Bend High School. Police were called and the group dispersed.

School district leaders also received often anonymous messages calling them “Nazis” for approving the vaccinations on the school property. In Oregon, anyone age 15 or older can agree to medical services — including immunization — without parental consent.

Brown said the state of emergency declaration had been called to stop the spread of the virus. The vaccines are overwhelmingly safe and effective and the best way to stop the crisis that has killed over 575,000 Americans in a little over a year, according to health officials.

“While I am governor, we are going to continue to rely on science and data,” she said.

Trying to stop anyone from getting vaccinated is illegal under Oregon law and punitive measures are enhanced by the public health emergency.

“I expect Oregonians to comply with these orders,” she said.

As of Friday, COVID-19 had killed 3.17 million worldwide and 575,746 in the United States, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center. The Oregon Health Authority reported Friday that 2,495 Oregon residents had died from COVID-19.

On Friday, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, a key forecaster used by public officials around the country, said at current rates of spread, areas of the world such as India and South America would continue to see steep increases in fatalities. By Aug. 1, the virus is projected to have killed 5.05 million worldwide.

Vaccination has cut transmission and fatalities from the virus have slowed, but not stopped, in the United States. The institute forecast that by Aug. 1, deaths would total more than 602,000 in the United States and 2,670 in Oregon.

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Home

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The home has a real market value of \$333,000 according to county property records. Thompson said the sale will close next week.

An estate sale is planned for this weekend, Thompson said.

Ray Atkinson Sr. — the victim's father and owner of the home where the killings took place — had two sons, Ken Atkinson and Ray Atkinson Jr.

After Ray Sr. died without a will in August 2019 at age 82, his sons went to court over control of his estate, which consisted mainly of the value of the NE 12th Street home.

At the time of their deaths, Ray Atkinson Jr. and his fiancé, Newby, were living in the home.

On Aug. 15, a worried friend and a relative entered the home after the couple couldn't be reached for several days. Their bloodied bodies were found in the cluttered basement.

Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel reiterated Thursday, as he has for nearly nine months, the investigation of the murders remains ongoing.

“There's still not evidence to file charges,” he said.

Investigators are still waiting on results from the state crime lab, though Hummel doesn't expect that to be a deciding factor in his charging decision.

Hummel has faced increasing scrutiny from friends and relatives of the deceased couple.



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The scene of a double homicide on NE 12th Street in Bend was taped off by police as seen on Aug. 18.

Newby's sister, Racheil Hoffman, has called on the public to pressure Hummel's office to bring charges.

“They know who did it, they are hoping for the perfect storm of evidence before they arrest the murderer/s,” she wrote this month on Facebook. “All the while they get to walk free. WE WANT JUSTICE NOW!!!”

A hearing in circuit court was held earlier this week in the probate case of Ray Atkinson Sr.

Once the home sale closes, Ray Atkinson Sr.'s estate is expected to be divided, with half going to Ken Atkinson and half

to the estate of Ray Atkinson Jr.

Ray Atkinson Jr.'s estate will be divided between his two half-brothers: Ken Atkinson, who has the same father, and Jonathan Woodstock, who has the same mother.

Following the killings, Woodstock moved into the 12th Street home to protect it and prepare it for sale.

Ken Atkinson has fought Woodstock's continued presence at the home, changing the locks and reporting Woodstock to the police for trespassing several times. Police told him it was a “civil matter,” according to court records.

Ken Atkinson lived for years in Bend before moving to Ely, Nevada, where he worked as a corrections officer.

Woodstock has asserted in court documents in the probate case that Ken Atkinson is a main suspect in the Atkinson-Newby murder, which Ken Atkinson disputes in other filings.

Ken Atkinson has not attended recent hearings in the probate case, court records show. His attorney, Lawrence Erwin, didn't return calls or emails.

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