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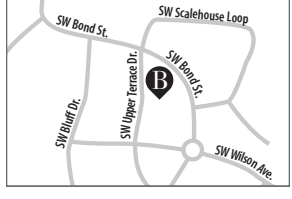
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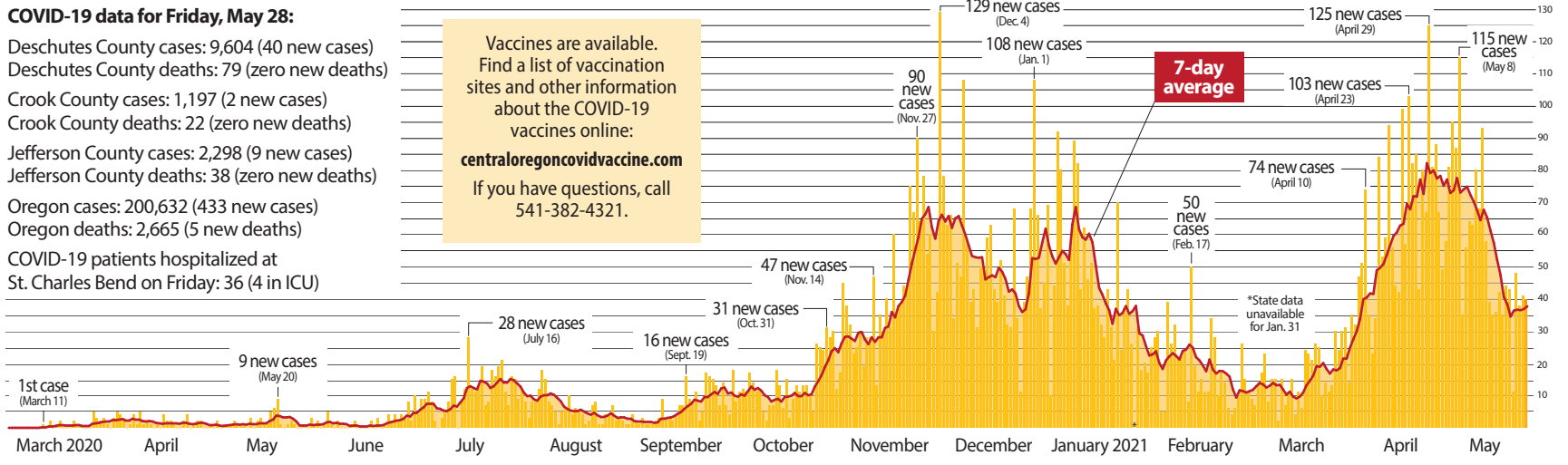
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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Coronavirus in Oregon

6 cases of India variant found in state

BY AIMEE GREEN

The Oregonian
The Oregon Health Authority has identified the first six cases of B.1.617 — the highly transmissible COVID-19 variant that has devastated India this spring — within Oregon's borders.

Public health officials first reported two cases of one of the variant's subtypes — B.1.617.2 — on May 12, followed by two more cases May 19 and another two cases

Wednesday. Health authority spokesman Tim Heider said Wednesday that at least one of the cases was detected in someone who'd traveled internationally recently.

Scientists are worried about B.1.617 and its subtypes because they suspect it's largely responsible for propelling India to the highest weekly case and death counts in the world in recent weeks. One study found it might be up to 50% more contagious than

the B.1.1.7 variant, which is thought to be up to 50% more contagious than the strain that had dominated cases in the United States until March, when B.1.1.7 took over.

Oregon officials say B.1.1.7 is partially responsible for Oregon's fourth surge of coronavirus cases in March and April.

But B.1.617 only makes up less than 1.5% of cases in the U.S. as of early May, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Mean-

while, B.1.1.7 comprises an estimated 70% of cases nationwide and 60% in Oregon.

Oregon and the nation, however, are only identifying a small portion of variants currently circulating among the population because individual states analyze so few positive test samples. Oregon does far better than most — analyzing close to 4% of positive COVID-19 samples for variants, placing it seventh in the nation. It's still likely, though,

that there have been more than six cases of B.1.617 in Oregon because the vast majority of samples aren't analyzed.

There is one bit of good news in all of this: A study of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine by British public health officials found the vaccine to be 88% effective at preventing symptomatic disease caused by B.1.617 in fully vaccinated people. About 40% of the U.S. population is fully vaccinated, compared to 3% in India.

National Guard asked to help staff Oregon State Hospital

Associated Press

SALEM — Significant staffing shortages at the Oregon State Hospital prompted health officials to call for the National Guard's assistance at the psychiatric facility.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the state's health authority, which oversees the hospital, requested 30 nurses from the National Guard. The governor's office has not reached a decision on whether to fill that request.

"We need your help," Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen wrote on Tuesday to state employees. "OHA has exhausted all other staffing options for the hospital's Salem Campus, and our circumstances are dire."

Officials say the hospital, which employs 1,800 people and has more than 600 patients, is full and temporarily stopped new admissions.

The hospital treats some of the state's most vulnerable: those found guilty except for insanity, civil commitment patients and those ordered to the hospital by a judge on aid and assist orders.

The staffing crisis at the hospital has persisted on and off throughout the pandemic. But the number of staff out on coronavirus-related leave has increased dramatically since February.

Hospital Superintendent Dolly Matteucci told state lawmakers on earlier this

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— Patrick Allen, Oregon Health Authority director

month that nearly 700 employees had taken some form of COVID-19 leave and from February to March there was a 45% increase in direct-care staff taking leave.

Matteucci told hospital supervisors they would be required to work weekend shifts on patient units starting this weekend and continuing through July 4.

"Just last week, we had approximately 33% of our Nursing staff out on COVID-related leave," Matteucci wrote to staff.

In his plea to state employees, Allen wrote the hospital especially needs state employees with nursing experience or familiarity with behavioral health.

"However, anyone who has good people skills is encouraged to volunteer for an emergency assignment," he said. "The need is great, and any assistance you can provide will better enable (state hospital) staff to do their most critical work — patient care."

LOCAL BRIEFING

County's proposed budget includes road projects, \$38M in federal money

More road and transportation projects, as well as millions of dollars in federal funding, are helping to push up Deschutes County's new proposed budget for the next fiscal year 23% over last year's budget.

The total proposed budget, including service districts for rural fire districts and the sheriff's office, is \$634,746,104, according to the county's budget summary. This is up \$118,678,174 from last year's budget.

The increase is largely driven by the county receiving \$38 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding from the federal government for COVID-19 relief and \$41 million in capital investments, ac-

ording to the summary.

The county also received \$7 million more than expected in transient room tax from hotel lodging, given that most projections anticipated it would be down due to COVID-19.

Some highlights include \$29.6 million on road projects like reconstructing Hunnell Road from Loco Road to Tumalo Road and funding the construction of a roundabout at U.S. Highway 20, Cook Avenue

and O.B. Riley Road, according to the budget.

About \$14.5 million is proposed to modernize the Negus Transfer Station in Redmond, and another \$5 million is allocated to expand Knott Landfill.

The County's Budget Committee will review the proposed budget during the week of June 1. A full schedule is available online at www.deschutes.org/meetings.

— Bulletin staff report

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