

Visitation restrictions eased on hospitals

By Rudy Diaz
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Hospital patients are now allowed one visitor after a health screening.

Gov. Kate Brown directed the Oregon Health Authority on June 11 to provide written guidance to hospitals to loosen the restrictions on visitations and give further clarification on screening protocols for individuals entering a facility, according to a press release.

A screening will be required for all individuals seeking entry into the facility. This screening includes a visual observation, temperature check and a variety of questions.

According to Lori Lane, the Blue Mountain Hospital District health information manager, the questions will include: symptoms including, but not

limited to, fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, and body aches; international travel within the last 14 days to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Level 3 risk countries; testing for, or diagnosis of, COVID-19; contact with known or suspected COVID-19 cases within the last 14 days; and cruise ship travel within the last 30 days.

A list of restricted countries can be found at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html). Updated information on cruise ships can be found on [cdc.gov/travel/page/covid-19-cruise-ship](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/page/covid-19-cruise-ship).

For visitations, each patient is now allowed one visitor at a time. This includes inpatients, emergency room patients, outpatients and Strawberry Wilderness Community Clinic patients, according to Lane.

If visitors have any of the symptoms being screened for at entry, have been determined to have suspected, presumptive or confirmed active COVID-19 or refuse to comply with the facility's infection control guidance of wearing a mask, visitors will be restricted.

If a patient is in end-of-life care, they may be allowed to have more than one visitor with them.

For individual circumstances, such as end-of-life care, a parent or guardian of a child or someone assisting with a disabled individual, a visitor may be able enter the building with their temperature over 100 or with symptoms.

"The revised executive order will greatly benefit patients who may have been without social support during this time," according to the release.

Red Cross now testing for COVID-19 antibodies

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The American Red Cross is now testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies.

Healthy donors will receive results within seven to 10 days on their blood donor app. All donors must schedule an appointment to give blood and must have the BLOODAPP on their device. Text 90999 to BLOODAPP.

A John Day community blood drive will take place June 18 and June 19 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Sign up on the Red Cross BLOODAPP or online at [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org).



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A youth at the Grant County Fair wins Reserve Champion for the pig she raised. Grant County Extension Office/4-H are working on a modified plan to hold youth livestock events during the week of the Grant County Fair.

Leaders working on modified plan to hold fair youth activities

By Steven Mitchell
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Grant County Oregon Extension Office/4-H is working on modified plans to hold livestock auctions and youth activities that work within the Phase 2 state guidelines, 4-H Coordinator Bonni Booth said Monday.

The plan, once complete, will go to the Emergency Operations Center for approval. The EOC will then forward the plan to Gov. Kate Brown's office for review, Booth said. Booth, who stepped into the position in early April, said the information coming from the state "fluctuates," and they will "adapt accordingly" should the plan need to be revised.

Under Brown's Phase 2 guidelines, gatherings of up to 50 people can take place indoors, up from 25 from in Phase 1, and outdoor gather-

ings can have up to 100 people. Booth said the guidelines regarding the 100-person capacity is ambiguous, at best.

"If you read the governor's guidelines, it's kind of up to interpretation," she said.

Booth said the organizers are doing their best to navigate through the complexities and moving goalposts of the governor's guidelines.

"I think times like this create new ideas and thoughts and innovative, creative methods to creating alternatives, and it's definitely a learning opportunity for youth," said Booth.

The EOC, Fair Board members, Grant County commissioners, the 4-H Extension team and Grant County FFA advisors made the decision to begin drafting the plan in May, according to a post on the Grant County Oregon Extension Office/4-H Facebook page.

OBITUARIES

Roberta Bennett

A memorial service for Roberta Bennett, a former Long Creek resident, will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Long Creek Cemetery, followed by dinner at the Seventh-day Adventist Friendship Hall.

Verna Josephine Carter

Jan. 30, 1921 — June 1, 2020

Verna Josephine Carter passed away June 1. She was born Jan. 30, 1921.

A service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Grace Baptist Church in Pendleton, Oregon.

A graveside service will take place at 3 p.m. at the Long Creek Cemetery. Dinner will follow at the Seventh-day Adventist Friendship Hall on Main Street in Long Creek, Oregon.



Laura Ellen Warren Guiliams

April 7, 1924 — June 13, 2020

Laura Ellen Warren Guiliams passed away on June 13, 2020, in Dallas, Oregon, with family beside her. She was 96 years old.

Laura was born on April 7, 1924, in Prairie City, Oregon, to William and Ruth Warren. Her father, a World War I vet, preceded her in death in 1932. Her husband, William Guiliams, died in 1984. Her older sister, Nettie Downs, and younger sister, Stella Kula, and brothers Tom, Bill Warren and Kenneth Kennedy have also preceded her in death.

She is survived by sisters Karrol, Karron, Karmen and brothers Keith and Kerman; daughter, Sonja Guiliams Ely; granddaughters, Val (Danny) Davis and Becky Sana; five great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

Laura lived in Newport, Oregon, for several years before moving to Salem in 1961. She lived in West Salem for the last 22 years before moving to assisted living in Dallas. She worked as the manager of the downtown 88 Cent store in Salem for many years, retiring from work in 1984 to tend her husband during his illness.

Laura liked to go to the coast if she wasn't outside tending her flowers or small garden. She loved her dogs and her modest little house. She also excelled at making pie crust for her granddaughters.

Per her request there will be no formal services. Donations in her honor may be made to the Willamette Humane Society in Salem, Oregon.

Isobel Leathers

Isobel Leathers passed away Sept. 27, 2019. A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, July 4, at Monument Cemetery. There will be a visiting hour following with cake, pie, coffee and punch at the Monument Senior Center.

Phyllis K. Ferguson

July 25, 1937 — June 4, 2020

Phyllis (Hammond) Ferguson passed peacefully at home surrounded by her family on June 4, 2020. She was born July 25, 1937, to Phillip Hammond and Katherine (Katie) Dickenson Hammond. She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Ferguson, and her eldest son, Calvin Chitwood. Phyllis was married to John when she was 24 and would have been married 59 years on June 10, 2020. She is survived by three children, six grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.



Marva Jean Ransom

Nov. 6, 1947 — May 26, 2020

Marva Jean Ransom was born on Nov. 6, 1947, to Floyd and Norma Rynearson in Prairie City, Oregon. Marva grew up and attended school in Prairie City. Upon graduation she moved to Boise, Idaho, and attended Lynx Business College earning a degree in administration. While living in Boise Marva met Robert Ransom. Marva and Robert were married on Nov. 26, 1966, until Robert's passing in 2003. Marva and Robert settled in Oakley, Idaho, where she worked as a school bus driver for the Cassia County School District for 35 years. During her children's growing up years, she was a 4-H leader teaching 4-H members how to knit. Marva delivered Meals-on-Wheels where she enjoyed checking in on the people she served. Marva enjoyed playing bingo, the slot machines in Jackpot and Fort Hall and going fishing and camping with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Norma, and husband, Robert. She is survived by her son, Floyd and Carla; her daughter Cassandra; brother Marvin and Lisa; sisters Marlene and Doug, Marnue and Gary, Marge and Arthur; special friend Jack Sloan; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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67	73	83	87	85	89	91
41	44	53	56	55	46	51