



State, company tackle questions on Pac Seafood outbreak

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Recent outbreaks of coronavirus at a Warrenton seafood plant and at the White House have some similarities: both have been linked to large gatherings in which participants wore no face coverings and weren't socially distanced.

A Labor Day party is the possible "super-spreader" event for Pacific Seafood employees, who have now completed their mandated 14-day quarantine.

A party in the White House Rose Garden for Judge Amy Coney Barrett is suspected of contributing to an outbreak that included the president.

"Outbreaks like this are complicated and can involve things like social events and people who have contact with other members of their household as well as employment," said Patrick Allen, director of the Oregon Health Authority. "It's not so simple to just point to a particular event or place and say that was the cause of the outbreak and that's certainly the circumstances here."

The health director, other doctors,

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Seasonal show-offs

Suddenly, scary is in. Fall has brought out the pumpkins, changing leaves and ... great decorations.

We'll feature more in the weeks ahead, but for now, take a drive by the Warren House, which has a choreographed light show and talking creatures. Donations there will go to Spruce Up Warrenton.

And let us know about other events and frights.



Above: A monster as tall as a house stands in the front-yard 'cemetery' of a home on Ninth Street near Warrenton Grade School.



Left: A huge skeleton graces the front of the historic Warren House on Skipanon Drive.

City signs pact with port and fish processor

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The city of Warrenton, Port of Astoria, and the Scoular company signed a joint development agreement this week that spells out what each will do to get a fishmeal processing plant up and running at the Airport Industrial Park.

The company plans to have its proposed 14,400-square-foot plant ready for the 2021 fishing season, which begins in April.

The plant would use the cast-offs from other seafood plants and turn them into fish meal for the aquaculture and fishing industries, said Tom Wortmann, Scoular's corporate development director.



Wortmann

"We've been working with Da Yang and Bornstein Seafood for decades, so we're familiar with two of the main fisheries in the area," Wortmann told Warrenton city commissioners Monday night.

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