

**Cases:**

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be traced back to a known source.

Those numbers have also been decreasing in Umatilla County.

Despite decreasing case levels, the Oregon Health Authority's weekly workplace outbreak report for Aug. 12 listed a Umatilla County workplace as the largest workplace outbreak in the state.

The report linked 199 COVID-19 cases to Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution since the start of OHA's



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan, File  
**A sign at the Good Shepherd Health Care System campus in Hermiston advises that masks or face coverings are required on Tuesday, July 7, 2020. The medical center has been linked to 29 COVID-19 cases.**

investigation on July 8.

Other workplace outbreaks listed in the Aug. 12 report, which only lists worksites with 30 or more employees and five or more cases linked to them within the past 30 days, were:

- Lamb Weston, Hermiston, 170
- Shearer's Foods, Hermiston, 42
- Lamb Weston East, Boardman, 42
- Walmart Distribution Center, Hermiston, 40
- Walmart store, Hermiston, 39
- Atkinson Staffing, Hermiston, 31
- Smith Frozen Foods,

Weston, 30

- Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, 29
- Two Rivers Correctional Institution, Umatilla, 37
- Lamb Weston West, Boardman, 25
- McDonalds, Hermiston, 24
- Columbia Basin Onion, Hermiston, 17
- Oregon Potato Company, Boardman, 14
- Threemile Canyon Farms, Boardman, 13
- Hill Meat Company, Pendleton, 12
- MJ's Labor Services, Hermiston, 11
- Home Depot, Hermis-

ton, 9

- Port of Morrow Warehousing, Boardman, 8
  - River Point Farms, Hermiston, 8
  - Marlette Homes, Hermiston, 8
  - Boardman Foods, Boardman, 8
  - Keystone RV, Pendleton, 7
  - McDonald's, Stanfield, 7
  - Taco Bell, Hermiston, 5
  - Pacific Ag, Hermiston, 5
  - J&J Snack Foods, Weston, 5
- East Oregonian reporter Alex Casile contributed to this report.*

**Fair:**

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"That's huge that they just trusted us with their money," Linnell said.

Fair manager Angie McNalley said she was, as always, impressed by the amount of support the community showed during the auction.

"I know people's businesses are struggling, but they still showed up for the kids," she said.

Volunteers still showed up as well, to help with the weigh-ins as students dropped off their animals and to handle the livestock during judging since 4-H and FFA rules prevented students from doing so themselves while Umatilla County is at a baseline rules during the pandemic. Families were instead able to watch a livestream of the judging online, set up by Hermiston School District and emceed by Gay Newman.

"Tell the guy who walked pig 363 Thank You from the Smith family," one observer wrote on a Facebook post about the livestream. "He never liked to stay still too much when walking him."

Linnell said the livestream was a hit. Extended family were able to watch from out of town, and she heard that one veterinary clinic had the livestream running in its waiting room.

"One family told me it was like watching a football game, and they were cheering the whole time," she said.

Both she and McNalley said that the fair planned to continue the livestream option during future fairs when people are able to gather once again.

Plans for the fair changed several times in the weeks leading up to it, as it became clear the county would likely go back to Phase I of reopening, and then ended up being put back to baseline instead. McNalley said she was proud of the fair's stakeholders for not giving up on the kids and for making it work under the circumstances, but she was also grateful for the community's patience.

"I just want to thank everyone for hanging in there with us," she said.

Usually, the fair uses revenue from concerts, booth rentals, ticket sales and more as seed money for the next year's fair, and while the fair had lower expenses this year, McNalley said they will still need community support to jumpstart the 2021 event, whatever it looks like. People can find information about donations, sponsorship and additions for the auction on the Umatilla County Fair website at [umatillacountyfair.net](http://umatillacountyfair.net).

Linnell said it was "bittersweet" watching children



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan  
**Carter Keys, 11, wrangles his turkey into a pen in the small animal barn at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center for the second day of the 2020 Umatilla County Fair Modified Youth Livestock Show on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020.**

and teens show up at the fairgrounds all dressed up in their show clothes, only to drop their animals off for weighing instead of spending the week with them, but people were understanding.

"Nobody really complained," she said. "They knew we were doing the best we could do, and that was kind of the tone for the whole week."

Now that the auction is

over, local meat processors have their work cut out for them. Eastern Oregon Mobile Slaughter, Follet's Meat and Mike's Mobile Slaughter usually block out the week after the fair just for processing animals purchased at the auction, Linnell said.

This year they will be processing 79 hogs, 24 steers, 12 lambs and three goats.

"In today's world, people want to know where their food comes from," she said. "They're going to put that in their family's freezer."



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan  
**Volunteers lead steers into the arena for judging Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, exhibitors were unable to show their animals and those wishing to watch the show and judging watched via livestream.**

**UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR CHAMPIONS**

- Market Swine Grand Champion: Broc Erickson (purchased by Elmer's Irrigation)
- Market Swine Reserve Grand Champion: Lydia Vander Stelt (purchased by AgriNorthwest)
- Market Rabbit Grand Champion: Kaitlynn Bombela-Post (purchased by Mid-Columbia Producers)
- Market Steer Grand Champion: Alyson Terry (purchased by Helena Chemical)
- Market Steer Reserve Grand Champion: Blake Betz (purchased by Simplot Grower Solutions)
- Market Turkey Grand Champion: Carter Keys (purchased by Les Schwab Hermiston/Pendleton)
- Market Turkey Reserve Grand Champion: Tanner Miller (purchased by Gregory Smith & Company)
- Market Goat Grand Champion: Kelli Nelson (purchased by Threemile Canyon Farms)
- Market Goat Reserve Grand Champion: Quinn Duff (purchased by Copeland Show Calves)
- Market Sheep Grand Champion: Michael Rosselle (purchased by Nutrien Ag Solutions)
- Market Sheep Reserve Grand Champion: Gavin Bolen (purchased by Bank of Eastern Oregon)

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