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Lincoln County was among seven Oregon counties included in Gov. Kate Brown's order mandating face covering use in designated businesses.

Face coverings now required in most Lincoln County public spaces

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Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced last week that Lincoln County and others would be requiring face covering's in indoor public spaces starting today, June

Gov. Brown held a press conference June 18 to provide some clarification to her decision. Gov. Brown said that although case numbers are rising statewide, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the state now have a better sense of the source of new infections, such as workplace outbreaks, long-term care facilities, corrections facilities and social gatherings. Although much of the statewide outbreaks have been contained, Gov. Brown said it is still a bit unsettling.

"As we learn more about the disease, we are refining

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Newly named SNLH mammographer awarded

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In May, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) hired a new mammographer: Lincoln City resident

Sydney Kasner, R.T.(R)(M). With an already impressive resume before joining the SNLH team, Kasner's accolades continue to flow in after being named the 2019 Student Leadership Development Program Alumni of the Year at the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).

As a Lincoln City resident, Kasner said her plan has always been to serve her local community after completing a quality education.

"I completed a twoyear Diagnostic Imaging program at Linn-Benton Community College, and completed my externship at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis," Kasner said of her education history. "I was trained into mammography at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital and Samaritan Valley Imaging Services. I completed all of



Sydney Kasner, R.T.(R)(M)

my national exams and am now registered and certified in radiologic technology as well as mammography.'

Kasner was hired as the mammographer at SNLH on May 18, where she completes all screening or diagnostic mammograms and is also able to help with x-ray imaging.

"I love what I do. I chose to enter mammography because my mother battled breast cancer, and she sincerely benefited from a positive and supportive team of healthcare professionals,"

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Contact Tracing: A key element to local COVID-19 response

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"I know it is a scary situation and I knew I could

That was the first reaction of Angela Martinez-Hernandez, a Newport native, after learning of the major COVID-19 outbreak in her hometown. Within days, she was making her first calls as a contact tracer for Lincoln County Public Health.

Martinez-Hernandez is one of 25 contact tracers, working almost exclusively with Spanish-speaking people who have direct contact with a known positive case. Within the same week of receiving her first 13 people to contact, she had celebrated a milestone in her own life: graduation from Oregon Coast Community College's medical assistant program.

"I was a former medical interpreter, translating



Contact Tracer Fernando Garza of Lincoln City is one of 25 contact tracers, working almost exclusively with Spanish-speaking people who have direct contact with a known positive case.

English to Spanish, so I knew I could help and really wanted to," she remarked, explaining that the opportunity came when contract tracing coordinator Ellen

Franklin emailed her with the offer.

Franklin, who normally works in primary care at Lincoln County Health and Human Services, had been

tasked with managing the contact tracing team for COVID-19. That team was assembled with the help of a variety of sources, including OCCC, the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians and the Oregon Health Authority. She is now the channel through which tracers receive their contact lists, training updates and any other needs.

Martinez-Hernandez and other tracers are calling anyone who has been identified as a close contact with a known positive case. To be considered a close contact, the individual must have been within six feet of someone who tested positive for 15 minutes or more.

"If they are being called, they need to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure date," she explains.

This means 14 days from the last time they had contact with the positive case. A call like this may be the first time the individual is notified of the need for isolation, although all receive a letter by mail as well. Of her original 13 contacts, all were sharing a residence with a known positive case and

some were children.

Those initial calls are equal parts fact-finding and education. They typically take around 30 minutes.

"We explain that we are contacting them because they have been in contact with someone who tested positive and we want to monitor their symptoms and gather information. We provide them with a lot of information on how to isolate or quarantine at home," Martinez-Hernandez

explained. Contact tracers also answer a lot of questions, both during the initial call and in the daily check-ins that follow. For the next 14 days, those contacts receive a call or text, depending on their preferences. These daily check-ins are used to ask about any symptoms and make sure the individual's needs are met, including those that would require

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County reduces social gathering size to 10, Lincoln City stays at 25

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The county leaders voted on a proposal at their joint Board of Commissioners and City Councils meeting, June 19, that would limit the social gathering size from 25 people, as it currently sits via the governor's Reopening Oregon Plan, to 10 people.

This proposal includes private social gatherings only and not businesses or churches.

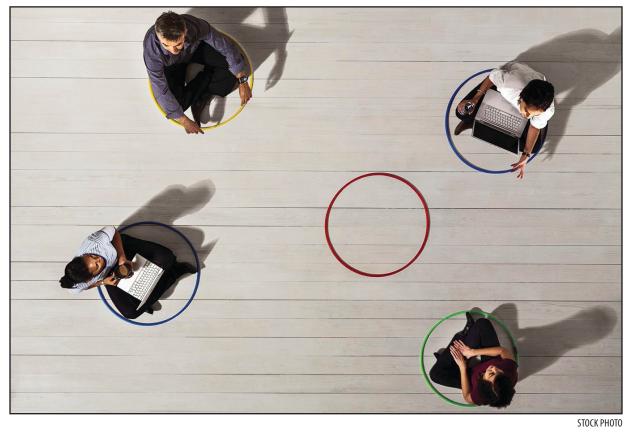
During the Lincoln City meeting prior to the joint meeting, City Councilor Mitch Parsons started by stating that they should not reduce gathering size as it would 'muddy the waters' of the governor's Reopening Plan. He argued that since the state has not changed their Phase 1 status, there was no need to change it.

"Why change course in the middle of the stream?" Councilor Judy Casper said in agreement.

Lincoln City Police Chief Jerry Palmer noted that businesses and citizens, for the most part, have been following the recommendations and requirements up to this

"By and large I think it has gone well," Palmer said. "I think the approach we've taken to this point has been successful. If we start confronting people.... that might escalate things."

After discussion, the council



Most cities and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners voted to reduce the social gathering size from 25 to 10 last week. However, Lincoln City voted to stay at 25.

voted 5-2 in favor of maintaining the 25 person social gathering size.

The county meeting held a different tone, as the majority of the county leaders were in favor of reducing gathering sizes. Commissioner Claire Hall cited a child's birthday party, which proved to be Lincoln County's first official

COVID-19 outbreak just a few weeks ago.

"I support this, I think it is a reasonable approach," Hall said of reducing the gathering size to 10. "This is the time of year that people get together for picnics and BBQ's."

Commissioner Doug Hunt said

he feels limiting social gatherings, like wearing face coverings, will play a factor in helping slow the spread of the virus. Commission Chair Kaety Jacobson agreed and noted the need to address an upcoming holiday weekend.

"My biggest concern is fourth of July," Jacobson said. "I might

suggest that we look at something specifically around that time period... We're seeing transmission in those types of family gatherings."

The Commissioners voted 2-1 in favor of the reduced gathering size. Yachats voted unanimously in favor, while Newport and Depoe Bay voted in favor with just one 'nay' vote each.

Waldport did not have a quorum for the meeting, Siletz already voted in favor at previous meeting, Toledo plans to vote on the matter this coming Wednesday and Lincoln City held true to its 5-2 vote that would oppose the rest of the county.

Lincoln City Mayor Dick Anderson provided an explanation to the rest of the county stating that eliminating one element in a Reopening Phase creates confusion. Anderson also addressed concerns with creating inconsistencies by allowing certain businesses or groups, like churches, who do not have to adhere to these rules.

"I find it interesting that we would do that and limit it to just social," Anderson said about the church exception, citing that a church experienced a large outbreak last week in Umatilla County. "I also wonder how in the world we would regulate Fourth of July gatherings. We also have seen protests statewide with no enforcement, so how and why would we chose to enforce that here."

Multiple agencies issue fireworks safety advisory

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"Keep it legal and keep it safe" when using all fire-

That advisory from the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the Oregon Fire Service, natural resource agencies, Oregon licensed fireworks wholesalers, and safety experts to all Orego-

The 2020 Oregon fireworks retail sales season

opens June 23 and runs through July 6. The OSFM and its partners want everyone to know what fireworks are legal to use in Oregon without a permit, where they are allowed to be used, and how to use fireworks safely.

"In Oregon, consumer legal fireworks can only be purchased from permitted fireworks retailers and stands," State Fire Marshal

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Jim Walker said. "State regulations limit where those fireworks may be used. Starting in July, risks for wildfire in many parts of Oregon will be high. Fireworks can also start structural fires that threaten lives and property, as we have seen in past years."

Residents who plan to visit public lands and parks for the July Fourth holiday are asked to leave all fireworks at home. The use of fireworks is prohibited in national parks and forests, on Bureau of Land Management lands, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife properties, on state beaches, in state parks, and in state campgrounds.

For residents who purchase legal fireworks, the OSFM encourages everyone to practice the four B's of safe fireworks use:

Be prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.

Be safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks.

State of Oregon Fireworks Chart:

Includes:

- **Novelty Device**
- Wheel
- Flitter Sparkler
- **Fountains**
- **Smoke Device**
- **Ground Spinner**



Oregon law prohibits the possession, use, or sale of any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground.

Be responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal.

Be aware: use only legal fireworks and use them only in legal places.

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more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground, without a permit issued by the OSFM. Fireworks commonly called bottle rockets, Roman candles, and firecrackers are illegal in Oregon, without a permit.

For the last reported five years through 2019, there were 1,173 reported fireworks-related fires in Or-

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egon, resulting in more than \$4.9 million in property loss and contents damage. During that same period, fires resulting from fireworks resulted in one death and 36 injuries.

The data from structural fire agencies do not include incidents that occurred on federal and other state lands.

Officials may seize illegal fireworks and charge offenders with a class B misdemeanor, which could result in a fine of up to \$2,500 per violation and a civil penalty of up to \$500. Those who misuse fireworks or allow fireworks to cause damage are liable and may be required to pay fire suppression costs or other damage. Parents are also liable for fireworks damage caused by their children.

"All of us share the responsibility to use only Oregon consumer legal fireworks and use them carefully," Walker said. "Please also consider your neighbors and their pets before deciding on when and where you choose to light legal fireworks."

The OSFM has published FAQs for commonly answered questions about the sale and legal use of consumer fireworks, permits for the retail sale of fireworks, and state rules for their use and enforcement activities. OSFM's fireworks education materials for sharing on social media also can be found on the agency's website.

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Lincoln City rids lodging businesses of 24-hour rule

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Among lodging facilities in Lincoln County, several complaints have been issued regarding the 24-hour mandatory wait period for staff to clean a room after it has been occupied by a visitor.

Owners have criticized the county for coming up with a 24hour period that has not been justified by any health organization. On June 19, the Board of Commissioners along with the county's city councils, met to discuss a possible change or elimination of

County Counsel Wayne Belmont clarified that the 24-hour period was not something that was made up and that it came from the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Organization. However, other organizations such as the American Lodging Industry state that a 15-minute period is all that is needed.

"I continue to be very concerned with the health of our employees and citizens," Commissioner Doug Hunt said. "Clearly keeping the 24 hour rule in place can only be beneficial to the



Lincoln County created a 24-hour rule for lodging businesses, which did not allow them to clean a rented room for 24 hours after a guest had checked out.

health of our county."

Commissioner Claire Hall said she's been listening to both sides and has been leaning toward keeping the rule in place.

"The fact that it limits the number of visitors, does protect the employees and the public at large," Hall said. "One hotel cleaner that talked to me pointed to the Pacific Seafood outbreak and that 95 percent of those people are asymptomatic. I am going to come down in favor of keeping the

Commission Chair Kaety Jacobson also expressed concern for hotel staff, but acknowledged that

this rule has caused some inconveniences for everyone involved.

"It's mostly the workers that I am worried about," Jacobson said. "I also would say that enforcement on this is very challenging. I struggle with this one, I feel at this point I'm okay with extending this for a period of time."

The Commissioners voted 2-1 in favor of keeping it, as Hunt voted against because he'd like to see the hold stay in effect until

Depoe Bay chose not to uphold the original ruling, so they did not vote. Siletz, Toledo and Waldport all abstained from a vote due to lack of lodging properties. And Newport and Yachats both had motions to rescind the rule, but each did not receive a second,

leaving the original ruling in place. Lincoln City was against the tide, as they voted 5-2 to strike the

Councilor Rick Mark said he was on the fence with this rule, stating that he thought it was only supposed to apply to guests who were known COVID-19 positive or showing symptoms.

"It's difficult because how many guests are going to come to front desks and announce they are COVID positive," Mark said. "I think it's a fair assumption to say that we have people coming to our hotels who are asymptomatic and spreading the virus."

Councilor Mitch Parsons voted in favor of rescinding the rule, stating that no other businesses has the assumption that their customers are COVID positive. Councilor Judy Casper and Mayor Dick Anderson were both in agreement saying that Lincoln County has not had any outbreak that was traced back to the lodging industry.

"Asymptomatic people are going to exist no matter where you go," Casper said. "I think we are penalizing these businesses... I'm inclined to remove the 24 hour

Councilor Diana Hinton was in favor of the rule to support housekeepers and other employees.

'My main concern is health," Hinton said. "Like everyone knows I live in the middle of VRD land and I can watch the behavior. I can tell when someone checks in and it hasn't been 24 hours."

After the County meeting, Lincoln City again stuck to its 5-2

Oregon Parks says Devils Lake campground closed until Labor Day

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COVID-19 is still a reality in Oregon and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is asking visitors to do their part to help protect themselves and the health of their fellow Oregonians.

The state park system has been slowly reopening since early May, but nearly every park is experiencing reduced levels of service due to a \$22 million budget gap. OPRD is relying on visitors to help us through this unprecedented time.

Some state parks will remain closed until at least Labor Day. To date, these parks include:

- Alfred A. Loeb State Park campground and day-

- Battle Mountain Forest State Scenic Corridor dayuse (no campground).

- Cape Blanco State Park campground and day-use (closed through 2020).

- Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park camp- Devil's Lake State Rec-

reation Area campground. - Saddle Mountain State Natural Area campground

and trails. - Ukiah-Dale Forest State Scenic Corridor camp-

ground and day-use. - Umpqua Lighthouse State Park campground.

Other parks may be added to this list. Check our state park status map for the latest information.

The best thing way to keep yourself and others safe is to "Prepare + Care." Prepare before you leave the house, then take care of yourself and the people around you while at the

Reduced services State Parks said they have far fewer staff than they normally do for the busy summer season. Park rangers will be focused on essential duties to keep you safe, so other typical services may fall by the wayside.

Events and programs will be canceled, ice or firewood sales may be suspended,

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and grounds maintenance and trash pickup will be less frequent. Service availability may change quickly.

Many facilities will be closed or have sharply reduced hours. Shower/ restroom facilities, ranger booths, welcome centers, and other places will be affected. Go to the webpage for the park you plan to visit before you leave to learn what's open and what's closed. When you arrive at the park, scope out the open facilities.

Don't forget: normal park rules still apply. Visit the state parks recreation FAO for a refresher.

Learn more about safe recreation in parks during the pandemic, including more specifics for day-use and camping, on the state parks website: stateparks. oregon.gov.



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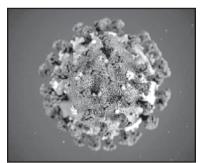
OHA reports first COVID-19 death in Lincoln County

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Lincoln County recorded its first COVID-19 related death this

A 68-year-old man is Lincoln County's first reported death and was Oregon's 191st death. The person died on June 16 in his residence and tested positive posthumously on June 17, according to Lincoln County Public Health. He did not have underlying medical conditions.



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Lincoln County's first COVID-19 death was a 68-year-old man with no underlying medical conditions.

"This is a very sad day for all of us in the county," Health Department Director, Rebecca Austen said. "Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends for their loss. This virus is extremely dangerous and despite the inconvenience it has posed for all of us, we cannot take it lightly."

Public Health said it is vitally important for community members to continue to use caution and follow guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"We can help keep ourselves and our community safe by continuing to wash hands, staying home when sick - this includes trips to the store, laundromat, or to work -maintaining at least six feet distance from others and wearing a face covering," Austen said.

Public Health also announced six new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, which added to the over 50 cases reported this past weekend. As of Monday, Lincoln County's count is at 292 confirmed positive cases. Public Health has also recorded 3,709 negative tests as of Monday with seven hospitalizations and 11 recoveries.

Lincoln County has many resources that can help residents or visitors of any background and preferred language. If you experience a medical emergency call 911 immediately. For less urgent care, contact the Lincoln Community Health Center or Samaritan Health.

Reaction: Supreme Court backs DACA program

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Immigrants in Oregon and across America retain their protection under a ruling issued Thursday, June 18, by the U.S. Supreme

The Supreme Court reached a 5-4 decision to uphold the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which provides work permits and protection from deportation for close to 800,000 DACA recipients in the U.S.

In particular, the Supreme Court noted that these recipients relied on the DACA program in continuing to put down roots in the U.S., by enrolling in degree programs, embarking on careers, starting businesses, purchasing homes and starting their own families.

Oregon Governor Kate

Brown issued the following statement today concerning the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California (consolidated with Trump v. NAACP and Wolf v. Vidal):

"Today the U.S. Supreme Court took significant action to protect dreamers all across our nation. Dreamers, brought to the United States as children, embody the American dream. While the Supreme Court kept DACA in place for now, the president may still try to end the program. Oregon's 12,000 valued Dreamers serve in our military, work in our hospitals, pay taxes, and make our communities stronger.

"Oregon will always be a welcoming, safe place for all. Our 33-year-old Sanctuary Law prevents Oregon from enforcing federal



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The Supreme Court reached a 5-4 decision to uphold the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

immigration law, and I will uphold this law and stand with Oregonian Dreamers. We are at our best when we focus on what we share in common, not what divides us.

"Words matter, and rhetoric from the White House has given rise to a very disturbing sentiment that has long targeted communities of color and especially undocumented individuals. Across the country, including right here in Oregon, there is a level of underlying bigotry and hate that shows its face in ways that were unimaginable before. I urge the federal government to let this decision stand and not to continue the relentless attacks on our immigrant communities. I will continue to stand with our

undocumented community and fight against those attacks.

"We can celebrate this historic victory and still recognize we have work to do to ensure every Oregonian can live free from bigotry and hatred because of their immigration status or the color of their skin."

Oregon's U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, released the following statement in response to the Supreme Court ruling on DACA:

"Dreamers in Oregon and nationwide - and all of us who stand with them - just collectively breathed a sigh of relief. These determined, inspiring, hard-working young people belong in America and deserve the protections promised to them by the U.S. government.

"Today's victory is even more reason for Congress to permanently protect Dreamers from the threat of deportation. The House has voted. Now the Senate must too."

Oregon's U.S. Senator
Jeff Merkley released the following statement:

"Today's decision reaffirms the important protections of the DACA program, and demonstrates for once and for all that President Trump and Stephen Miller's efforts to punish DREAMers and get rid of DACA were not just morally wrong but also legally wrong. DREAMers are members of virtually every community throughout our nation, and they are American in every way except for a piece of paper.

"DREAMers have been allowed a sigh of relief today. Let us look forward and work to pass sensible policies for DREAMers, their families, and a better, stronger, and fairer America."

Salishan opens with new name, new guidelines, new amenities

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Salishan Coastal Lodge, formerly Salishan Resort, is open and taking reservations after temporarily closing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In keeping with necessary changes resulting from the pandemic, Salishan has introduced new health, safety and cleanliness protocols throughout the property to protect its guests and team members. Salishan also is welcoming back guests with a variety of flexible offers, including 'The Coast is Clear,' and new 'Family Getaway Package,' which lets guests "buy one room and get one room for free."

Salishan will also reopen its golf course and Aerial Park adventure course, and other new amenities.

"Our focus has always been on the safety, comfort and welfare of our guests and offering them a memorable experience they will forever treasure," said David Hall, Salishan General Manager. "Our enhanced hygiene and sanitation practices will help build upon our already high standards of cleanliness to meet the new challenges and demands for travel that have resulted from COVID-19.

"We are also introducing new safety measures that will allow for social distancing so that our guests can relax and enjoy their visit with confidence, knowing we're doing everything we can to protect them while they are here."

New Health, Safety & Cleanliness Protocols

Salishan has introduced new health, safety and cleaning protocols throughout the lodge to create as clean an environment as possible. The new protocols comply with (and in some cases exceed) guidance and information shared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as state and local authorities.

Additionally, Salishan has amended dining and enhanced its surroundings to ensure comfortable physical distancing.

New Summer Rates, Offers & Packages

Salishan has introduced new Summer room rates, offers and vacation packages to celebrate its reopening:

Coast is Clear Offer -With this risk-free offer, guests can enjoy 15 percent off their stay with no charges up front and cancellation fees waived up to three days before their arrival date.

Family Getaway to the Oregon Coast Package - Ideal for families who want more space and the convenience of an unlocked connecting door, this pack-



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Salishan has introduced new health, safety and cleaning protocols throughout the lodge to create as clean an environment as possible.

age includes two remoteentry, connected Traditional family rooms; \$50 eco-adventure lodge credit per night; free bike rides, and a complimentary S'mores kit. The package requires a minimum stay of two nights with room rates starting at \$279 and lodge fees waived.

Guests can make room reservations by visiting www.salishan.com or calling (800) 452-2300. In these uncertain times, with guests wanting flexibility when making travel plans, Salishan is waiving cancelation

Now Open

Salishan will also be reopening many of its popular amenities for guests to enjoy with new measures in place to guarantee guest safety and peace of mind:

Salishan Spa - The spa is open Wednesday-Sunday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., with advanced reservations required, and will operate under limited conditions. As restrictions are lifted, the lodge/spa will modify operations – programs and activities.

Salishan Golf Links - The lodge's golf course will be open to the public Wednesday-Sunday, for tee times from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Only one person will be allowed per golf cart.

Salishan Aerial Park -The park will be open daily, with reservations required. Guests will be asked to observe physical distancing and wear climbing gloves.

New Pump Track - This mountain biking course is 158 acres and a test for your biking skills. It's an ideal destination for social distancing in nature.

Food and Dining

Salishan's food and dining options are initially limited to:

Breakfast: A healthy grab-and-go breakfast menu will be available daily from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Provisions market. Guests can dine outside, in their rooms or take their breakfast on-the-go.

Lunch and Dinner: The Attic Bar & Lounge is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, offering a healthy, locally-inspired full menu. Guests have the choice of being seated inside or outside or they can order a takeaway.

Room Service: Food delivery to rooms also is available for guests. The food will arrive in sealed, togo packaging, giving guests the choice of eating in their rooms or any of the lodge's

designated dining areas.

"After the stress of the past few months, we all appreciate how spending time with nature can greatly improve our well-being," said Hall. "At Salishan, our guests can find inner peace by exploring the miles of beautiful coastline and majestic woods surrounding our property and by watching and listening to the wonders of nature all around them.

"They can enjoy the freedom of being able to play a game of golf again or go on a thrilling eco-adventure in the forest canopy. Or they can quietly sit on their private balconies and be at one with nature."

Salishan will continue to offer guests the use of complimentary bikes and help with planning nature walks and hikes. Leisure and recreational activities, including lawn, will also be available for guests.

Due to current restrictions, Salishan has canceled some activities and programs and temporarily closed certain amenities, including the pool and gym. Once restrictions are lifted, those will reopen following all guidance and health/safety protocols.





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Guest Column: Separating fact from fiction

DEAN RIDINGS

CEO, America's Newspapers

Fake news. Those two words have likely created more confusion and distrust of the news media than any other. While it is easy to understand why those of us who work in the news media despise the term, it should also be apparent that the general public has a vested interest in discerning facts from falsehoods.

Some of the louder news voices of the past few decades have been the cable news networks that provide news, analysis and opinion. But the opinion side now dominates on CNN, FOX and many of the major news outlets. If you lean conservative, it is easy to find commentary you agree with on FOX, and if you're liberal, you will likely consider MSNBC your source. There is nothing wrong with the news media providing opinions, and it often plays an important role in explaining what the facts may mean. The problem comes when the audience doesn't discern the difference between news and opinion.

Opinions on newspaper editorial pages have been in a good time to look at why newspapers print editorials, and how readers should regard their worth, their impact and their relationship to how news is covered by newspapers.

On June 7, The New York Times editorial page editor resigned and a deputy editorial page editor stepped down for a new job after the newspaper's website published U.S. Senator Tom Cotton's controversial opinion piece justifying using the armed forces on American soil during civil unrest. About the same time, there were announcements from several papers around the country that they would be cutting back, even in some cases eliminating, the editorials they publish.

And looming over all this is the presidential election in November. If history is any guide, a record number of newspapers will decline to say who should lead the United States at a time of racial protest, uncertain progress in the COVID-19 pandemic and economic turmoil.

Newspaper editorial and opinion pages have long engendered misunderstanding among readers, and much of the confusion is, frankly,

the fault of newspapers ourselves. Since we understand the very important distinctions between news and opinions, we too often fail to remind our audience of the firewall we've established between the reporting of our journalists and the opining of editorial writers. Additionally, we don't always label the opinion pieces as clearly as is needed.

A quick couple of definitions: The most common meaning of an "editorial" is the unsigned opinion piece that represents the view of the newspaper itself. An op-ed or column presents the individual view of an identified person who might or might not work for the newspaper.

Let's focus on those unsigned editorials, and why they matter.

First, here's what editorials don't do: They do not affect in any manner the way newspaper reporters cover the news, whether the news is about the city council or the president of the United States. Editorials are not marching orders for journalists. When journalists are educated and trained, one of the first tenets they learn is to state the facts and keep

their opinions out of the story.

Here's what editorials do, and what is often misunderstood: Yes, editorials represent the views of the newspaper, sometimes determined by individual owners, sometimes by independent editorial boards or by corporate owners of many publications. But the editorials that emerge from those views are usually the products of deep research. They clarify the issues of the day and serve to give readers insights into those issues whether those issues concern how to straighten out the traffic mess at the edge of town or how to keep Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

Editorials are another service that newspapers provide for readers.

But, to repeat, it is a service too often misunderstood. Newspaper editors often hear from — and opinion polls reflect — a significant minority of readers who think that a newspaper's editorial endorsement of a particular candidate colors its reporters' coverage of the campaign. Newspapers, these folks will say, are trying to "dictate" how people should vote, a surely

inappropriate thing.

Newspapers can — and do - provide fair and fearless reporting while offering strong and insightful opinion on the other side of their newsroom/opinion page firewalls. But there are still two needed components for our country to trust their news sources. Newspapers have a responsibility to label opinion pieces appropriately and to keep the news objective, but the reader also has the responsibility to take the time to understand the difference. Until then, we will likely continue to hear cries of fake news when the reader doesn't like what they read. And that's when we all lose.

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Gomberg: Outbreak, Special Session and Schools

DAVID GOMBERG

State Representative

Governor Brown recently announced a requirement that face coverings be worn while in indoor public spaces, such as grocery stores and other businesses throughout Lincoln County beginning Wednesday, June

I'm sure some of you will find this requirement offensive. Some will find it unnecessary. And many more will find relief in a rule that ensures we all act in a safe and considerate manner and that the many visitors coming to the beach will be expected to do the same.

Local Outbreaks

The concerning news from Lincoln County could just as easily have come from neighboring Tillamook, Yamhill, or any other part of Oregon. What we know is that an outbreak in a processing plant has been followed with outbreaks in two popular restaurants. In ten days, we have gone from nine positive COVID cases to 226. That's just how fast this thing can grow.

The Central Coast now has the dubious distinction of having the highest unemployment in the state, the fastest growing outbreak in the state, and with onein-three people over age 65, the highest proportion of potentially vulnerable

residents in the state.

Of particular interest to me is that 95 percent of the workers testing positive showed no symptoms. Because they did not feel sick, it was more difficult to convince them to stay home, not go shopping, or to limit contact with friends. It also made it difficult to quarantine family members who feared losing jobs or the ongoing uncertainty and delays in getting unemployment benefits.

Our local health sector has responded swiftly and credibly.

Every employee and temporary worker in the affected plant was tested. They have now implemented cleaning and health

standards as they consider reopening.

People testing positive are being interviewed as part of the contact tracing process to determine where they may have been exposed or who they in turn

may have exposed. Late Wednesday, Senator Roblan and I both contacted the Governor asking for help from the Oregon Health Authority. Within ten hours, OHA responded with expertise, supplies, and translation support.

Lincoln County Public Health will resume daily updates of county COVID case counts.

Last week, County Public Health and CERT volunteers distributed thousands of free masks to families and businesses.

Our two new hospitals have fortunately only received two new COVID patients. But if needed, they are ready to treat more.

I am not naive to the problems encountered or over-simplifying the response. But overall I believe we have done well in the face of a difficult and dire

In our part of Oregon, we have three primary indus-

With tourism, our greatest need is also our greatvisitors to come here. But ers and new regulations.

Our second industry to be milked even when

people aren't buying cheese. Fresh crab sells for more than frozen. And when restaurants don't buy fish, processors freeze and store it which ends up lowering prices next year.

Our final and often overlooked industry is retirement. Many don't feel vulnerable but statistically they are. And the worry that they may be at risk creates divisions with the tourism industry that needs people to come visit and spend.

As I said last week, the COVID crisis requires the best of us. I often refer to the "Three C's" – caution, courtesy, and common sense. Take care of yourself and your family. Be considerate and helpful of your friends and neighbors. And be kind to strangers. That's who we are here.

June 24 Special Session

The Governor has just announced a Special Session next Wednesday, June 24. This process can take anywhere from one to five business days, depending on how fast bills can move through committees and votes in the House and Senate. The DRAFT list of issues that may become bills in the special session is currently being discussed.

Broadly, the proposals fall into three groups: Police Accountability, COVID Emergency Issues, and Oth-

Police Accountability proposals include creating a statewide database of officers who have been disciplined, putting the attorney general in charge of investigating use of force instead of local district attorneys, requiring officers to intervene when colleagues use unreasonable force, and banning chokeholds. In addition, a proposed change would make it more difficult for arbitrators to overturn discipline imposed on police officers.

Some of these measures are aimed at metropolitan Portland, which has seen controversial cases involving police use of force. Our local law enforcement agencies have good relationships with their communities. But strengthening oversight of police operations is an important discussion to have, and most of the proposed changes have bipartisan support in the Legislature.

COVID Emergency Issues include a dozen ideas that extend the prohibition on residential or commercial evictions and mortgage foreclosures, extend court dates, address public meeting laws, and allow electronic notarization. One proposal would limit liability for hotels and motels for COVID exposure if they follow all rules and guidelines. I'd like to see that extended to all small business and include VRDs.

I am waiting to see specific language for these working proposals and may or may not support them

That's the news for this weekly update. Stay safe, wear a mask, and please let my office know if you're experiencing difficulties receiving food, shelter, or unemployment benefits.

> Representative **David Gomberg** House District 10

Warm Regards,



Darien Rose Huesca Perez

Darien Rose Huesca Perez was born in Honolulu, Hawaii July 17, 1979, joining the Myrick family of Marcus, Sherri and sister Desirie. At 3 months old her

family returned to the mainland and settled in Canby, Oregon. Darien grew surrounded by a large extended family of greatgrandparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She learned to care for and ride horses and play soccer.

Her parents divorced. When her mother remarried, they moved to Auburn, Washington. She continued in school, soccer and made lifelong friendships.

In her life she journeyed through a few states and then returned to Oregon. She lived most of her adult life in Hubbard, Corvallis and Lincoln City.

Of the many jobs she

worked she finally found her favorite in Lincoln City as a school bus driver. She loved interacting with the kids and felt her coworkers were like family.

Darien had the ability to make good friendships everywhere she went. She liked to make things with her hands such as crocheting, beading and diamond painting.

She is survived by her children Jagan, Dyani, and Cielo, her mother Sherri, father Marcus, sister Desirie, ex-husbands Fernando and Mateo, fiancée Alberto, extended family and many friends.

A memorial service will be determined at a later date.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 and Depoe Bay Fire District will hold an Oversight Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the Gleneden Beach Fire Station, 6445 Gleneden Beach Loop, Gleneden Beach, Oregon. purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible consolidation between North Lincoln Fire & Rescue and Depoe Bay Fire District. Per State of Oregon Executive Order 20-16, no more than 25 people will be allowed to attend this meeting. Social distancing will be in place. Attendance/ testimony may be made electronically. To attend the meeting virtually, see the agenda at www. nlfr.org which will be posted prior to the meeting. (Board Agenda & Minutes tab, scroll down to Oversight Committee 6/30/2020 agenda).

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FOR A SUBDIVISION AND PLANNED UNIT **DEVELOPMENT**

The Lincoln City Planning and Community Development Department has scheduled a public hearing for the project described below. The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the request on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. either via Zoom conferencing or at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Any person who may be affected is invited to attend and participate in the hearing and present written and/or oral testimony concern-

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting may include electronic telephonic attendance by members of the Lincoln City Planning staff and other members of the public. For those wishing to testify in person the public is invited

to attend and participate

ing the project.

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in the Council Chambers, although fewer are available due to social distancing requirements. For those wishing to testify remotely, please email testimony to planning@ lincolncity org during the public hearing.

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Description of Project

This application seeks approval of a 40-lot residential subdivision and planned unit development for attached singleunit dwellings for The Cove Phase III, along with a tree protection plan. The site consists of approximately 3.39 acres in the Multi-Family Residential (R-M) zone, located south of SE 16th St, approximately 628 feet east of Hwy 101 (Assessor's Map 07-11-22-AA-06800). The applicant is Nandina &

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failure to raise an issue at the public hearing(s), in person or by letter, or the failure to provide sufficient specificity to allow the Planning Commission and/or City Council an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes an appeal to LUBA on that issue. Unless there is a continuance, if a participant so requests the record shall remain open for at least seven (7) days after the initial evidentiary

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hearing.

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of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost seven days prior to the hearing and will be provided to any person upon request at reasonable cost. The public may view application materials on the City of Lincoln City website at www.lincolncity.org by going to City Departments in left column, selecting Planning & Community Development, then scrolling down to and clicking on Land Use Applications in Process, and finally clicking

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Cove Phase III. Contact Anne Marie Skinner, Director, Planning and Community Development, by phone at 541.996.1227, or email at askinner@lincolncity. org for questions.

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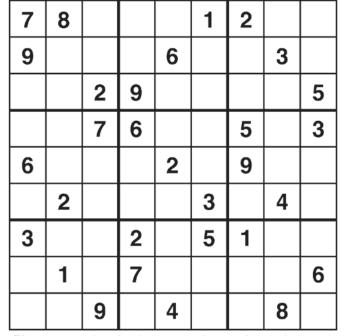
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Some off-screen ideas for keeping kids busy this summer

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Keep going around until everyone is out of ideas. Then, narrow down the list.

Go for a day hike.

Be a tourist in your own town: Go see local historical sites, view points.

Make your own crafts, soaps, or other homemade products and sell them at your local farmer's

Start a lawn-mowing business. Draw on the sidewalk with chalk; then "clean" it up with

squirt guns. Play in the water/sprinklers like you did when you were a kid.

Bake a summer treat for a neighbor, friend, or family member

Make dinner for the family. Have a picnic lunch with a friend.

Have a garage sale and make a



few bucks cleaning out your stuff. Go on a long bike ride together. Learn to play an instrument. Create and bury a time capsule to that you will open when you're

Buy a metal detector and go treasure hunting!

Write some ghost stories to tell later around a campfire.

Plant a garden.

Start a 1000-piece jigsaw

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Make a tie-dyed shirt. Build a model airplane or car. Do a random act of kindness

for a stranger. Write a play and act it out with

homemade puppets. Create/build an invention

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office compiled a list of fun activities for the kids to try this summer.

Put all the ideas in a box or a big jar and at bedtime draw out one or two for the next day so that everyone has something to look forward to after chores are done.

The fact is that summers should be relaxing and fun, but "relaxing and fun" doesn't have to mean staying on the couch playing video games, watching movies.

It's part of our job as parents to set limits, but when you get creative and include your kids in the discussion, the limits won't feel so limiting and everyone wins.

Information and full article at https://www.additudemag.com/ summer-activities-for-teens/

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LINCOLN CITY POLICE **DEPARTMENT**

MONDAY, JUNE 15

1:11 a.m. Extra Patrol, 1626 NW 21st St. Extra patrol requested between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. due to numerous subjects trespassing on property.

8:32 a.m. Extra Patrol, 2340 NW Keel Ave. Request for extra patrol during night hours, air being let out of vehicle tires. Caller and his neighbor on separate nights. No damage.

11:12 a.m. Harassment,

4101 NW Logan Rd. Caller reported wife was spit on while working at location.

4:18 p.m. POH, NE 15th St./NW Hwy 101. Citizen reported female in area acting abnormally. Subject transported to hospital.

5:08 p.m. Disturbance, 950 SE 32nd St. Report of disturbance at location. Hunter Kalnins, born 9/19/95, cited and released for disorderly conduct.

5:36 p.m. Theft, 3796 SE Hwy 101. Caller reports her motorhome, which is stored at Lincoln City Storage, has broken locks and items stolen. Fence cut at location.

9:58 p.m. Hit and Run, 1501 40th Pl. Report of a hit and run at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

9:02 a.m. Abandon Auto, SE 2nd St./SE Neptune Ave. Lincoln City Towing notified to remove silver Pontiac as an abandoned auto.

5:55 p.m. Crash, NE Devils Lake Bv./Hwy 101. Report of a two vehicle motor vehicle accident.

7:26 p.m. Suspicious Activity, 1110 NW 1st Ct. Caller reported two suspicious males outside the dock entrance. Officers contacted subjects and took report.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

4:18 p.m. Warrant Service, no location given. Marissa Baker, born 8/20/78, taken into custody on Oregon state parole and probation warrant. Baker transported to Lincoln County Jail.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

10:54 a.m. Menacing/Assist on Arrest, NE West Devils Lake Rd./N Hwy 101. 911 report of driving complaint

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involving firearm. Oregon State Police advised and responded to handle call.

Oar Ave. Theft of Newport News-Times stand taken from BiMart location. Newspaper stand and miscellaneous plants stolen.

12:21 p.m. Theft, 1030 SE

3:34 p.m. Theft, 2020 NE 22nd St. Juvenile reported theft of fanny pack from skatepark. Property located inside a vehicle parked in

4:11 p.m. TRF/DWS Misdemeanor, 660 SE Hwy 101. Traffic stop initiated. Driver cited and released for driving while suspended misdemeanor.

9:37 p.m. Extra Patrol, 3865 NW Jetty Ave. Subject tried door at location and two subjects were found in the backyard where a female was charging her phone using power from rear side of house. Homeowner did not wish to press charges for burglary.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

9:01 a.m. Domestic Assault, 1501 NW 40th Pl., Chinook Winds Resort, Caller reported their cousin was assaulted by her boyfriend and is with caller at location. Collin P. Reese, born 5/24/90, taken into custody and transported to Lincoln County Jail.

1:14 p.m. Hit and Run, 1777 NW 44th St., Chinook Winds Casino. Security reported at 3 a.m. a vehicle was seen in surveillance damaging landscaping, got out and looked and then left. Approximately \$850 in damage.

3:00 p.m. Burglary, 1089 SW 50th St. Caller reported when arriving at church, a shed had been broken into and a door was still open.

3:55 p.m. Crash, SE Hwy 101/SE East Devils Lake Rd. Report of two vehicle noninjury accident. Driver cited and released for careless driving with accident, driving while suspended and driving without insurance. Vehicle towed by Car Care Towing.

7:56 p.m. Trespass, 1777

NW 44th St. Jared Smith, born 12/23/67, was trespassing at Chinook Winds Casino and they wanted to press charges. Smith cited and released for Trespass II.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

1:43 a.m. Assault IV/ Domestic, 3308 SW Anchor Ave. Fernando Vera-Simmons, born 10/1/91, taken into custody for Assault IV/ Domestic and Menacing after a report of a disturbance. Vera-Simmons transported to Lincoln County Jail.

2:00 p.m. Ordinance Violation, BA 49. Report on the gravel access road behind the pavilion had a campsite with a tarp, they were advised by the caller of the camping ordinance and stated they were just there for the day. He requested LCPD check to see if they had moved and advised due to cutbacks his next beach patrol would be next Saturday.

10:08 p.m. Welfare Check, SE 3rd/SE Jetty. Multiple calls reporting a male sleeping in the middle of the road. He stated to some that he was struck by a car and also wanted a shotgun. Male was transported to hospital.

11:09 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, 1012 SW 51st St., Siletz Bay Lodge. Multiple calls reporting subject approaching other guests, making lewd comments and causing a disturbance. He was also reportedly going in and out of his room and screaming profanities. Grant Askim, born 9/6/74, was taken into custody for disorderly conduct and transported to LCPD. Charges did not meet housing criteria for Lincoln County Jail.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

11:04 a.m. Theft, 1511 NW Harbor Ave., Seagull Motel. Suspect checked out without paying her entire

2:52 p.m. Found Property, 801 SW Hwy 101. Knife found in parking lot of location.

2:43 p.m. Theft, 2205 NE 22nd St., Kirtsis Park. Door to restroom broken open and fixtures taken.







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Kasner said. "I want to be that friendly face people look forward to seeing. I am passionate about women's health and truly care about providing every patient with an excellent mammogram experience."

While at Linn-Benton Community College in Oregon, Kasner was selected as the Radiologic Technologists Club president, and she helped create and fund the organization's first scholarship, now available to future radiography students. While working full time at a clinical externship, Sydney completed her mammography training and shortly after began a mentorship with mammography educator, Louise Miller.

Kasner then was part of

a cohort of nearly 100 students who took part in the program at the 2019 ASRT annual governance meeting in Orlando, Florida. The ASRT Student Leadership Development Program provides medical imaging and radiation therapy students a chance to attend the ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting to learn about the

Society, participate in educational sessions, prepare for future leadership roles and network with radiologic science professionals.

Kasner volunteers on several committees for the Oregon Society of Radiologic Technologists, including serving as Student Action Committee board chair and has written several articles for ASRT publications.

Her column, "Shaping

the Future," appeared in ASRT Scanner. She also contributed a book review to Radiation Therapy, and her manuscript, "Technologist Stressors and Supportive Responses" was accepted for publication in Radiologic Technology.

Kasner will be recognized as the Alumni of the Year at the 2020 ASRT Virtual Special Meeting of the ASRT House of Delegates on

June 27.

"This award means so much to me," Kasner said.
"I've worked tremendously hard to contribute to my field, and I'm grateful for that being recognized. I plan to continue volunteering and advocating for diagnostic imaging professionals, both regionally and nationally."

Face Coverings -

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our strategies to prevent its spread," Gov. Brown said. "This means increased testing, strictly enforcing health and safety standards, a new face covering requirement and calling on members of the public to remain cautious."

Effective Wednesday,
June 24, Lincoln, Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Hood River, Marion
and Polk Counties will have
a face covering requirement
for indoor public spaces
such as grocery stores, gyms
and fitness studios, pharmacies, public transit agencies,
personal services providers,
restaurants and bars, retail
stores, shopping malls, and
ride sharing services.

Gov. Brown said they decided to give businesses in the respective counties a week to prepare for this new requirement and that the state is working to provide free face coverings to local businesses for distribution.

This new requirement will apply to customers and visitors of businesses and exclude people with a medical condition that makes it hard to breathe, as well as children under the age of 12.

"Face coverings play critical role in reducing transmission," Gov. Brown said. "And as we adapt to living with this disease for the foreseeable future face coverings need to become a part of our daily lives."

The biggest question regarding the face covering requirement is enforcement. Gov. Brown said although they won't be issuing tickets and making arrests for noncompliance, any Governor order is enforceable by law. Additionally, businesses have the right to refuse service to anyone who chooses not to wear a face covering.

"We have to live with this disease for a while and that is going to require adjusting our habits," Gov. Brown said. "I wear it to protect our hard working doctors and nurses working day and night in our hospitals and clinics around the state, I wear it to protect my elderly neighbors, I wear it to protect kids in cancer treatment and people with compromised immune systems... I wear it because I don't want to accidentally kill someone.'

The Oregon counties who will be subject to this requirement were chosen based on three factors: population density, ongoing spread and vulnerable populations. The state will be issuing further guidance to counties and businesses sometime prior to the June 24 date.

Gov. Brown also addressed questions have

face covering effectiveness, to which she stated her decisions are based off data from the Oregon Medical Advisory Panel and OHA. The state has also been closely monitoring other countries that have instilled a similar order, which have yielded positive results for slowing transmission, according to OHA Dr. Dean Sidelinger.

"I think we have very good evidence from laboratory settings that different barriers can prevent the spread of disease and contain a virus," Sidelinger said. "Using a mask in this way is not foreign to us in the United States, we typically do it in health care settings. If someone comes in and is coughing or showing symptoms of a disease we will ask them to put on a mask while they're waiting the waiting room... this is really an extension of that policy.'

Sidelinger also addressed the concern of asymptomatic carriers of the virus, which was another reason for the face covering

requirement.

"Putting on this mask helps keep much of that virus behind the mask so that when they're out near someone, their ability to transmit that virus to someone else is much lower," Sidelinger

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City Discussion

As Lincoln County gears up for the required face covering order, the county leaders met June 19 to discuss COVID-19 as it pertains to the county.

At the joint meeting between the Board of Commissioners and the City Councils, Lincoln County Health Department Director Rebecca Austen gave an update on the current CO-VID-19 cases in the county.

Austen said confidently that the virus has reduced in severity throughout the county and they are holding steady on hospitalizations, with two currently in Newport and one in Lincoln City. Austen said the fact that many people are asymptomatic, makes it challenging.

However, they have conducted contact tracing on all of the Pacific Seafood workers who tested positive and are currently gearing up for round two after mass testing took place this last week for close contacts of those workers and more testing was done at random by Oregon State University in Newport.

"We're really anxious for the weekend to see how many positive cases we will get out of that," Austen said.

Face Coverings
Prior to the joint Lincoln
County meeting between

the Board of Commissioners and the City Councils, the Lincoln City City Council met for a special meeting to discuss how they'd be voting. At both meetings, the topic of face coverings was addressed at the start, as the county originally made a motion to pass a Public Health directive on June 15, which promoted face covering use in public spaces.

Commission Chair Kaety Jacobson said she spoke with Gov. Kate Brown and other Oregon county leaders last week about a potential face covering mandate. Jacobson said no decision was initially made and additionally, Lincoln County was told before the announcement that they would not likely be included in such an order. However, Gov. Brown surprised the Commissioners with her announcement Wednesday that Lincoln County was included in the mandate that goes into effect June 24.

Lincoln City City Manager Ron Chandler gave some clarification for the upcoming order at the special meeting, stating that businesses will now be required to post signs about the mandate and will be required to provide a face cover to those who do not have them. However, Chandler noted that there is still not a lot of information on

enforcing this new requirement. Lincoln City Police
Department Chief Jerry
Palmer has been working
with the Oregon State Police
to come up with guidance
for enforcement.

"This will have a ripple affect statewide if it is not handled appropriately," Palmer said at the meeting. "If we start issuing citations... it'll be interesting to see what the reaction is. It's a tough thing to decide, I'm glad I'm not making the decisions. I can tell you this will be a very distinct challenge to enforce."

Palmer noted that the LCPD and many police departments simply do not have the resources to chase after people not wearing masks and stated that he was hoping the county would be able to stick with its Public Health directive, which was more about self regulation and education, rather than enforcement.

"I don't know that the intention is for officers to issue misdemeanor citations," Lincoln City Attorney Richard Appicello said. "I don't see it as something to be enforced criminally."

Appicello said this new order will likely be more on the businesses to enforce and regulate these requirements, or else they will face fines from the state health department.

Contact

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travel outside the home. "Contact tracers develop a relationship with all of these people," explained Public Health Director Rebecca Austen. "They call every day and if someone begins having symptoms, we get them lined up for testing. Even before that, we have put them into isolation and that is how we will get our arms around this and stop the spread of the virus. That's why we tell them we will make sure you get what-

Groceries, diapers, medications, a thermometer, cleaning goods and

ever you need."

even pet supplies are some examples of the needs that can be met.

"We ask every day and are able to fill out a smart sheet about their necessities and how urgent the need is," Martinez-Hernandez explained.

Those forms are forwarded on to an essential needs coordinator at the County who arranges for those deliveries. In many cases, individuals have family members who can drop off needed supplies, but the option is always presented.

Housing options are also presented. If someone is unable to isolate from others safely, Lincoln County has arranged for hotel rooms.

County officials say the need for this option has not been great, but it is an available resource and the costs would be covered by grants and federal support.

Fernando Garza, of Lincoln City, is also a contact tracer. He explains that one of the challenges is convincing people that they must remain in quarantine for 14 days. He recalls one situation where, after three days, the individual was asking if they could spend time with family members outside the home.

"Guess what? Three days is nothing," he tells them, cautioning against it.

The difficulty for many goes beyond time with fam-

ily and is often about lost wages or concerns about explaining to an employer that they cannot come to work. Franklin explains that anyone in quarantine receives a letter that can be presented to an employer, although there may be a day or two lag time as letters are sent out.

"I want employers to understand that we are working through these cases the best we can," Franklin said. "If an employee tells you they have been exposed, please show some understanding if they don't have their letter yet. We are actively trying to keep people quarantined so this does not spread."

Tracers are also able to provide resources for covering rent or replacing lost income as a result of quarantine.

People like Martinez-Hernandez and Garza continue to provide a lifeline to those who are isolating at home. For many, that contact is appreciated.

"A man I called today was just thankful I was keeping track of him and his family," Martinez-Hernandez recalled. "Although they have no symptoms, they are thankful to have someone calling and checking."

Since starting this work in early June, some of her first contacts have now completed their quarantine,

at least one person converted to a positive case, and another batch of contacts have been added to her caseload as local response continues.

Mindful that some people may be fearful about a call from a stranger, Lincoln County Public Health reminds everyone that contact tracers will never ask for social security numbers, immigration information or bank account numbers. Many contact tracers are working from home and using their own telephones. Anyone wishing to verify that a contact tracing call is legitimate is invited to call Franklin at 541-265-0585.

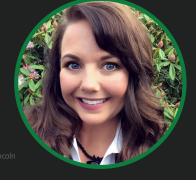


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LCSD hopes to mix classroom and online education next Fall

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One of the biggest questions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic has been, when will students be able to get back in the classroom.

For Lincoln County, that may occur as soon as Fall 2020 to a certain degree.

Since March, the Lincoln
County School District (LCSD)
has tried a number of learning
programs for its students, such as
Supplemental Education (review
learning) and Distance Learning
For All (an all-online education
program). But as teachers and students have started their summer
vacations, the conversation has
already shifted to the next school
year.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) recently provided school districts across the state three options for education models next year: - All on-site (the site being schools).

- All online.

- A hybrid meaning part on-site and part online. It allows you to have smaller numbers of students at school at a time, which requires cohorts and very little mixing of groups.

LCSD Superintendent Dr.
Karen Gray announced recently
that they have chosen option
three, spending part of the week at
school and part of the week online
using technology for learning and
potentially some paper and pencil
education.

"As you might wonder, there are about one million details to how we pull this off with all of the many safety and health requirements given to us in the 50-page guidance document. Safety is key," Dr. Gray said in the announcement.

ODE provided a 50-page guidance document to school districts



LCSD Superintendent Dr. Karen Gray announced recently that LCSD has chosen to spend part of the week at school and part of the week online next school year.





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Taft students are officially on summer vacation, as last week the kids returned any library books or other items to the school and got their goods back from their classrooms. Families also received boxes for Family Fun night that includes some STEM and math game ideas, spaghetti dinner fixings, a good book and assorted games for the family. Pictured is Taft student Van Maldonado and Taft Elementary Principal Becca Bostwick.

and LCSD has to develop a plan that will need to be reviewed by the county health department, approved by the Board of Education (next Board meeting is July 21) and a final application for reopening to ODE by August 15. Currently, Dr. Gray said details of their plan are limited.

"We have eight teams of professionals working on this as we speak," Dr. Gray said. "This brief message is just to serve as a heads up about the general principle, which is that we are planning for a part week on-campus/part week off-campus hybrid model using many social distancing, cleanliness/sanitizing and safety precautions so that our staff and our children are safe at school."

Dr. Gray said more information about their hybrid plan would be coming soon.



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