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Coos Bay Walmart sees outbreak as COVID-19 spikes in region

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COOS BAY — At least seven Walmart employees have tested positive for COVID-19, and one more is presumed to have the virus according to Coos Health & Wellness.

As of Monday morning, the outbreak is believed to be limited to Walmart employees, including some in the pharmacy. Contact tracers and investigators are working to determine if more individuals are impacted.

The pharmacy was closed for part of last week, but has reopened. Eric Gleason, assistant director for CHW, said in a press briefing Monday that Walmart customers, including at the pharmacy, shouldn't be concerned about possible exposure unless they notice symptoms.

"It's safe to go to Walmart, if you do it based on all the other preventative measures," referring to guidelines around wearing masks, maintaining social distance and washing hands frequently. "It's safe to go anywhere, to go shopping, provided you're utilizing the preventative measures."

The first case at the store was reported on Thursday, according to health officials. Gleason said that Walmart has taken the appropriate precautions since then, including closing the pharmacy and sanitizing impacted areas.

"We need to wear masks, we need to ensure masks are being worn," Gleason said. "We need to wash our hands, maintain our distance, try not to go places we don't truly need to go, and really focus on these measures we've really been pushing for a long time."

County sees spike in cases

Coos County reported 17 new cases of COVID-19 over the weekend, up to 220 as of Monday. That includes 30 active cases, plus an additional 131 people under monitoring, health officials said.

Two individuals in the county are hospitalized with the virus, including one person who has been in the hospital for at least a week and one new patient. Both are in stable condition, officials said. "With the numbers moving

the way they are, I'm always going to be concerned that we're going in the wrong direction," Gleason said.

The increase in cases isn't attributable to any one event, Gleason said, but he is concerned about reports that county residents often go to work in spite of having COVID-19 symptoms.

"I know it's hard for some people to say 'I can't go to work,'" Gleason said. "If you go to work sick, you're far more likely to be off much longer, and it affects other people."

Instead, Gleason said that anyone who experiences COVID-19 symptoms should stay home from work and quarantine. The state offers temporary paid time off for employees who can't work from home and don't have access to other paid time off (more information is available online at www.oregon.gov/covid-paidleave).

School status not changing, yet

As of Monday, kindergarten through third grade classes can remain in session in Coos

County, though Gleason said a continued increase in cases could change that status.

"I'm optimistic that we can keep those non-affected cohorts going in the right direction," Gleason said. "But if things get out of hand, I know that we're all worried that the direction we're going is definitely increasing much faster than we had hoped."

The state's guidance isn't specific about if or when in-person classes will be required to revert to online instruction, but state officials have said they're discussing those scenarios. During the week of Oct. 4, Coos County exceeded 30 cases per 100,000 in population, a key metric in the decision to reopen schools (but since schools are already open, that number doesn't necessarily mean they must close again).

Officials in Coos Bay Public Schools are watching case rates in the community, and preparing for the possibility of a "pause" in in-person learning, according to an announcement last week.

"It is important however, that we also continue to prepare our students and ourselves for a potential move to (comprehensive distance learning) for K-3," Superintendent Bryan Trendell wrote in the announcement. "If we have an outbreak in our schools we may need to temporarily pause in-person learning for a cohort or a school."

In the meantime, Gleason pointed to recent cases from family members at Sunset and Madison schools as reasons good examples of why precautions matter: If parents accidentally expose their children to the virus, they might be endangering their child's school cohort, too.

"I've got a fourth grader, I would really like if she was back at school. I have a kindergarten, I would really prefer that she stays in school," Gleason said. "However if we truly want out kids to be able to stay in school, or if we want to get to a point at some point where kids can go back to school, we have to take preventative measures seriously."

Slough Gulls



John Gunther, The World

Seagulls hunt for food during low tide in Pony Slough in North Bend last week. Sunny weather should continue through most of the rest of October, though there is a chance of rain late this week.

State increases requirements for wearing face coverings

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The Oregon Health Authority released new statewide guidance on face coverings Monday, including new provisions about workplaces, markets and events and some educational facilities.

In particular, the guidance now requires people to wear face coverings in all private and public workplaces including classrooms,

offices, meeting rooms and workspaces, unless someone is alone in an office or in a private workspace. Also included are outdoor markets, street fairs, private career schools and private and public colleges and universities.

In general, it is recommended that people wear a mask or face covering, with or without a face shield, whenever they are within six feet of people who do not

live in the same household.

It is not recommended that individuals wear a face shield instead of a mask or face covering, OHA said. Face shields can be very good at blocking droplets that individuals release, but they are not as effective at limiting the release of aerosols that can go around the shield.

Using face shields alone should be limited to situations when wearing a mask or face covering is not feasible, such as:

- When a person has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask or face covering.
- When people need to see mouth and tongue motions in order to communicate (e.g., for communicating with children in certain developmental stages or people with hearing impairments).
- When an individual is speaking to an audience for a short period of time and clear communication is otherwise not possible. In this situation it is important to consider ways to lower risk to the audience including all audience members wearing masks or face coverings and having enhanced building ventilation.

Oregon Health Authority also recommends use of technology that can maintain a low risk of virus transmission, including:

Using a microphone while wearing a mask or face covering to amplify your voice while speaking to an audience, allowing more distance between the speaker and audience;

Or using videoconference, which allows a person to speak to a remote audience and minimizes the need for people to be in the same room with a speaker.

The expansion of mask requirements emerge as the COVID-19 rate of transmission in Oregon has increased.

For six weeks, Oregon's COVID-19 cases were in a downward trend. However, since mid-September, officials warned that numbers were again increasing at an alarming rate.

At the current rate of transmission, Oregon Health Authority officials project that new infections will increase substantially to 570 new reported cases a day and 40 hospitalizations.

Editor's Note: The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Elections officials busy as ballots roll in

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COOS COUNTY — Phone lines at the county elections office were jammed Monday after the first weekend of voting in the 2020 general election.

County officials didn't yet have an estimate of how many ballots had been returned since they were mailed to voters on Thursday, but county staff were busy collecting and verifying ballots.

Nationwide, elections officials have reported record-high early voting ahead of a contentious presidential election alongside state and local races. In the first three days of voting, Portland's Multnomah County saw turnout which far exceeded the 2016 general election, the Oregonian reported Sunday.

Election Day is Nov. 3, and the U.S. Postal Service recommends voters mail their ballots by Oct. 27 to ensure they arrive on time. In Oregon, ballots include free postage, but postmarks do not count for meeting the deadline.

There are also seven drop sites throughout the county, which are open now and accept ballots through 8 p.m. on Election Day. County employees, who swear an oath to protect the integrity of the vote, collect ballots from the following sites:

Bandon City Hall, 555 U.S. Highway 101. Office open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Closed Fridays. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Avenue. Drive-up collection box is ADA accessible and open 24 hours a day through Election Day.

Coquille Courthouse, 250 North Baxter Street. Walk-up collection box is ADA accessible and open 24 hours a day through Election Day.

Lakeside City Hall, 915 North Lake Road. Building mail slot is ADA accessible and open 24 hours a day through Election Day.

Myrtle Point City Hall, 424 Fifth Street. Office open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Masks, Face Shields, Face Coverings are required.

Everyone five (5) years of age and older is required to wear a mask, face shield or face covering at this location. There are no exemptions but individuals can request an accommodation to enable full and equal access to services, transportation, and facilities open to the public. Children between two (2) and five (5) years of age are strongly encouraged to wear a mask, face shield or face covering.



COVID-19 claims eight more lives in Oregon

The World

PORTLAND — The Oregon Health Authority reported eight more COVID-19 deaths statewide, raising the state's death toll since the pandemic began to 627 as of 12:01 a.m. Monday.

In addition, OHA reported 266 new confirmed and presumptive cases, bringing the state total to 39,794.

The new cases are in the following counties: Clackamas (24), Coos (8), Crook (2), Deschutes (15), Douglas (1), Jackson (18), Josephine (1), Lane (40), Linn (2), Malheur (5), Marion (39), Multnomah (68), Polk (3), Tillamook (1), Umatilla (9), Washington (25), and Yamhill (5).

Updated information is available about Oregon's 512th COVID-19 death, a 73-year-old woman in Washington County on Sept. 1.

Due to an updated death certificate, COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 is no longer considered as a cause or as a significant condition that contributed to her death. As a result, OHA is re-numbering our reported deaths starting with 620 today.

Oregon's 620th COVID-19 death is an 89-year-old woman in Lane County who tested positive

on Oct. 13 and died on Oct. 17, at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center Riverbend. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 621st COVID-19 death is a 61-year-old man in Lane County who tested positive on Oct. 11 and died on Oct. 16, at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center Riverbend. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 622nd COVID-19 death is an 89-year-old woman in Lane County who tested positive on Oct. 11 and died on Oct. 17, at McKenzie Willamette Medical Center. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 623rd COVID-19 death is an 81-year-old woman in Crook County who tested positive on Oct. 12 and died on Oct. 17, at her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 624th COVID-19 death is a 91-year-old man in Multnomah County who tested positive on Oct. 11 and died on Oct. 15 at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 625th COVID-19 death is 69-year-old woman in Umatilla County who tested positive on Oct. 5 and died on Oct. 14, at Good Shepherd Medical Center. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 626th COVID-19 death is a 71-year-old man in Multnomah County who tested positive on Sept. 21 and died on Oct. 12, at Adventist Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

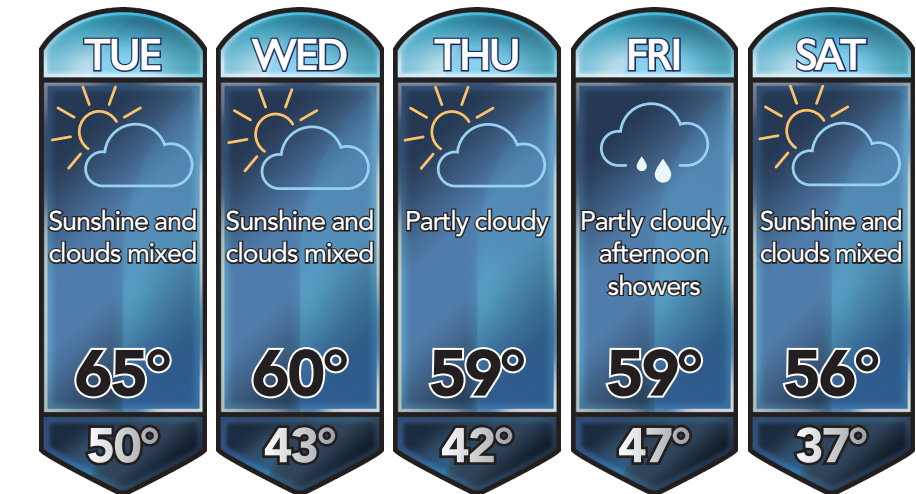
Oregon's 627th COVID-19 death is an 85-year-old man in Multnomah County who tested positive on Oct. 2 and died on Oct. 13, at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

OHA submits COVID-19 vaccine plan

OHA has submitted its draft plan to the federal government for allocating and distributing a COVID-19 vaccine in Oregon, once a safe and effective vaccine becomes available.

The draft plan, sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday, Oct. 16, is posted on the OHA website.

The plan is centered around equity, reflecting the state's values of recognizing historical and contemporary injustices toward communities of color and the disproportionate effects that COVID-19 has had on them. The document represents Oregon's response to the CDC's Sept. 16 request of all



states to describe how they will manage the distribution of a vaccine.

OHA's plan is intended to understand Oregon's existing systems and structures for vaccine delivery. The next steps are to understand how those systems and structures need to be rebuilt to meet the needs of disproportionately impacted communities.

The draft plan prioritizes the need for strong community engagement through partnerships with public health, health care and community organizations that reach and support underserved populations, and addresses the roles that power, privilege and race have played in the state's response to the pandemic.

OHA's plan follows federal guidance of a phased approach that assumes a COVID-19 vaccine will be, at the outset, in limited supply and should be focused on individuals critical to the pandemic response, provide direct care and maintain societal function, as well as those

at highest risk for developing severe illness.

The plan will allow for broadening of the vaccine's distribution to other high-risk groups and the general population as more doses become available.

The plan OHA submitted Friday is not final. It is expected to evolve in the months ahead as more is learned about likely vaccines, including safety, effectiveness, side effects, storage, supply, distribution and administration.

OHA revises face covering guidance

OHA has revised its guidance on face coverings to include the following new provisions:

The guidance now requires that people wear face coverings in all private and public workplaces including classrooms, offices, meeting rooms and workspaces, unless someone is alone in an office or in a private

workspace.

The revised guidance also requires that people wear face coverings in outdoor and indoor markets, street fairs, private career schools and public and private colleges and universities.

Finally, the revised guidance also recommends wearing a face covering instead of a face shield, except in limited situations when a face shield is appropriate such as when communicating with someone who is deaf or hearing impaired and needs to read lips.

COVID-19 is surging again. Oregonians can to lower the risk to themselves, their families and their communities by:

- Wearing a face covering
- Keeping 6 or more feet away from others
- Avoiding large gatherings and limiting social gatherings
- Frequently washing our hands.

For more information about face coverings and face masks visit healthoregon.org/masks.

Assault suspect arrested after manhunt

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COQUILLE — A 31-year-old Coos Bay man was arrested Saturday after an alleged assault and manhunt which took officers from Coos Bay to Coquille, according to the Coos County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies charged David Evan Hubly with second-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon, four counts of felon in possession of a firearm and menacing.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a woman being hit in the eye with the barrel of a gun and hit multiple times in the leg before Hubly allegedly fired a gun three times in her direction.

Around 7 p.m. deputies located Hubly at a residence on Cape Arago highway in Coos Bay, where he was attempting to park in the garage. Deputies said Hubly fled out the back of the garage before they used K9 resources and U.S. Coast

Guard thermal imaging assets.

After securing a search warrant, deputies located a number of weapons in the residence, including four firearms, two large knives, magazines and various rounds of ammunition, the release said.

Meanwhile, deputies say a pickup was reported as stolen and later pursued by North Bend police. The driver crashed into a retaining wall in the Coquille area before fleeing into the Coquille

Highway Deli. Coquille Police eventually located Hubly in the Coquille Community Center attic, the release said.

Hubly booked and lodged at the Coos County Jail and arraigned Monday on 19 different charges.

Deputies said Hubly was located through a multi-department effort that included officers from the Bandon, North Bend, Coos Bay, Myrtle Point and Coquille police departments, Oregon State Police and Coos County Sheriff's Office.

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Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

North Bend Fire Department, 1880 McPherson Avenue. Office open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

Powers Market, 409 Second Avenue. Open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

In Reedsport, ballots can be returned by mail, or to the Douglas County Annex at 680 Fir Avenue. That drive-thru drop box is open

24 hours a day through Election Day.

Most voters should have received their ballots over the weekend or early this week. After Oct. 22, anyone who hasn't received a ballot can call the elections office at 541-396-7610 to check on its status.

Unsigned ballots and those with signatures that don't match a voter's registration will take longer to process. Voters can see if their ballots have been mailed, or if they've successfully been returned to the county online at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

Oregon DOC reaches \$2.75 million settlement in inmate's flu death

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Department of Corrections agreed to pay a record \$2.75 million to the family of a man who died from the flu at the Oregon State Penitentiary and has apologized for the man's death.

The settlement comes nine months after Michael Barton's family filed a \$15 million wrongful death lawsuit accusing prison staff of failing to treat the 54-year-old man for the flu and then covering up his flu-related death.

Corrections Director Colette Peters last week publicly apologized to Barton's family, the

Statesman Journal reported.

"The death of any adult in DOC custody is tragic," Peters said. "But the death of Mr. Barton was also needless and preventable ... This should never have happened to any adult in our custody, and for that, we sincerely apologize."

Peters said the \$2.75 million settlement was unprecedented for the Department of Corrections and "reflects how far removed the facts of this case are from our standards and expectations of care."

Bryan Dawson, lawyer for Barton's family, said the family hopes the case

prevents other prisoners from suffering the way Barton did.

"Managers at ODOC testified that Mr. Barton's death led to reforms but inmates said that they haven't seen significant changes," Dawson said.

Barton, of Medford, was experiencing mental illness and dementia when he became sick with the flu in January 2018. Within a month of becoming ill, Barton was dead.

A review into Barton's death began after an inmate helper and a corrections employee contacted Disability Rights Oregon with concerns about his treatment and care.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office sued over shooting

BEND (AP) — The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office is being sued by a man deputies shot in October 2018 at the Fun Farm north of Bend.

A lawsuit filed by Brandon Berrett this month in Deschutes County Circuit Court alleges Deputy Christopher Jones and fellow deputies were poorly trained and used excessive force after the shooting, The Bulletin reported.

District Attorney John Hummel has already determined Berrett drove at Jones, which justified Jones firing two shots at Berrett, striking him once. Berrett is seeking \$727,000.

"He continues to suffer persistent, constant and severe pain to all areas in which he sustained

injuries," Berrett's attorney, Janie Mogensen, wrote in the complaint.

Jones as well as Deschutes County Sheriff Shane Nelson are named as defendants in the suit. Jones died in a motorcycle crash last year.

The Fun Farm — long called the Funny Farm — was a roadside attraction featuring a costume shop and extensive collection of "The Wizard of Oz" memorabilia. Upkeep lagged as the site's surviving owner aged and the site became host to criminal activity, according to documents related to the Berrett shooting.

At the time of the shooting, Berrett's father was a caretaker who lived there in a trailer.

Berrett was inside the trailer when five officers arrived on Oct. 12, 2018, to take him into custody on an arrest warrant. Berrett fled to an idling car and Jones fired twice into the driver side window as it passed him inches away, police said.

Berrett's attorneys have said he was attempting to pass Jones, not strike him, and was driving slowly.

After Berrett was shot, deputies placed him on the ground, face-down, and cuffed his hands.

Berrett was shot in the upper back, causing a collapsed lung and other internal injuries, documents said. He was hospitalized then transferred to jail and charged with seven felonies related to the incident.

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Supreme Court allows three-day extension for Pennsylvania ballots

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court will allow Pennsylvania to count mailed-in ballots received up to three days after the Nov. 3 election, rejecting a Republican plea in the presidential battleground state.

The justices divided 4-4 on Monday, an outcome that upholds a state Supreme Court ruling that required county election officials to receive and count mailed-in ballots that arrive up until Nov. 6, even if they don't have a clear postmark, as long as there is not proof it was mailed after the polls closed.

Republicans, including President Donald Trump's campaign, have opposed such an extension, arguing that it violates federal law that sets Election Day as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November

and that such a decision constitutionally belongs to lawmakers, not the courts.

The state Republican Party chairman, Lawrence Tabas, said the party disagrees with the decision and, noting the 4-4 decision, "it only underscores the importance of having a full Supreme Court as soon as possible."

"To be clear, the Supreme Court decided not to grant a stay — which does not mean the actions of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court would withstand a legal challenge to their judicial overreach should the court hear the case," Tabas said.

Nancy Patton Mills, chairwoman of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, accused Republicans of trying to sow confusion and disenfranchise eligible voters.

"This is a significant victory for Pennsylvania voters," Mills said in a statement.

The Democratic majority on the state's high court had cited warnings that postal service delays could invalidate huge numbers of ballots and surging demand for mail-in ballots during the coronavirus pandemic to invoke the power, used previously by the state's courts, to extend election deadlines during a disaster emergency.

Chief Justice John Roberts joined with the three liberal justices to reject Pennsylvania Republicans' call for the court to block the state court ruling.

Justices Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Clarence Thomas would have required the state to stop accepting absentee ballots when the

polls close on Nov. 3.

There were no opinions accompanying the order, so it is impossible to say what motivated either group of justices. The conservative justices have been reluctant to allow court-ordered changes to voting rules close to an election.

The court also is weighing a similar issue from Wisconsin. But in that case, the ruling being challenged comes from a federal appeals court and it's the Democrats who are asking the justices to step in.

Most states make Election Day the deadline, but 18 states — half of which backed Trump in the 2016 election — have a post-Election Day deadline.

"With nearly a million votes already cast in

Pennsylvania, we support the court's decision not to meddle in our already-working system," Pennsylvania's attorney general, Democrat Josh Shapiro, said in a statement.

On a separate track, Republicans in the statehouse have pressed Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, to agree to 11th-hour legislation to eliminate or limit the three days under the court's order.

The case is one of many partisan battles being fought in the state Legislature and the courts, primarily over mail-in voting in Pennsylvania, amid concerns that a presidential election result will hang in limbo for days on a drawn-out vote count in the battleground state.

In Pennsylvania, the state Democratic Party

and a liberal group, the Pennsylvania Alliance for Retired Americans, had sought an extension of the Election Day deadline to count mailed ballots.

With about 2.8 million mail-in ballots requested and approximately 900,000 returned, Democratic-registered voters are requesting mail ballots at a nearly 3-to-1 ratio over Republicans.

In its Sept. 17 ruling, the divided state Supreme Court said ballots must be postmarked by the time polls close and be received by county election boards at 5 p.m. on Nov. 6, three days after the Nov. 3 election.

It also said that ballots lacking a clear postmark could be counted unless there was evidence that they were mailed after the polls closed.

Deadline looms for virus relief bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reported some progress in advance of a Tuesday deadline for reaching a pre-election deal with President Donald Trump on a new coronavirus relief package, but the same core problems bedeviling the effort remain in place despite optimistic talk from the president and his team.

Pelosi negotiated for nearly an hour Monday with Trump's top emissary, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, and her office said they are continuing to narrow their differences.

"Finally, they have come to the table and we're going to try to get something done," Pelosi said on MSNBC Monday evening. She said the two sides would take stock on Tuesday, which she has staked out as the deadline if a deal is to be reached before the election.

"Let's make a judgment. We may not like this, we may not like that but let's see on balance if we can go forward," Pelosi said.

But with time nearly up for Congress and the White House to deliver aid to Americans before the election, the question remains: If not now, when?

It's a key consideration for Trump, who has talked up the prospect of another package as he asks voters for a second term, and for

Democrats hopeful that their nominee, Joe Biden, is on the cusp of winning the White House in November.

"Nancy Pelosi at this moment does not want to do anything that's going to affect the election," Trump said during a campaign swing in Arizona.

The dynamic has created a tricky position for Pelosi, whose tough approach to the talks amid durable GOP opposition to a potential deal of almost \$2 trillion has left all sides staring at the very real potential of the negotiations failing. Pelosi is angling for the best deal she can get — maybe that's now, maybe it's later. It's a risk she's willing to take.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, meanwhile, is pushing ahead with votes this week on GOP measures that stand little chance of advancing.

Trump has upped his offer to \$1.8 trillion or more and insisted Monday that "the Republicans will come along" if a deal is reached. His chief of staff and communications director took to Fox News to offer optimistic takes. But Republicans have spent months talking about a smaller aid package and the top GOP vote-counter, Sen. John Thune, said Monday that "it would be hard" to find the necessary

Republican support for passage of any agreement in that range.

Without an agreement at least in principle by Tuesday, Pelosi says it'll be too late to enact anything by Election Day. And if history is any guide, prospects for a deal in the lame-duck session after the election could be dim.

If Trump loses, Congress is likely to stagger through a nonproductive session comparable to the abbreviated session after the decisive 2008 Obama-Biden victory or the 2016 session that punted most of its leftovers to the Trump administration. That scenario would push virus aid into 2021.

"If we delay this until the Biden administration we're talking about three, four, five months. The American people cannot wait," Rep. Max Rose, D-N.Y., a freshman facing a difficult race in Trump-friendly Staten Island, said on CNN. "With each passing day without action the American people will be suffering more."

Pelosi calls the \$1.8 trillion administration offer inadequate, saying that while the overall Trump offer has gone up, the details on a virus testing plan, aid to state and local governments, and tax cuts for the working poor still aren't to her satisfaction.

Trump: Fauci is likeable, but not a team player

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after claiming that the American people are tired of listening to Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Donald Trump insisted Tuesday that he gets along with the nation's top infectious disease specialist while also complaining the doctor who has clashed with him at times over the coronavirus is not a "team player."

Trump's strained relationship with Fauci has political overtones as the president defends his record on the coronavirus just two weeks before Election Day. Polls show him trailing Democrat Joe Biden in key battleground states, but Trump says he's confident of victory.

"He's a nice guy," Trump said of Fauci in a telephone interview with "Fox & Friends" from the White House ahead of an evening rally in Erie, Pennsylvania.

"The only thing I say is he's a little bit sometimes not a team player," Trump said, denying that the two were "at odds."

Trump late Monday wound up a western swing facing intense pressure to turn around his campaign and hoping for the type of last-minute surge that gave

him a come-from-behind victory four years ago. But his inconsistent message, another rise in coronavirus cases and his attacks on experts like Fauci could jeopardize his final efforts to appeal to voters outside his most loyal base.

"I'm not running scared," Trump told reporters during the trip. "I'm running angry. I'm running happy, and I'm running very content 'cause I've done a great job."

Trump's aggressive travel comes as he plays defense in states he won four years ago, though the Republican president insisted he was confident as he executed a packed schedule despite the pandemic.

Seeking to shore up the morale of his staff amid growing private concerns that he is running out of time to make up lost ground, Trump blasted his government's own scientific experts as too negative, even as his handling of the pandemic, which has killed more than 220,000 people in the United States, remains a central issue to voters.

"People are tired of hearing Fauci and all these idiots," Trump said of the government's top infectious disease expert.

"Every time he goes on television, there's always a bomb. But there's a bigger bomb if you fire him. But Fauci's a disaster."

At a rally in Prescott, Arizona, Trump assailed Biden for pledging to heed the advice of scientific experts, saying dismissively that his rival "wants to listen to Dr. Fauci."

Trump's rejection of scientific advice on the pandemic has already drawn bipartisan condemnation.

At his rally, Trump also ramped up his attacks on the news media, singling out NBC's Kristen Welker, the moderator of the next presidential debate. He continued to badmouth her Tuesday, saying she cannot be neutral.

Biden was off the campaign trail Monday, but his campaign praised Fauci and criticized Trump for "reckless and negligent leadership" that "threatens to put more lives at risk."

"Trump's closing message in the final days of the 2020 race is to publicly mock Joe Biden for trusting science and to call Dr. Fauci, the leading public health official on COVID-19, a 'disaster' and other public health officials 'idiots,'" the campaign said.

Justice Department files antitrust case against Google

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department on Tuesday sued Google for antitrust violations, alleging that it abused its dominance in online search and advertising to stifle competition and harm consumers.

The lawsuit marks the government's most significant act to protect competition since its groundbreaking case against Microsoft more than 20 years ago. It could be an opening salvo ahead of other major government antitrust actions, given ongoing investigations of major tech companies including Apple, Amazon and Facebook at both the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission.

"Google is the gateway to the internet and a search advertising behemoth," U.S. Deputy Attorney General Jeff Rosen told reporters. "It has maintained its monopoly power through exclusionary practices that are harmful to competition."

Antitrust cases in the technology industry have to move quickly, he said.

Otherwise "we could lose the next wave of innovation."

The Justice Department isn't seeking specific changes in Google's structure or other remedies at this point, but isn't ruling out seeking additional relief, officials said.

Lawmakers and consumer advocates have long accused Google, whose corporate parent Alphabet Inc. has a market value just over \$1 trillion, of abusing its dominance in online search and advertising to stifle competition and boost its profits. Critics contend that multibillion-dollar fines and mandated changes in Google's practices imposed by European regulators in recent years weren't severe enough and that structural changes are needed for Google to change its conduct.

Google responded immediately via tweet: "Today's lawsuit by the Department of Justice is deeply flawed. People use Google because they choose to -- not because they're forced to or

because they can't find alternatives."

The case was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. It alleges that Google uses billions of dollars collected from advertisers to pay phone manufacturers to ensure Google is the default search engine on browsers. Eleven states will join the federal government in the lawsuit.

The Trump administration has long had Google in its sights. A top economic adviser to President Donald Trump said two years ago that the White House was considering whether Google searches should be subject to government regulation. Trump has often criticized Google, recycling unfounded claims by conservatives that the search giant is biased against conservatives and suppresses their viewpoints, interferes with U.S. elections and prefers working with the Chinese military over the Pentagon.

Google controls about 90% of global web searches. The company has been bracing for the

government's action and is expected to fiercely oppose any attempt to force it to spin off its services into separate businesses.

The company, based in Mountain View, California, has long denied the claims of unfair competition. Google argues that although its businesses are large, they are useful and beneficial to consumers. It maintains that its services face ample competition and have unleashed innovations that help people manage their lives.

Most of Google's services are offered for free in exchange for personal information that helps it sell its ads. Google insists that it holds no special power forcing people to use its free services or preventing them from going elsewhere.

A recent report from a House Judiciary subcommittee, following a year-long investigation into Big Tech's market dominance, concluded that Google has monopoly power in the market for search. It said the company established its position

in several markets through acquisition, snapping up successful technologies that other businesses had developed — buying an estimated 260 companies in 20 years.

The argument for reigning in Google has gathered force as the company stretched far beyond its 1998 roots as a search engine governed by the motto "Don't Be Evil." It's since grown into a diversified goliath with online tentacles that scoop up personal data from billions of people via services ranging from search, video and maps to smartphone software. That data helps feed the advertising machine that has turned Google into a behemoth.

The company owns the leading web browser in Chrome, the world's largest smartphone operating system in Android, the top video site in YouTube and the most popular digital mapping system. Some critics have singled out YouTube and Android as among Google businesses that should be considered for divestiture.

With only two weeks to Election Day, the Trump Justice Department is taking bold legal action against Google on an issue of rare bipartisan agreement. Republicans and Democrats have accelerated their criticism of Big Tech in recent months, although sometimes for different reasons. It's unclear what the status of the government's suit against Google would be if a Joe Biden administration were to take over next year.

The Justice Department sought support for its suit from states across the country that share concerns about Google's conduct. A bipartisan coalition of 50 U.S. states and territories, led by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, announced a year ago they were investigating Google's business practices, citing "potential monopolistic behavior."

Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, South Carolina and Texas will join the lawsuit, according to court records.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A World Series like no other opens Tuesday night with Clayton Kershaw's Los Angeles Dodgers pursuing redemption, Kevin Kiermaier's Tampa Bay Rays seeking acclaim and Major League Baseball relieved just to reach the championship of the pandemic-delayed season.

Buzz figures to be dampened, with attendance down to about 11,000 in the smallest crowd for a Series game since roughly 1909.

The entire Series will be played on artificial turf for the first time since 1993, at new \$1.2 billion Globe Life Field, home of a Texas Rangers team eliminated on Sept. 20. Traditional postgame victory celebrations are barred. But surroundings are largely irrelevant to the favored Dodgers and under-the-radar Rays.

Los Angeles, baseball's biggest spender, is back in the Series for the third time in four years as it seeks its first title since 1988.

Plate umpire Laz Diaz will be masked — along with the rest of the crew.

"I don't know if you watched Game 7 last night but it sure felt like postseason to me," Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner said Monday, after the Dodgers rallied to beat Atlanta 4-3 at Globe Life for the NL pennant.

“The back and forth, the momentum shifts, big plays, big swings, big pitches — that was as much of a playoff feel as I’ve ever experienced.”

Tampa Bay, among the major leagues’ poorest draws and lowest-salaried rosters, made it this far only once before and lost to Philadelphia in 2008. Perennially unable to get a new ballpark built, the Rays have said they are exploring splitting future seasons between St. Petersburg, Florida, and Montreal.

While the Rays beat Houston for the AL pennant on Saturday night in San Diego, they had to wait until Monday to travel, allowing the Braves to vacate space in the Dallas at Las Colinas - Four Seasons, where the Dodgers have been bivouacked since before the Division Series started Oct. 6. Los Angeles had an optional early afternoon workout with the stadium roof closed, and the Rays had a full practice in the evening under autumn twilight.

"We'll be able to get out there tonight, get a feel for the surroundings of the field and how the ball bounces," Rays outfielder Austin Meadows said. "I'm

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Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 5:09 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21
Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 5:08 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23
Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay, 5:08 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24
Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay, 5:08 p.m.

x-Sunday, Oct. 25
Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay, 5:08 p.m.

x-Tuesday, Oct. 27
Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 5:08 p.m.

x-Wednesday, Oct. 28
Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 5:09 p.m.

excited for there to be fans. It's been a long time coming."

The winner will give its city a 2-1 advantage in major U.S. sports league titles during the novel coronavirus pandemic following championships by the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning on Sept. 28 and the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers on Oct. 11.

Both teams reflect imprint of Andrew Friedman, the Rays' general manager from 2005-14 and the Dodgers' president of baseball operations since.

"Some of my best friends in life are there," the 43-year-old Friedman said. "We joked when I left the team that we were going to meet up in the World Series

one day, and for it actually to happen is surreal.”

After attendance dropped from 68.5 million to 0 during the shortest regular season since 1878 and the first two rounds of an expanded postseason also were played without fans, Major League Baseball sold about 28% capacity for the NL Championship Series, which averaged 10,835 for the seven games at 40,518-capacity Globe Life Field. The Rays arrived in Dallas on Monday after playing the AL Division Series and AL Championship Series at empty Petco Park in San Diego.

Still, it was an accomplishment for MLB after a regular season in which 45 games were postponed for COVID-19-related reasons but just two were not made up. Rookie outfielder Randy Arozarena, the Cuban defector who led the Rays’ offense with seven homers in the playoffs, missed the first month of the shortened season after contracting COVID-19 and didn’t play his first game until Aug. 30.

“I was throwing sim games May, June in Dallas, thinking about, man, are we going to even play this season?” said Kershaw, the Dodgers’ Game 1 starter. “Is

this going to be a wasted year in everybody's career and things like that? Is this going to be a wasted year for the Dodgers with the team that we have? So yeah, I think to be able to be here now and be four wins away from getting to win a World Series I think is really a testament to a lot of people to be able to make this season happen, a testament to the players, even to Major League Baseball that we were able to get to this point. I'm super thankful for that."

Kershaw, a 32-year-old left-hander with three Cy Young Awards and an MVP trophy, is 175-76 in the regular season but 11-12 in the postseason, including 1-2 in the World Series. He has been slowed this month by a reoccurrence of back spasms.

Tampa Bay starts Tyler Glasnow, a 27-year-old righty whose fastball averages 97.5 mph and who grew up in California admiring Kershaw. It will be the Rays' first game in front of fans since spring training was interrupted on March 12 and close to the end of a lengthy bubble existence.

Glasnow and his teammates are looking forward to the end of the Series, when he can go to a bar or sit at a restaurant.

"Hugging someone or seeing family," he said. "Just being able to be a normal person again."

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Patrick Mahomes didn't mind taking a back seat to rookie Clyde Edwards-Helaire and the Kansas City Chiefs' running attack.

With the Buffalo Bills working hard to limit deep throws by the strong-armed Mahomes, he gladly kept handing off the ball, and Kansas City beat Buffalo 26-17 on Monday night in a game that was originally scheduled for last Thursday.

"You know my nature, I want to throw it deep every time. We want to go down and throw these long touchdowns," said Mahomes, the 2018 MVP. "But if teams are going to play us like this, we've got to show we can run the football."

Mission accomplished.

Led by Edwards-Helaire's 161 yards rushing, the Chiefs finished with 245 — the most since Mahomes took over as starter in 2017. Kansas City's 46 rushing attempts were also the most in eight years under coach Andy Reid, and that was with newly signed Le'Veon Bell waiting to make his debut after signing with the Chiefs last Thursday.

"I can't wait," Bell tweeted during the game.

Edwards-Helaire has already chatted with the veteran Bell and is excited to team up.

"Another guy coming in, another piece to the puzzle. For me, we can only go up," Edwards-Helaire said. "Anything I can do to pick his brain and gain knowledge from, I'm there for it."

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kyler Murray accounted for three touchdowns in his first game back home as a pro, Ezekiel Elliott set up the first two Arizona TDs with fumbles and the Cardinals beat the Dallas Cowboys 38-10 on Monday night.

The speedy quarterback who won three high school championships and a Big 12 title at the home of the Cowboys improved to 7-0 as a starter at AT&T Stadium, throwing for two scores despite a rough start through the air and rushing for 74 yards and a TD.

It was the “Monday Night Football” debut for Murray and Kliff Kingsbury,

Mahomes finished 21 of 26 for 225 yards with two touchdowns, both to tight end Travis Kelce. His first touchdown is the 90th of his career in his 37th game, breaking the NFL record for fewest games to 90 TD passes. Hall of Famer Tom Brady had the previous mark at 40 games.

The Chiefs are off to a their third 5-1 start in four seasons, and they bounced back from a sloppy 40-32 loss to the Las Vegas Raiders on Oct. 11.

The Buffalo (4-2) lost its second straight. The Bills fell 42-16 at Tennessee last Wednesday, a game that was moved be-

who also had a happy first trip to his native Texas as an NFL coach.

The Cardinals (4-2) are tied for second place in the tough NFC West. Arizona is above .500 this late in the season for the first time since 2015, its most recent playoff year.

Andy Dalton had the rest of Dallas' four turnovers with two interceptions in his first start for the Cowboys (2-4) in place of injured star Dak Prescott.

Murray misfired on eight of his first 11 passes and finished 9 of 24 for 188 yards. He hit Christian Kirk in stride on an 80-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Kenyan Drake rushed for two TDs and 164 yards.

cause of a COVID-19 outbreak on the Titans. That led to the Kansas City-Buffalo game being pushed back as well. The Chiefs, who were originally scheduled to play three games in 11 days, wound up having two more days of rest than the Bills.

Buffalo's defense sold out to prevent Mahomes from going deep but proved vulnerable against the run.

"We felt we did well limiting them from taking it off the top, but the run game's just another part of their game, and they executed it well," safety Micah Hyde said.

The Bills were undone by allowing

the Chiefs to convert nine of 14 third-down chances, two of them on a 12-play, 75-yard drive that ended on Harrison Butker's 30-yard field goal with 1:56 remaining.

During that drive, Buffalo's Justin Zimmer stripped the ball from Edwards-Helaire at the Kansas City 30. The play was ruled a fumble on the field, but that call was overturned after replays showed Edwards-Helaire's knee was down.

Two plays later, on third-and-11, Mahomes scrambled out of trouble and hit Byron Pringle for 37 yards. Mahomes then ate up more clock with a 9-yard scamper on third-and-7.

"Frustrating, just because we feel like as a defense we've got to find a way to get our offense back on the field," Hyde said. "We had to get a stop and we didn't."

Buffalo's run defense had its worst outing since giving up 273 yards in a loss to New England on Dec. 23, 2018.

Josh Allen finished 14 of 27 for 122 yards with touchdown passes to Stefon Diggs and Cole Beasley.

In what was supposed to be a show-down of the NFL's top passers, the Chiefs kept the Allen-led Bills cooling their heels on the sideline. Kansas City had four drives of 10 plays or more and dominated time of possession by more than 15 minutes.

Darrel Williams scored on a 13-yard run to cap a nearly eight-minute, 82-yard drive that put the Chiefs ahead 20-10 with

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Pac-12 has established cancellation and tiebreaker policies for its virus-truncated football season.

The conference announced Monday that a minimum threshold of at least 53 scholarship players — with various position minimums — must be available for any team to participate in a game. If a school does not elect to play the game shorthanded, the game will be rescheduled or declared a no contest.

The Pac-12's seven-game, conference-only season is scheduled to begin Nov. 7 and the conference is taking potential cancellations into account in its tiebreaker policies.

To be eligible for the Pac-12 Championship game, teams must play no less than

one game fewer than the average played among all Pac-12 teams.

Division winners will be determined by best winning percentage for all games and head-to-head results will take precedent in the event of a tie in the loss column if there is an unbalanced schedule.

If two teams that played the same number of games tie, the representative for the conference title game will be determined by head-to-head results, record in division games and record against the next highest-placed team in the division.

Multiple team ties with an unbalanced schedule will be broken by head-to-head results, followed by record in common conference games, then College Football Playoff ranking.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kyle Larson can return to NASCAR competition next season following a long suspension for using a racial slur while playing a video game.

He was suspended in April after he used the n-word while playing an online racing game in which viewers could follow along. He was dropped by his sponsors and fired by Chip Ganassi Racing.

Larson, who is half-Japanese, spent the last six months immersed in diversity programs that helped him gain an understanding of racial injustice. He did not apply for reinstatement until last week and the clearance came Monday.

"The work I've done over the last six months has had a major impact on me. I will make the most of this opportunity and look forward to the future," Larson said.

Larson has spent significant time with retired soccer star Tony Sanneh, whose foundation works on youth development and empowerment in the Minne-

apolis area. Larson also met with former Olympian Jackie Joyner-Kersey and visited her foundation in East St. Louis, and also spoke with Max Siegel, the CEO of USA Track & Field who also runs a NASCAR-sanctioned team that is part of the stock car series' diversity program.

Larson continued work he'd already been doing with the Urban Youth Racing School in Philadelphia. The nonprofit helps minorities advance in motorsports and Jysir Fisher, one of its students, had celebrated with Larson in victory lane following a win in Delaware last October.

He put the work in unpublished in an effort to prove his motives were sincere.

"NASCAR continues to prioritize diversity and inclusion across our sport. Kyle Larson has fulfilled the requirements set by NASCAR and has taken several voluntary measures to better educate himself so that he can use his platform to help bridge the divide in our country," NASCAR said in a statement.

Larson also has spent the time away from NASCAR racing sprint cars, his passion, with a phenomenal success rate. He's won 41 times so far this year and rebuilt a devout fanbase along the way.

The time at the dirt tracks made for a blissful summer for Larson and his family, which accompanied him nearly every weekend. His two children were victory lane fixtures and his wife ran his souvenir challenge.

Despite the enjoyable family time, Larson insisted he wanted to return to NASCAR.

He was considered the top free agent prospect before his firing, which ended eight seasons with Chip Ganassi Racing. Larson has long been considered a future star for NASCAR and presumably had his pick of cars for 2021.

Instead, he's hoping sponsors will agree to back him for a return to NASCAR. Larson is thought to be getting an open seat at Hendrick Motorsports, although the car number and sponsor affiliations are not clear.