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COVID-19 DISEASE OUTBREAK DETERMINATION

Pursuant to ORS 743A.264(2), I have determined that an outbreak of respiratory illness, called COVID-19, caused by SARS-CoV-2 is occurring in Oregon. A disease outbreak is defined in state law as a significant or notable increase in the number of cases of a disease. ORS 431A.005.

On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern." On January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19. Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared a statewide emergency on March 8, 2020, and has extended the declaration of emergency since that time.

As of today, there have been 139,355 cases and 1,904 deaths associated with COVID-19 in Oregon, with case counts rising daily.

Two safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are currently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under Emergency Use Authorizations. Both vaccines are currently available to eligible individuals in Oregon. More COVID-19 vaccines may become available following clinical trials and approval by the FDA.

Therefore, having determined there exists a disease outbreak and that vaccination is necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the cost of vaccination for COVID-19 shall be covered by insurance in accordance with ORS 743A.264 (2) and (3).

This determination is effective on the date it is signed and remains in effect until I find that the disease outbreak is at an end and issue an order terminating this determination.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2021.

Rachael Banks
State Public Health Director
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