

[Oregon climate change: Governor signs executive order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions](#)

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With Republicans determined to block any movement on climate change in the Legislature, Gov. Kate Brown, as promised last year, decided to outflank them with a far-reaching use of her executive powers to achieve the same goals on a different path.

[With coronavirus spreading in Oregon, how will it shape state politics?](#)

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When Gov. Kate Brown signed an executive order to cap greenhouse gas emissions at the Capitol Tuesday, she was surrounded by roughly 20 young climate activists.

It was a scene that has already been phased out to the north in Washington, where Gov. Jay Inslee's administration announced Monday the governor would no longer hold public bill signing ceremonies.

[Oregon Looks Like the West Coast State Least Aggressively Grappling With COVID-19](#)

Willamette Week

Oregon is geographically caught between two hotbeds of the virus: California and Washington, which rank first and second, respectively, for the most COVID-19 cases. But in terms of both funding and testing, Oregon lags behind its neighbors.

[1st Case Of Novel Coronavirus Reported In Multnomah County, 15 Total Oregon Cases](#)

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The Oregon Health Authority announced Multnomah County's first presumptive case of the novel coronavirus Tuesday.

[Testing Limitations May Conceal Coronavirus Spread In Oregon](#)

OPB

Until Saturday morning, Oregon's number of cases of novel coronavirus had held steady at three. But that didn't mean the virus had stopped spreading. The Oregon Health Authority announced four new cases Saturday morning, more than doubling the state total.

[Oregon limits visitors to long-term care facilities to protect residents from coronavirus](#)

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Oregon officials announced several new emergency policies aimed at protecting residents at long-term care facilities from coronavirus, including limiting and screening visitors, documenting who has visited and reducing residents' community outings.

[A Longtime Portlander Seeks to Ride President Trump's Coattails Into a Rural Congressional Seat](#)

Willamette Week

On Jan. 13, Jimmy Crumpacker released a video launching his campaign for the Republican nomination in Oregon's 2nd Congressional District, which encompasses most of the state east of the Cascades.

[The matches are set for secretary of state, Oregon legislative races](#)

Oregon Capital Bureau

With a contentious end to the past two legislative sessions over a bill to reduce carbon emissions and longtime political players vying for secretary of state, 2020 is expected to be an exciting year for those tuned into Oregon's politics.

OPINION

[Editorial: Oregon's mixed messages on its coronavirus emergency](#)

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From the start, Oregon's response has been one marked by half-measures and mixed messages. In some cases, such as the shortage of tests from the federal government for the virus, Oregon isn't to blame. But in others, the state has been hampered by its confused approach and reflexive lack of transparency. All of which raises the question: Is this a public health emergency or not?

[Opinion: Two fixes to prevent another legislative meltdown](#)

Brent Barton for The Oregonian

Democrats and Republicans in the Oregon Legislature may not agree on much, but everyone agrees that the recent legislative session was a failure. This fiasco seems likely to repeat in future sessions, but two modest amendments to the Oregon Constitution would improve the legislative process for everyone.

[Opinion: Mass civil disobedience is our best tool for climate fight](#)

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A few weeks ago, I showed the world that I am not a criminal, despite having been arrested and charged. A Multnomah County jury refused to convict me and four fellow activists in our historic trial for our actions to blockade tar sands oil trains in Portland.

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My [new Capital Chatter column](#) is about the demise of the 2020 Oregon

Legislature: <http://oregoncapitalinsider.com/oci/2475-371157-capital-chatter-democrats-pull-the-plug>

Lots of other good coverage on [OregonCapitalInsider.com](#) as well.

It's been a long day, a long week, a long five weeks.

Thank you for reading.

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