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Update from President Chesley

As the weekend approaches, I am pleased to share some positive news from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Today, the OHA estimates that the stay home and social distancing initiatives undertaken by the citizens of Oregon have prevented approximately 70,000 COVID-19 cases.

On Monday, St. Charles Health System reported that these initiatives have helped to lessen the number of COVID-19 cases in Central Oregon, but senior data scientist Michael Johnson warned that, if we were to relax social distancing by just 25 percent, we would likely see a significant resurgence of COVID-19 cases.

I'm sure that all of us are getting tired of the isolation we are experiencing, but please, let's stay strong and keep up the great work we've been doing in looking out for one another's health.

Stay home. Save lives. Show how Central Oregon cares.

Kindest regards,
Dr. Laurie Chesley
COCC President