

With Respect

a) Can Oregon buy tests from other sources?

b) If enough tests are available, then perhaps isolation centers, at least for people who are not critical at home, might work. Sending people home only spreads the disease.

c) Since the above is probably not an option, I would at least go for a concerted communication campaign to raise public awareness.

This would require messages couched not in cold hard facts about infections and death, but messages that, for example, engage people in protecting their family, friends, neighbors, nurses, doctors, hospitals, and our wonderful state. Messages from both sides of the isle (if possible) that turn people into Oregonians, rather than messages that activate destructive and partisan self-defense responses.

Sincerely
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