

Dear Covid19 Committee:

I would suggest the state immediately order at 1000 ventilators. I did some light research and found that Ventec Life Systems in Seattle needs 30-60 days to deliver ventilators. They are about \$18,000 each, but we need to order them immediately, ie.- by Wed., for them to be here in time to save Oregonians lives in May and June. I have no financial interest in this company, but it seems like they can turn on a dime quicker than, say, Medtronic. Plus they're NW based.

It seems we also need to cross-train more people in respiratory therapy to use these ventilators effectively. Again we need to start this training now to be able to save lives in May and June.

This purchase is not something that can be bid out. It needs to be ordered NOW to make a difference. And if we end up not needing them, well, we'll have them for the next pandemic.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone