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Access to vaccines for Covid, flu, RSV, pneumonia, MMR, TDAP and those others needed for safe travel and for participating in indoor gatherings is mission critical for me and other retirees.

Last fall as we were losing one hospital and decimating medical specialties in Eugene it was unclear how or whether we would have timely access to seasonal vaccines. In Eugene it can take 3-6 months to get a doctor's appointment, so protection offered by vaccines and pharmacy access to them saves lives.

Please set state policies to ensure access to these important medicines for everyone. Passing this bill is a great step toward that.

Several new and improved Covid vaccines are in the pipeline and it would be great if Oregonians can access them as they become available too.

Thank you.