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Lack of Action on Covid-19 Vaccine Roll Out Continues to Fail Oregon's Most Vulnerable Families; Governor & Democrat Supermajority Must Prioritize its Distribution to Save the Lives of Oregonians in Every Corner of Our State

SALEM, ORE. – Today, Representative David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) called on the Governor and Democrat Supermajority to prioritize COVID-19 vaccination distribution and provide the needed structure and funding for an efficient vaccine rollout.

“It is unfathomable that Oregon is in the bottom ten amongst states across the nation in COVID-19 vaccination distribution,” said Rep. Brock Smith. “Similarly, our state’s been ranked near the bottom of high school graduation rate and now the Governor and Democrat Supermajority’s continued failures is highlighted with their inability to govern and oversee an effective distribution system of COVID-19 Pfizer-BioNtech & Moderna vaccines to the public.”

The state of Oregon has received over 190,000 vaccine doses since receiving approval on December 11th, yet as of yesterday the state has provided less than 50,000 immunizations. There have been three Legislative Special Sessions and over \$2 Billion dollars in state and federal funding that have been distributed to various state agencies, projects, and issues.

“We have comprehensive economical proposals of receipt, storage and disbursement of Covid-19 vaccines to all areas of the state, although lack of resources and funding are some excuses being used for not moving these proposals for services forward,” said Rep. Brock Smith. “Lives are being lost, many hang in the balance and Oregonians deserve a state government that has a clear and reliable plan for a systematic vaccine rollout. These plans exist and I urge Governor Brown and House Majority Leader Smith-Warner to immediately prioritize the lives of our fellow Oregonians.”

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