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We typically get our kids' vaccinations through their pediatrician office. Due to the vaccine access confusion in 2025, our pediatrician was not sure whether they would be able to offer the COVID vaccine, and even when they took appointments for the vaccine the first date we scheduled a visit they ended up not having the vaccine available. This caused confusion and concern in our family as well as a delay in getting the vaccine. Similarly, it was confusing for the adults in the family whether or not the vaccine would be available and covered for us as the qualifications and restrictions were not well laid out. Having vaccine access is especially important to our family since my first born has congenital heart defects and has undergone multiple heart surgeries -- we need the herd immunity to ensure the most vulnerable are protected. I support clear, broad vaccine access in Oregon with recommendations are based on science.