## KSHO Issues First Quarter 2018

The Public Health Division of Oregon had January 2018 off to a very severe beginning of the flu season. The Flu was pushing Central Oregon hospitals to capacity.

The Oregon Health Authority confirmed two separate cases where children under 10 had the flu and there were two pediatric flu deaths.

Reported on KSHO 1/10, 1/10, 1/11, and 1/28

Meningococcal disease had Oregon State University scheduling mass vaccinations. Linn County Health Officer confirmed a Lebanon second grader had been diagnosed with Meningococcal disease. In Corvallis, a student at Linus Pauling Middle School had been hospitalized with Meningococcal disease.

Reported on KSHO 1/6, 1/20, 1/22, and 1/26

Recycling has been a hot topic for months as paper and plastic are piling up at recycling across Oregon in the wake of China's refusal to take them.

KGAL reported on what can and should not be recycled on various newscast and a valley talk appearance from Republic Services in Albany Oregon.

Reported on KSHO 1/16, 2/28, 3/30

Measure 101 a temporary tax to fund the state's expanded Medicaid program was on the ballot in a rare special election in January. Oregon voter's overwhelmingly approved Measure 101 and Hospitals sent out a news release Gratified by Measure 101 Victory.

Reported on KSHO 1/17, 1/23, 1/24

Smart meters and their installation were being announced by Eugene Water and Electric and Pacific Power. Customers were concerned about cost, health risks and installation.

Reported on KSHO 2/7, 3/6, 3/7

No more Left turn from Columbus Street to Highway 34 in Albany Oregon.

A physical barrier was put in place to prevent a left turn from Columbus Street onto Highway 34. That stretch of road and vehicles making a left turn has caused numerous accidents. To make that road safer a left turn has been eliminated.

Reported on KSHO 2/6