



# COVID-19 RESPONSE

CITY OF PORTLAND  
EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER



## Abbreviated Situation Status Report

**INCIDENT NAME: COVID-19**

**CITYWIDE READINESS STATUS: Full Activation**

**ECC GENERAL PHONE: 503-823-2323**

**INCIDENT WEBSITE: City of Portland [COVID-19 information website](#)**

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## A. SITUATION SUMMARY

New Oregon and Multnomah County COVID-19 Cases per day



### OVERVIEW

#### ***Significant events in this reporting period***

Governor Brown added four counties to Oregon’s COVID-19 “extreme risk” category; The first doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine began arriving at Oregon hospitals; US is poised for a wave of evictions in January as the federal ban expires; Between 2.4 million and 5 million American households are at risk in January alone.

#### ***Local and Regional News***

- On December 15, [KOIN News reported](#) that Oregon restaurants keep pushing for cocktails-to-go due to the fact that 11% of the Oregon workforce depends on income from restaurants and bars.
- On December 15, [KATU reported](#) that Governor Brown added four counties to Oregon’s COVID-19 “extreme risk” category.
- On December 15, [KATU reported](#) that advocates for homeless students are preparing for the end of Oregon’s eviction moratorium and the resulting homelessness of many students.
- On December 15, [KATU reported](#) on Governor Brown’s call for a special session with the state legislature in order to consider an \$800 million COVID-19 and wildfire relief package.
- As of December 14, there are 539 confirmed Coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On December 14, [MSN reported](#) that state’s fund for Black Oregonians suspended grants, and faces a renewed legal challenge.

- On December 14, [KGW reported](#) that Oregon parents are advocating for the reopening of schools as Portland Public School officials discuss the impact of COVID-19 on a reopening plan.
- On December 14, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon health officials said a post-holiday virus surge has yet to materialize.
- On December 14, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon surpassed 95,000 COVID-19 cases on Monday, December 14.
- On December 14, [KATU reported](#) that owners of Planet Fitness clubs in Oregon asked Governor Brown to reopen gyms.
- On December 14, Governor Kate Brown [issued a video statement today](#) as the first doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine began arriving at Oregon hospitals.
- On December 14, [OPB reported](#) that the latest COVID-19 surge is here, and that many Oregon hospitals are full.
- On December 14, the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\) reported](#) on Oregon receiving its first shipment of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.
- On December 13, [Oregon Live reported](#) that shipments of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine began Sunday, and that Oregon should expect to receive its shipment by Monday.
- On December 13, [Willamette Week reported](#) that Oregon should receive 228,400 COVID-19 vaccine doses by the end of the month.
- On December 11, [Governor Brown held](#) a press conference with information on COVID-19 vaccine.
- On December 11, [KGW reported](#) that Oregon businesses will face higher rates of unemployment in 2021.
- On December 10, [KGW reported](#) that people who receive the COVID-19 vaccine may not be able to donate convalescent plasma for a period of time, but may still donate regular source plasma.

### ***National and International News***

- On December 15, [The Washington Post reported](#) that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) review clears a path for a second COVID-19 vaccine, one developed by Moderna.
- On December 15, [CNN reported](#) that the pandemic has destroyed friendships and divided families.
- On December 15, [KATU reported](#) that developing countries will experience longer wait times for COVID-19 vaccines despite the COVAX initiative employed to ensure its equitable access.
- On December 15, [CNBC reported](#) that the US Supreme Court sides with a Colorado church challenging COVID-19 capacity limits.
- On December 14, the [Federal Drug Administration \(FDA\) published](#) a fact sheet for recipients and caregivers of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.
- On December 14, [USA Today reported](#) that students nationwide are falling behind and teachers are stressed as schools go online.
- On December 14, [USA Today reported](#) there is skepticism in Black and Latino communities about COVID-19 vaccines, but women of color can help swing the momentum.
- On December 14, [The New York Times reported](#) answers to questions about the new COVID-19 vaccines in the US.
- On December 14, [CNN reported](#) on three things you shouldn't do even though COVID-19 vaccines are being distributed.
- On December 14, [KGW reported](#) that the US will ship 6 million Moderna doses once the FDA approves the vaccine.

- On December 14, [BBC reported](#) that the UK has identified a new variant of COVID-19.
- On December 14, [KATU reported](#) on US healthcare workers receiving COVID-19 vaccines.
- On December 14, [USA Today reported](#) that a small town dragged its feet on COVID-19 mask mandates. Now residents are paying the price.
- On December 14, [CNN reported](#) that some Americans will receive a COVID-19 vaccine as early as December 14, but it will take months to vaccinate most Americans.
- On December 13, [NBC News reported](#) that the first trucks with COVID-19 vaccine rolled out of Pfizer plant in Michigan. Pfizer is expected to deliver an estimated 2.9 million doses this week to hospitals and nursing homes in the first phase of the vaccine rollout.
- On December 13, the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) announced its recommendation to use Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccines in people 16 years and older.
- On December 13, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that the US is poised for a wave of evictions in January as the federal ban expires; between 2.4 million and 5 million American households are at risk in January alone.
- On December 12, [USA Today reported](#) that people shrugged off the pandemic, then their family and friends started dying.
- On December 12, [Politico reported](#) that President-elect Joe Biden's team is working to get a messaging plan in place to sell a skeptical public on the first FDA-backed COVID-19 vaccine, believing the Trump administration has set the effort back significantly.
- On December 11, [The Hill reported](#) that the US enters a brutal stretch of the pandemic, even with approaching vaccines.
- On December 9, [CNN reported](#) that night school comes to the rescue for some kindergarteners and their parents.

## B. PARTNER INFORMATION

### STATE

#### *Oregon Health Authority (OHA).*

- OHA [statement](#) on emergency use authorization for Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- OHA [guidance](#) on feeling hope and remaining cautious as the COVID-19 vaccine arrives in Oregon.
- OHA [press release](#) on vaccine arrival.

#### *Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU).*

- [Due to the overwhelming](#) demand at OHSU drive-through COVID-19 testing sites, OHSU is modifying operations starting December 7. Until further notice, the first two hours each day the following groups will receive priority for testing at both the Hillsboro Stadium and Oregon Convention Center sites:
  - First Responders
  - Patients of OHSU Health (including Hillsboro Medical Center and Adventist)
  - Immediate family members of OHSU employees.
  - After the first two hours, testing will be first-come, first-served.

## COUNTY

### Multnomah County

- Multnomah County [updated](#) vaccine page.

## C. RESOURCES

### RESOURCES UPDATE

*Our resource information is now located on the [COVID-19 webpage](#). The resources page will have information on resources from Multnomah County, City of Portland, Asking Questions and Getting Help, Equity, Volunteering, About COVID-19, Well-being, Housing, Homelessness, Workplace, Food Security and Portland Area Schools & Universities.*

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