

# COVID-19 RESPONSE

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## Abbreviated Situation Status Report

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## A. VACCINE NEWS AND RESOURCES

### ***City Employee Vaccination Update***

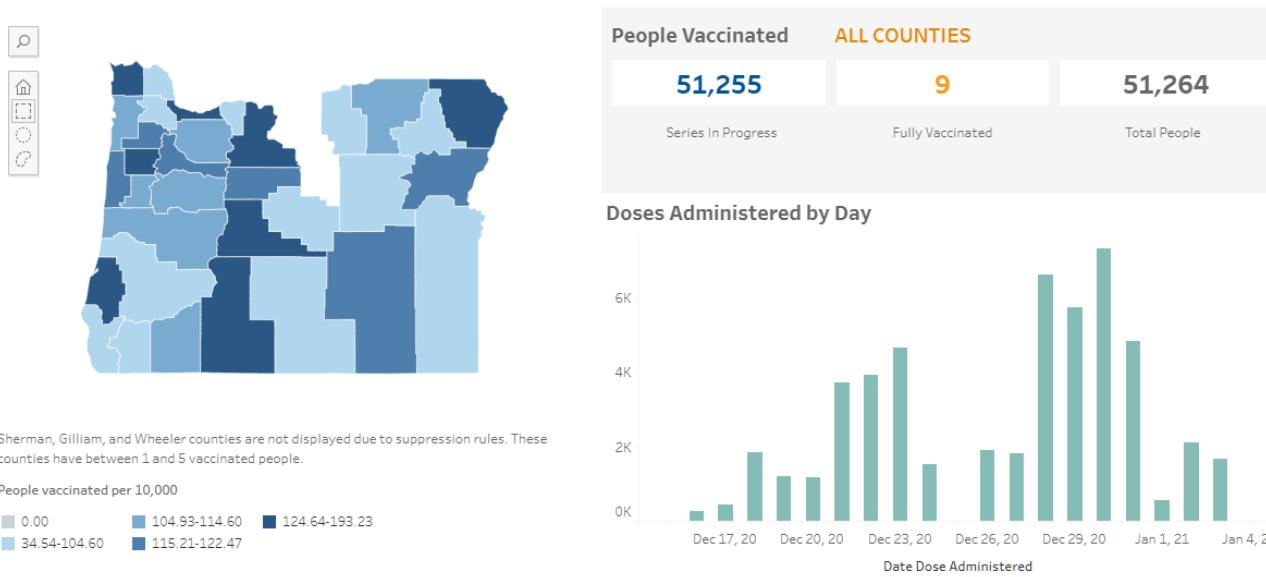
Using an equity framework, OHA is currently distributing COVID-19 vaccine in line with the phased approach recommended by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP). Here is what we know as of today:

- Phase 1A Group 1 includes Emergency Medical Providers, fire, law enforcement and 911 dispatchers that must work in-person and have significantly higher workplace exposure risks. Starting Dec 31 and through the beginning of February, Portland Fire & Rescue will self-administer their allocation of vaccines to their sworn staff, Portland Police sworn staff and BOEC dispatchers. In all, OHA expects that between 300,000 and 400,000 individuals will have access to COVID-19 vaccination during Phase 1a. Work is in progress to further estimate the numbers of people within each of the Phase 1a groups. We anticipate it will take several months to distribute enough vaccine to immunize all Phase 1a recipients.
- **You may have heard some health care providers are ignoring state guidance and moving on to vaccinate all employees, regardless of priority tier. While they may be doing so, the County and the City will continue to methodically follow OHA's prioritization plan.** Neither the City (nor any other employer) has authority to determine their own prioritization categories. **The County will begin Phase 1A Group 2 support next week.**
- Recently, educators were added as Group 5, in Phase 1A. The state vaccination plan for this group is just getting started.
- Phases 1B includes "frontline essential workers". OHA's Vaccine Advisory Committee, representing community perspectives, will identify and prioritize this group. **The 27-member committee will advise OHA on vaccine sequencing for phases 1b, 1c and 2 of the state's vaccine distribution plan, with the goal of prioritizing communities most affected by COVID-19.** For more information about the committee, visit the [Vaccine Advisory Committee information page](#). Comments or questions can be emailed to [covid.vaccineadvisory@dhsowa.state.or.us](mailto:covid.vaccineadvisory@dhsowa.state.or.us). They are expected to conclude this criteria definition work in February. City staff who fall into health, race or age-related high-risk categories that included in Phase 1B may also be eligible to receive the vaccine earlier than they would otherwise. **The City will receive weekly updates on the Committee's progress from the County. As of yet, we do not yet know when vaccinations for Phase 1B will be available.**
- Phase 1C includes "other essential workers". The CDC recently recommended that water and wastewater utility workers be placed in this category. **The City ECC team will continue to monitor CDC and other federal agency recommendations. The County is working on several paths for critical and essential employees to receive vaccinations, such as through health insurance providers, retail pharmacies, and employer self-service. The City will work with the County to coordinate the best options for City staff.**

Even after City employees begin receiving vaccinations, the [City's face covering directive](#) will remain in effect. While it appears that the current approved vaccines prevent COVID-19 symptoms in most people who receive a shot, it is not yet certain the vaccines completely prevent infection. That means it may be possible for someone to be a "carrier" of the coronavirus to others, even after vaccination – further study will hopefully answer this unknown. As such, please plan to continue wearing face coverings at all times when working indoors, and when in the presence of others while working outside.

## Oregon's Vaccination Trend: Doses Administered by Day as of January 4.

This chart shows the total number of COVID-19 vaccine doses that have been given in Oregon.

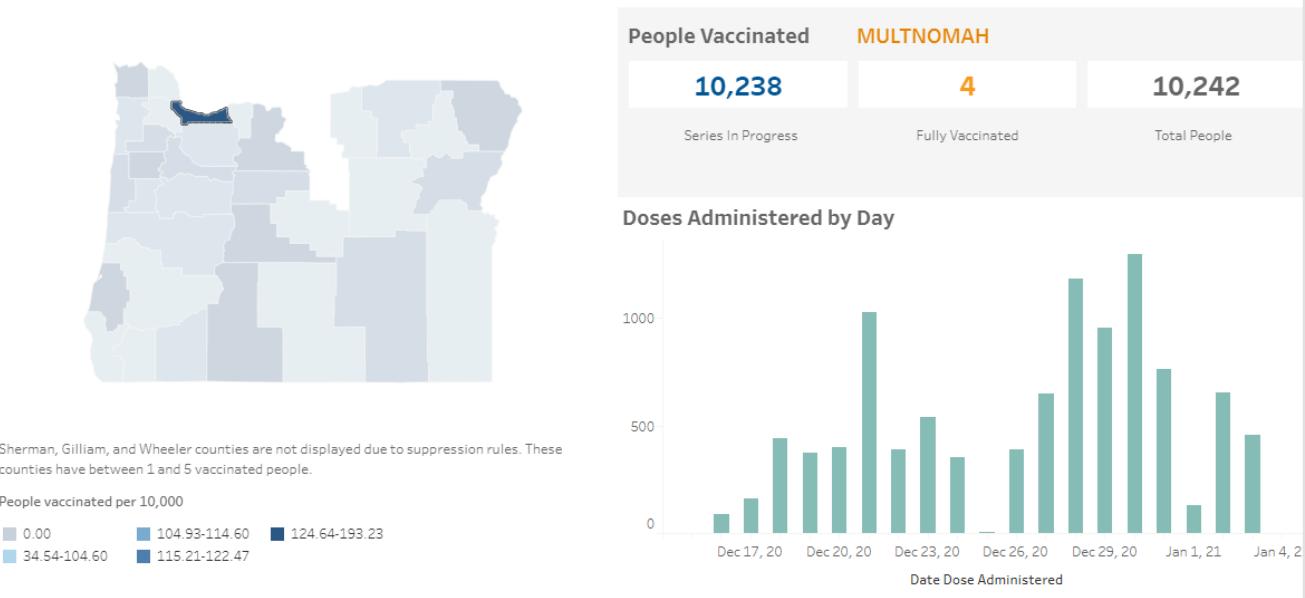


## People Vaccinated by County: Multnomah County as of January 4.

### People Vaccinated by County\*

The map shows the number of people vaccinated per 10,000 by county of residence. For privacy purposes, counties with the number of vaccinated people between 1 and 5 will be shown as "Suppressed."

Click on a county below to filter the data on the right. Click again to clear the filter.



Source: [OHA COVID-19 Vaccination Trends](#)

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

- On January 5, in a memo to health care and public health providers, OHA announced a new rule that opens up Phase 1a to Groups 1-4 for vaccination. Group 5 (educators) has not yet been fully defined yet.
- On January 4, [KGW published](#) an article discussing the challenges Oregon hospitals are facing with COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration.
- On January 4, [Governor Kate Brown issued a statement](#) in which she mentions a new benchmark of 12,000 COVID-19 vaccinations to be administered in Oregon per day by the end of the next two weeks.
- On January 4, [OPB reported](#) that Oregon's slow COVID-19 vaccine rollout is threatening the states' plans to resume in-person learning.
- On January 4, [KGW reported](#) that the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) union in Washington is calling for the vaccination of grocery store workers.
- On January 2, [KGW updated](#) a recently published article claiming that Oregon has only used 20 percent of its currently available vaccine doses.
- On January 2, [KGW reported](#) that a lack of federal funding is making COVID-19 vaccine distribution a challenge in Washington.
- On January 3, [KGW reported](#) that Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) has begun administering vaccines to firefighters and paramedics.
- On January 1, [KGW reported](#) on which long-term care facilities and retirement communities will receive COVID-19 vaccines first.

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

- On January 5, [AP News reported](#) on worries about vaccine rollout rise as NY finds virus variant.
- On January 5, [CNN reported](#) that while already free of coronavirus, the Republic of Palau, a Pacific islands country could become the first in the world to get vaccinated.
- On January 5, [Anchorage Daily News reported](#) that Alaska is trying to sort out confusion over COVID-19 vaccine for people over 65.
- On January 4, [KATU News reported](#) that a pharmacist accused of destroying COVID-19 vaccine is an admitted conspiracy theorist.
- On January 4, [CNN reported](#) that New York's governor wants to make it a crime to sell or administer COVID-19 vaccines to people trying to skip the line.
- On January 4, [CNN reported](#) that one American dies from COVID-19 every 33 seconds as the vaccine rollout hits snags.
- On January 1, [CNN reported](#) that a new year brings same problems with delayed vaccine distribution.

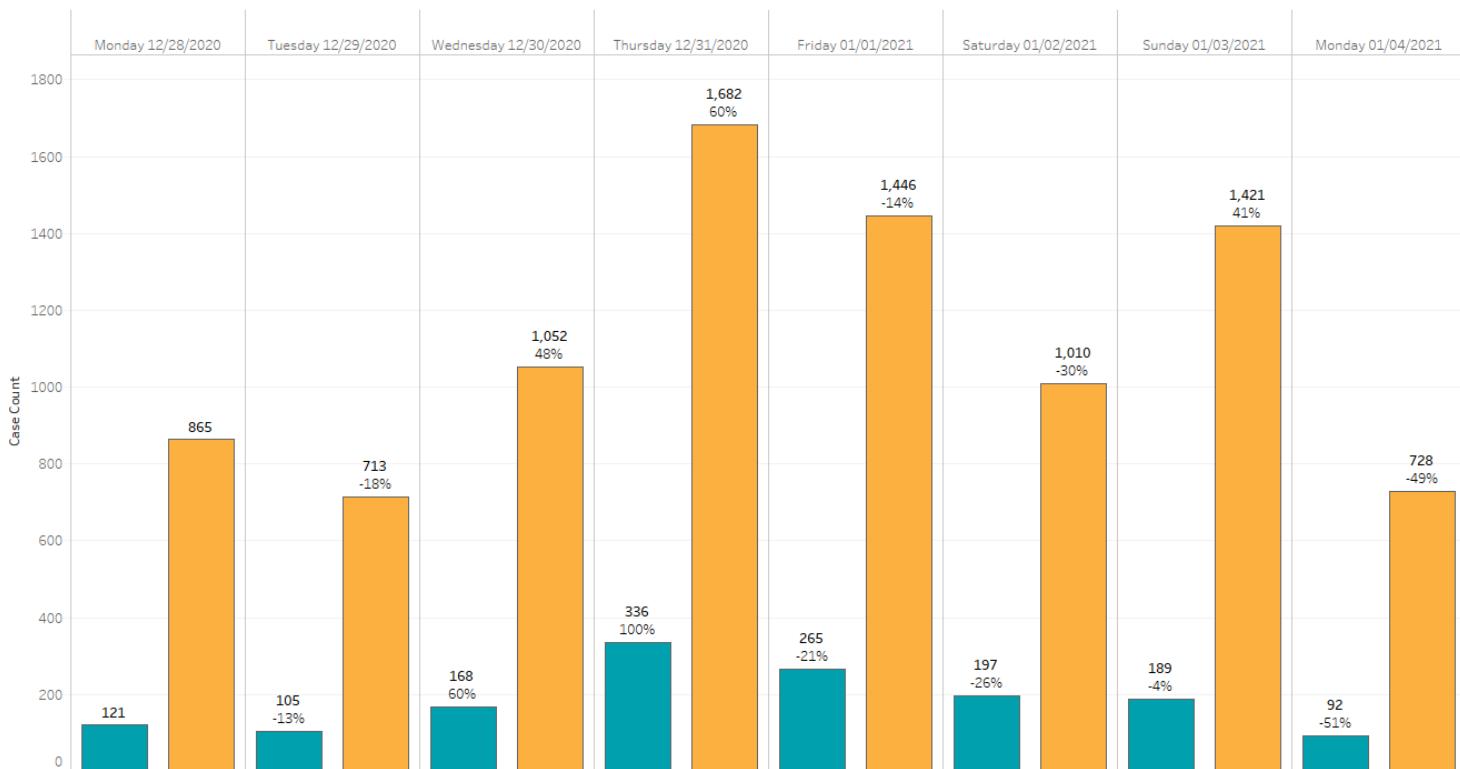
## ***Vaccine Resources***

- CDC [Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](#). Last Updated October 29, 2020.
- CDC [COVID-19 Vaccination FAQ](#).
- State of Oregon [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#). Last updated November 6, 2020.
- OHA [Phase 1a Vaccine Sequencing Plan](#). Last Updated Dec 18, 2020.
- OHA [vaccine information](#).
- CDC vaccine [tracker](#).
- CDC vaccine [information](#).

- OHA vaccine [dashboard](#).
- [Página del OHA sobre la vacuna](#).
- OHA vaccine [information](#).
- OHA [vaccination](#) FAQ.
- OHA [guidance](#) on what you need to know about the new COVID-19 vaccines.
- Multnomah County [updated](#) vaccine page.

## B. SITUATION SUMMARY

New Oregon and Multnomah County COVID-19 Cases per day



### OVERVIEW

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

- Multnomah County announced the distribution of \$5.3 million in CARES Act funding for restaurants impacted by COVID-19; New York's governor wants to make it a crime to sell or administer COVID-19 vaccines to people trying to skip the line; Parents and teachers opposed to resuming in-person learning staged a memorial outside of Oregon school district offices for teachers and children killed by COVID-19.

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

- As of January 4, there are 477 confirmed Coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On January 5, [KATU reported](#) that the Pacific Northwest region is at roughly 80 percent hospital capacity for intensive care beds.

- On January 4, [Multnomah County announced](#) the distribution of \$5.3 million in CARES Act funding for restaurants impacted by COVID-19.
- On January 4, [KATU reported](#) on a demonstration held in Washington in support of restaurants defying Governor Inslee's COVID-19 restrictions.
- On January 3, [KGW reported](#) that parents and teachers opposed to resuming in-person learning staged a memorial outside of Oregon school district offices for teachers and children killed by COVID-19.
- On January 3, [KATU reported](#) on the Federal Drug Administration's (FDA) voiding of fines for a Portland distillery selling hand sanitizer.
- On January 2, [KGW reported](#) on a COVID-19 outbreak in Vancouver, WA that resulted in positive cases for new patients who had not previously tested positive for COVID-19.
- On January 2, [KGW reported](#) that the [WA Notify](#) app is alerting users of COVID-19 exposures.
- On January 2, [KGW reported](#) that Mt. Hood Meadows is planning to crack down on those who fail to meet face mask requirements.
- On January 1, [KGW reported](#) on the premature release of OHA's COVID-19 contact tracing app.

### **National and International News**

- On January 5, [CNN reported](#) that hospitals are already overwhelmed. Now some states are beginning to feel the impact of holiday gatherings.
- On January 5, [CNN reported](#) that anger as Mexico's COVID-19 czar makes beach trip amid worst days of pandemic.
- On January 5, [The Atlantic reported](#) on the four numbers that make the pandemic's massive death toll sink in.
- On January 5, [The Washington Post reported](#) that Los Angeles is running out of oxygen for patients.
- On January 4, [The Los Angeles Times reported](#) that ambulance crews were told not to transport patients who have little chance of survival.
- On January 4, [BBC reported](#) that new lockdowns were issued for England and Scotland.
- On January 4, [National Geographic reported](#) what vaccines mean for the return of travel.
- On January 3, [ABC News reported](#) that there's no running away from the numbers Dr. Fauci laments with surging COVID-19 deaths as Trump claims it is fake news.
- On January 3, [Politico reported](#) that the surgeon general defends integrity of COVID-19 numbers.
- On January 2, [The Atlantic reported](#) that growing old alone and isolation has taken a tremendous emotional toll on many older Americans.
- On January 2, [USA Today reported](#) that three states and 33 counties have identified the more contagious COVID-19 strain.
- On January 1, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that the year ended with a record-setting month for COVID-19 in the US.
- On January 1, [NBC News reported](#) that doctors and nurses can't take much more amid COVID-19 surge in Southern California.
- On January 1, [The Los Angeles Times reported](#) that people who are coughing, sneezing, vomiting, and/or visibly ill are still going on planes.

- On January 1, [CNN reported that](#) the US surpasses 20 million COVID-19 cases while experts foresee tough times in January.
- On December 31, [NBC News reported](#) that millions of Americans moved during the pandemic and most aren't looking back.
- On December 31, [VOX reported](#) that the US started 2020 by flattening the curve and never came up with a plan for what comes next.

## C. PARTNER INFORMATION

### STATE

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

- OHA [guidance](#) on best way to build immunity against COVID-19.
- OHA [releases](#) information on more free community testing events added in January.

## D. 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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