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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). Neither the City (nor any other employer) has authority to determine their own prioritization categories.

Here is what we know as of today:

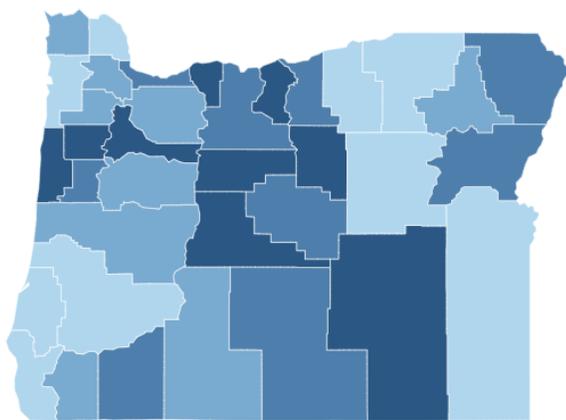
- Phase 1A Group 1 includes Emergency Medical Providers, fire, law enforcement and 911 dispatchers that must work in-person and have significantly higher workplace exposure risks. Starting Dec 31 and through the beginning of February, Portland Fire & Rescue will self-administer their allocation of vaccines 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.
 - Homeless provider staff have recently been approved in Phase 1a in Multnomah County. At least 800 provider staff have received vaccines. Additional shelter and outreach provider staff and volunteers will be included in future vaccine events.
 - As of Jan 22, PF&R had administered Round 1 doses to all 1a recipients it had been requested to by Multnomah County. PF&R will begin administering Round 2 doses February 8.
 - As of Jan 26, at least 56,000 1a workers in the metro area have yet to receive a first dose. The Oregon Health Authority has said the state thus far has sent 48% of all vaccine doses to the metro region, which has 43% of the state's population and a high concentration of health care centers. Governor Brown has said that the metro region will receive roughly 60% of all COVID-19 doses next week. This will allow the remainder of 1a populations in the metro area to receive their first dose over the next few weeks.
- Phase 1B includes "frontline essential workers". OHA's Vaccine Advisory Committee, representing community perspectives, will identify and prioritize phases 1b, 1c and 2 of the state's vaccine distribution plan, with the goal of prioritizing communities most affected by COVID-19. They are expected to conclude this prioritization work in early February.
 - As of Jan 25, OHA announced that childcare providers, K-12 school and school district staff are eligible as the first group of Phase 1b. This group includes approximately 850,000 people statewide. OHA has authorized clinics to begin vaccinating 1b populations ahead of completing 1a vaccinations. The vaccination clinic at the Oregon Convention Center operated by Kaiser has been directed to exclusively serve this educator group.
 - Currently, elementary schools are the only segment of the K-12 education sector eligible to reopen schools in the metro region according to state school reopening metrics.
 - **On Jan 27, Portland Public Schools (PPS) issued communications to staff and community partners about their vaccine program prioritization, organized into four Waves. Parks childhood program, SUN school and food pantry staff are included in Wave 1 of this program. PPS will be offering vaccines to staff progressively beginning with elementary school teachers, community partners, and other campus support staff, followed by teachers in progressively higher grades. Their goal is to restart in-person pre-K through 2nd grade instruction by April 8.**

- On Jan 31, the OHA Vaccine Advisory Committee met for its fourth and final meeting. They recommended four groups move forward concurrently once Oregon has vaccinated a critical mass of seniors. Those groups would be:
 - Adults 16-64 with underlying health conditions
 - Front-line workers (to be defined)
 - Adults and youth in custody 16 years and older
 - People living in low income and congregate senior housing
 - People who live in multigenerational households would be next in line behind these groups, followed by the general population.
- City staff who fall into the above health or age-related high-risk categories would be eligible to receive the vaccine earlier than they would otherwise. We do not yet know those vaccine doses 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. **Metro area public health departments** are 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 these departments 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. Please to continue wearing face coverings at all times when working indoors, and when in the presence of others while working outside. Never come to work when experiencing illness symptoms. Speak up when colleagues are not following these directives. We are all responsible for our workplace safety culture.

Oregon’s Vaccination Trend: Doses Administered by Day as of February 1.

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

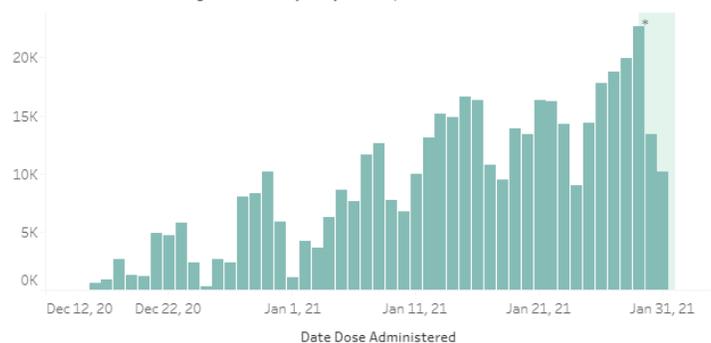


People vaccinated per 10,000: lighter colors represent counties with lower vaccination rates, while darker colors represent counties with higher vaccination rates.

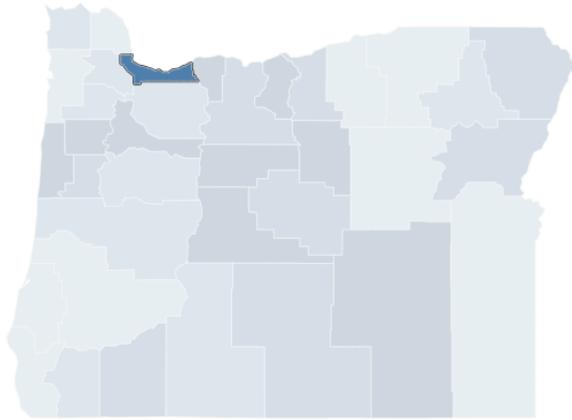
People Vaccinated	ALL LOCATIONS	
272,467	80,561	353,028
Series In Progress	Fully Vaccinated	Total People

Doses Administered by Day

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People Vaccinated by County: Multnomah County as of February 1.

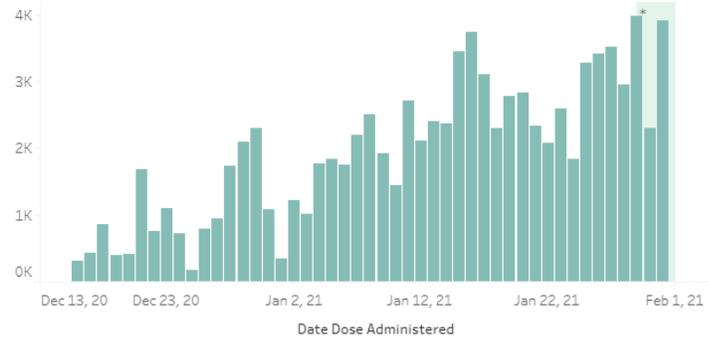


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People Vaccinated	MULTNOMAH	
51,575	19,181	70,756
Series In Progress	Fully Vaccinated	Total People

Doses Administered by Day

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

Local and Regional News

- On February 2, [KOIN reported](#) that some Oregon veterans are frustrated by inconsistencies in vaccine distribution.
- On February 2, [OPB reported](#) that, though there are exceptions, employers could likely require a COVID-19 vaccination, but that many are not.
- On February 1, [KATU reported](#) that virus experts with Portland State University are saying that the one-shot, Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine could be a “game changer”.
- On February 1, [KPTV published](#) an article comparing COVID-19 vaccines.
- On February 1, [KGW reported](#) that some seniors are having trouble navigating COVID-19 vaccination in Oregon.
- On February 1, [KPTV reported](#) that local firefighters, EMTs (emergency medical technicians), and paramedics are assisting counties in administering COVID-19 vaccines across the state.
- On February 1, [KPTV reported](#) that both Oregon and Washington have big vaccination goals for February.
- On January 31, [KGW reported](#) that although both Oregon and Washington will receive more COVID-19 doses to deliver this week, signing up for a vaccine is still difficult.
- On January 30, [Willamette Week reported](#) that women are receiving COVID-19 vaccines at almost twice the rate of men.
- On January 30, the [Washington State Department of Health announced](#) that COVID-19 vaccine registration is open for two weeks.
- On January 28, [KATU reported](#) that OHA estimates it will take 3-4 months to vaccinate healthcare workers, seniors and educators.
- On January 28, [Oregon Live reported](#) on the legal and practical barriers faced by Oregon’s Vaccine Advisory Committee.
- On January 28, [KPTV reported](#) call takers at 211 Info are helping thousands of Oregonians with

COVID-19 vaccine questions.

- On January 28, [KOIN reported](#) that with just days left to submit recommendations on who should receive the COVID-19 vaccine next, [OHA's Vaccine Advisory Committee](#) came to a decision. The recommendations suggest that adults age 16-64 with underlying health conditions, frontline workers who cannot work from home, adults and youth (16+) in custody, people living in low-income and congregate senior housing, and those living in multigenerational households should receive the vaccine before it's offered to the general public.

National and International News

- On February 2, [USA Today reported](#) that only 38% of nursing home workers accepted COVID-19 vaccines, new data shows.
- On February 2, [Politico reported](#) that the Biden administration to begin shipping vaccine doses directly to pharmacies.
- On February 2, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that the Russian COVID-19 vaccine was highly effective in trial, study finds, boosting Moscow's rollout, the Sputnik V shot achieved 91.6% efficacy against COVID-19 symptoms.
- On February 1, [CNN reported](#) that the Biden administration says it will not conduct immigration enforcement near COVID-19 vaccine sites.
- On February 1, [CNN reported](#) that Dr. Fauci urges vaccinations to help stop new virus strains; viruses cannot mutate if they don't replicate.
- On February 1, [Reuters reported](#) that Bayer and Rentschler to help produce CureVac's COVID-19 vaccine.
- On February 1, [NBC News reported](#) that northeast blizzard complicates COVID-19 vaccination efforts.
- On January 31, [NBC News reported](#) that COVID-19 vaccine rollout in disarray in US and abroad.
- On January 31, [CNBC reported](#) that former Biden COVID-19 advisor says US should prioritize first vaccine doses ahead of potential surge.
- On January 30, [Bloomberg reported](#) that computer-shy elderly are shouldered aside in vaccination race.
- On January 29, [NPR reported](#) that In Philadelphia, a scandal erupts over vaccination startup led by 22-year old.
- On January 29, [Bloomberg reported](#) that variants spreading in US fan the need to crush COVID-19 quickly.
- On January 28, [The Los Angeles Times reports](#) that no bathrooms, no seating, endless lines, struggling seniors face vaccine misery.

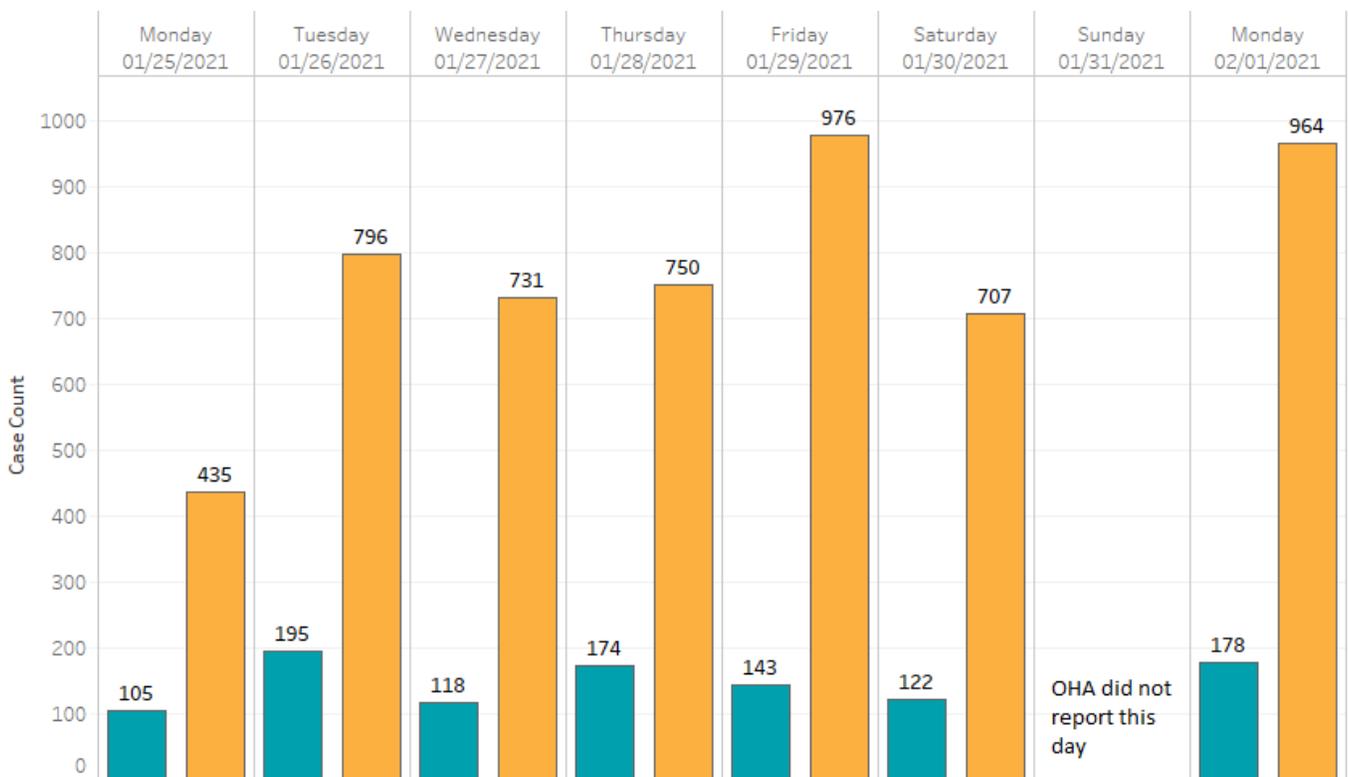
Vaccine Resources

- 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

Call takers at 211 Info are helping thousands of Oregonians with COVID-19 vaccine questions. Computer-shy elderly are shouldered aside in vaccination race; Oregon schools are noticing more students with an interest in the medical field—a trend referred to as the “Facui effect”.

Local and Regional News

- As of February 2, there are 262 confirmed coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On February 2, [KPTV reported](#) that the widow of a 43-year old Salem man who died from COVID-19 complications hopes to raise awareness about the risk the virus poses to younger

people.

- On February 1, [OPB reported](#) that a COVID-19 outbreak in Multnomah County has sickened 81 incarcerated people.
- On February 1, [OPB reported](#) that Portland State University is training bilingual students to become contact tracers.
- On February 1, [KATU reported](#) that the nationwide mask mandate helps Oregon's TSA workers.
- On February 1, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon schools are noticing more students with an interest in the medical field—a trend referred to as the “Fauci effect”.
- On February 1, [KPTV reported](#) on a Portland State University researcher discussing why the COVID-19 variant is more transmissible.
- On January 31, [KATU reported](#) that Portland parents continue to hold rallies aimed at speeding up the reopening of schools.
- On January 31, [KPTV reported](#) that Portland Public Schools are planning to return to in-person learning by April 8.
- On January 31, [KOIN reported](#) that with the loosening of some COVID-19 restrictions, some businesses may begin to reopen.
- On January 31, [KOIN reported](#) that the Beaverton School District is offering weekly COVID-19 testing to students exhibiting symptoms of the virus.
- On January 29, [OHA updated its data dashboards](#) to include pre-existing conditions of some Oregonians who have died with COVID-19.
- On January 29, [KOIN reported](#) that COVID-19 case rates in Oregon are trending down as new strains begin surfacing in various counties.
- On January 28, [Oregon Live reported](#) that recent visitors to a Camas hair salon may have been exposed to COVID-19.

National and International News

- On February 2, [Reuters reported](#) that over half in New Delhi may have had COVID-19, government survey suggests.
- On February 2, [NBC News reported](#) that unemployment aid backlog is dire for millions of Americans.
- On February 1, [USA Today reported](#) that Biden's bet on rapid COVID-19 home testing starts with \$230 million deal with Australian company.
- On February 1, [The Associated Press reported](#) that COVID-19 cases down as US ends deadliest month.
- On February 1, [Time reported](#) on what America's richest ski town's handling of COVID-19 says about the country.
- On February 1, [BGR reported](#) that doctors just found an even scarier new coronavirus infection.
- On February 1, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that grocery workers, delivery drivers and others have continued reporting to work during the year of COVID19. Now, months in, many are feeling a mix of frustration, exhaustion, and determination.
- On January 30, [CNN reported](#) can the arrival of new coronavirus variants scare Americans into better pandemic behavior?

- On January 30, [CBS News reported](#) that the CDC mandates masks be worn on planes and public transportation starting Monday, February 1 at 11:59pm.
- On January 29, [CNN reported](#) that infectious disease expert says anti-science movement set up US for worse pandemic.

C. PARTNER INFORMATION

STATE

Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- OHA [releases](#) new COVID-19 forecast.
- OHA [guidance](#) on emotional support.
- OHA [guidance](#) on how to be super safe when you watch the Super Bowl this year.
- OHA [announces](#) Oregon counties have new outdoor dining guidance.

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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