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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:

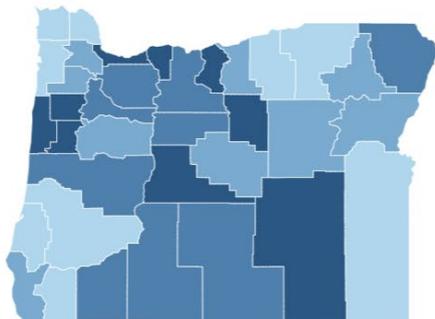
- Phase 1A Group 1 includes Emergency Medical Providers, fire, law enforcement and 911 dispatchers that must work in-person and have significantly higher workplace exposure risks. Starting Dec 31 and through the beginning of February, Portland Fire & Rescue will self-administer their allocation of vaccines 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 complete Round 2 doses to the same groups as before, by February 19.**
 - The remainder of 1a populations in the metro area will 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.
- **OHA will need to define the “front-line workers” group over the coming weeks.**
- 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.

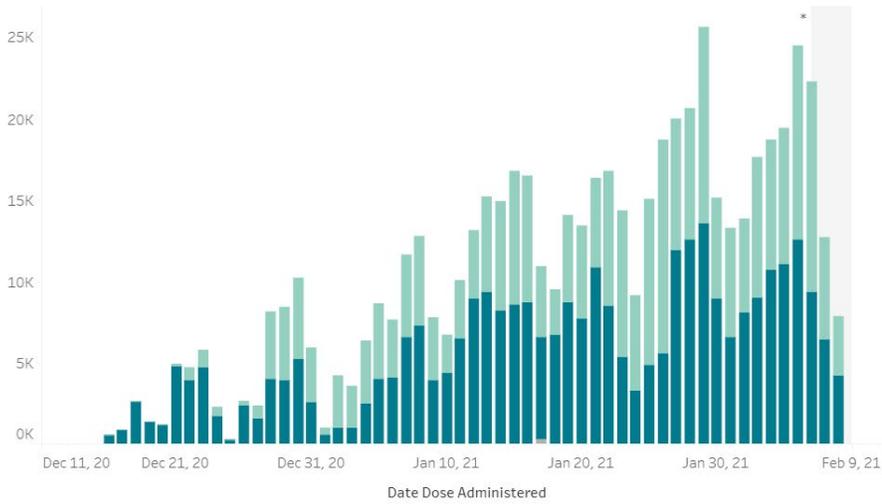
Oregon’s Vaccination Trend: Doses Administered by Day as of February 9.

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.



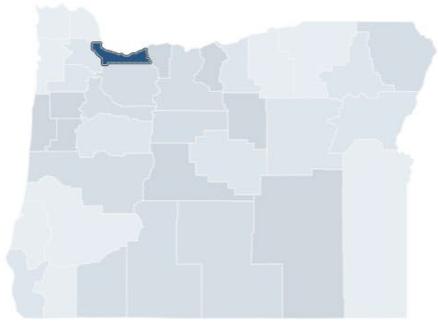


Doses Administered

ALL LOCATIONS

319,392 Pfizer Doses
268,743 Moderna Doses
603 Unspecified
588,738 Total Doses

People Vaccinated by County: Multnomah County as of February 9.



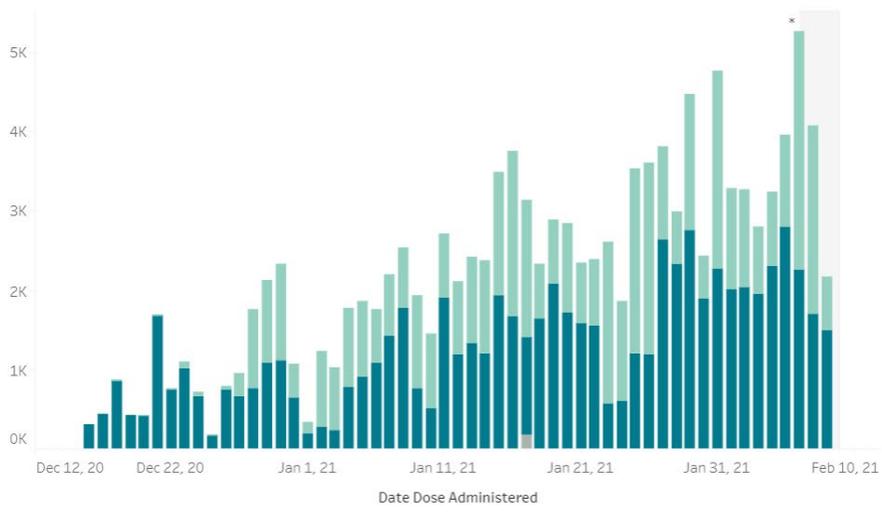
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People Vaccinated

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59,858 Series In Progress
30,488 Fully Vaccinated
90,346 Total People

Note: 19,635 people vaccinated have an address on file that is outside of Oregon.



Doses Administered

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70,689 Pfizer Doses
52,089 Moderna Doses
208 Unspecified
122,986 Total Doses

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

Local and Regional News

- On February 9, [KATU reported](#) on a warning issued by Tillamook County regarding COVID-19 vaccine scams.
- On February 9, [King 5 reported](#) on what you need to know about COVID-19 in Washington today.
- On February 8, [King 5 published](#) a list of mass COVID-19 vaccination sites in western Washington.
- On February 8, [King County published](#) an “Is It True? COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Checking” resource.
- On February 8, the [Washington State Department of Health announced](#) that over 25,000 people have received COVID-19 vaccinations at the state’s mass vaccination clinic.
- On February 8, [OregonLive reported](#) that both Fred Meyer and QFC have agreed to pay their employees \$100 if they get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- On February 8, [OregonLive published](#) an article on how to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine as seniors 80 years and older become eligible.
- On February 8, [KGW reported](#) that the COVID-19 vaccine rollout for seniors 80 years and older is off to a rocky start with the online tool used to make reservations opening several hours earlier than projected.
- On February 8, [OregonLive reported](#) that all COVID-19 vaccination appointments were full within the first 2.5 hours of being available.
- On February 7, [KOMO News](#) reported that the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Washington may slowly increase in the coming weeks.
- On February 7, [KGW reported](#) that although Oregonians 80 years and older are now eligible to sign up for COVID-19 vaccination, only about three percent of them will receive a vaccine this week due to limited supply.
- On February 5, [KGW reported](#) that the State has adjusted projected timelines for senior vaccinations; if the state can maintain the supply of vaccines, the state could have enough to vaccinate 75 percent of eligible Oregon groups by early April.
- On February 5, [OPB reported](#) that as the COVID-19 toll climbs in Eastern Oregon, some leaders are questioning equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine.
- On February 4, [KOIN reported](#) that the director of OHA warned legislatures to expect “chaos” as Oregon enters phase 1B of vaccinations.
- On February 4, [KGW reported](#) that thousands of Oregon seniors in assisted living facilities are still waiting for COVID-19 vaccines after Governor Brown mistakenly claimed all seniors in assisted living facilities had already received their first COVID-19 vaccination shot.
- On February 4, [Seattle Times reported](#) that Governor Inslee defended his latest reopening plan following extensive criticism.

National and International News

- On February 9, [NBC News reported](#) that the CDC plans national COVID-19 vaccination forum to reassert federal leadership.
- On February 8, [NBC News reported](#) that Pfizer hopes to cut vaccine manufacturing time by almost half.
- On February 8, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that demand for COVID-19 vaccines overwhelms state health providers.

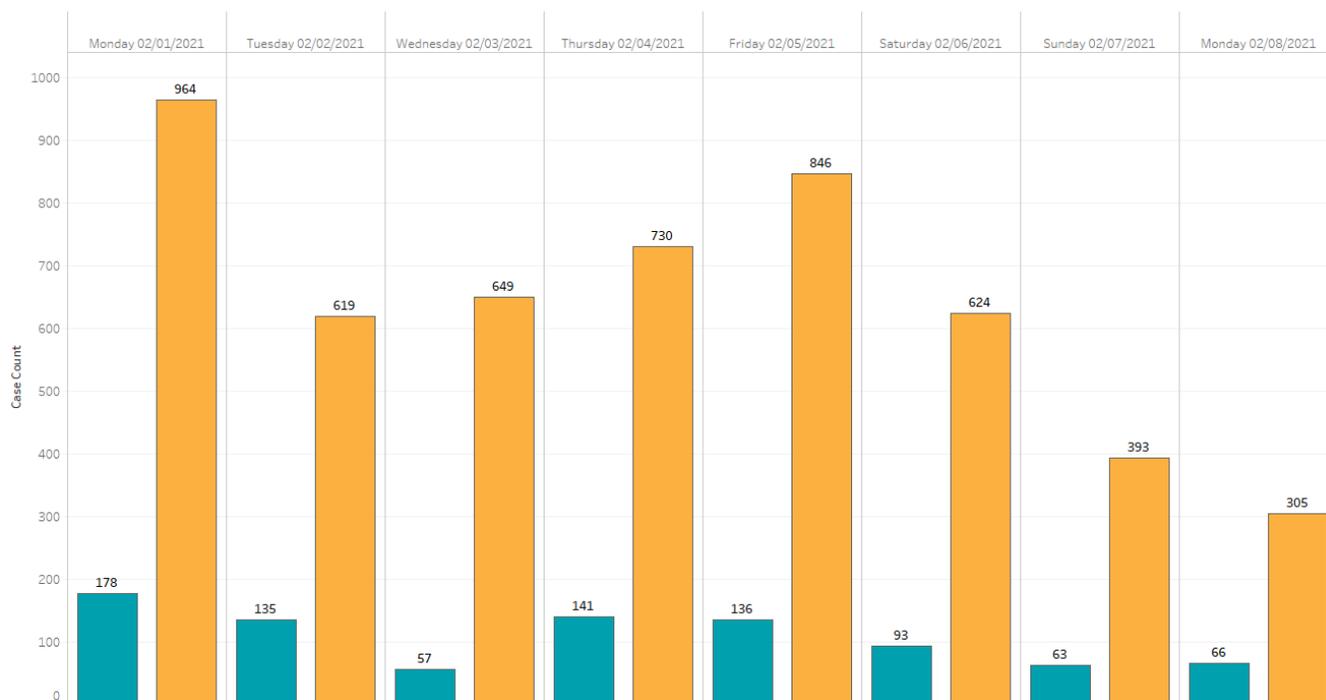
- On February 8, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that the grandparents have gotten their COVID-19 vaccine, is it finally okay to visit them?
- On February 7, [CBS News reported](#) that more COVID-19 vaccine mega sites open nationwide, including at Yankee Stadium.
- On February 7, [STAT reported](#) that South Africa halts rollout of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine after shot falters against variant.
- On February 6, [CNN reported](#) that states are looking to help their vulnerable communities as vaccine distribution ramps up.
- On February 6, [The San Diego Union Tribune reported](#) that life after the COVID-19 vaccine is a relief, but no get out of jail free card.
- On February 5, [NBC News reported](#) that rural community in shock after Georgia raids clinic vaccinating teachers.
- On February 5, [Politico reported](#) that Biden to use Defense Production Act to increase supply of COVID-19 vaccines and tests.
- On February 5, [NPR reported](#) that across the south COVID-19 vaccine sites are missing from Black And Hispanic neighborhoods.
- On February 4, [CNN reported](#) on here's why that second coronavirus shot can be such a doozy.
- On February 4, [Bloomberg reported](#) on when will life return to normal, in seven years at today's vaccine rates.

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.
- OHSU [vaccine](#) information.
- 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

Portland-metro area counties are on the verge of leaving the “extreme risk” category; Oregonians 80 years and older are now eligible to sign up for COVID-19 vaccination, only about three percent of them will receive a vaccine this week due to limited supply; Pfizer hopes to cut vaccine manufacturing time by almost half; CDC plans national COVID-19 vaccination forum to reassert federal leadership.

Local and Regional News

- As of February 9, there are 226 confirmed coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On February 9, [Governor Kate Brown announced](#) that with [12 counties](#) improving in risk level, 10 have moved from the “extreme risk” category for the first time in months. New county risk levels will go into effect on Friday, February 12.
- On February 9, [OPB reported](#) that the Sky Lakes Medical Center in Klamath Falls has hit its capacity for COVID-19 patients for the first time since the pandemic’s inception.
- On February 8, [OregonLive reported](#) that preliminary data shows that some restaurants, gyms and bars in Portland are preparing to reopen some indoor activities starting Friday.
- On February 8, [KATU reported](#) that Portland-metro area counties are on the verge of leaving the “extreme risk” category.
- On February 8, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon hospitals are re-examining some of its PPE after counterfeit N95 masks found in Washington hospitals.
- On February 8, [KATU reported](#) that the eviction moratorium that allowed relief to renters is the cause of landlords and property owners facing billions in unpaid rent.

- On February 8, [KATU reported](#) that Estacada School District is now offering rapid COVID-19 tests to staff and students with symptoms.
- On February 8, [KATU reported](#) that some students in Estacada will begin hybrid learning.
- On February 8, [KGW reported](#) that Willamette Valley Winery has introduced igloo-like bubbles to allow guests to enjoy socially-distanced outdoor tastings.
- On February 8, [KOIN reported](#) on an incident that took place in an Inverness Jail after an incarcerated person inquired about a COVID-19 test.
- On February 8, [AP News reported](#) that on Monday, Governor Inslee signed a bill that will increase the minimum weekly benefits for unemployed workers and prevent a dramatic increase in unemployment taxes paid by businesses amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On February 7, [KATU reported](#) that although the Metro-area is nearing the threshold for a lower risk category, restaurant owners are still hesitant about the likelihood of it occurring sustainably or at all.
- On February 7, [Tacoma Public Schools announced](#) that first and second grade students will soon begin four days of in-person learning.
- On February 7, [OregonLive published an article](#) about one leader of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs fighting to protect tribal members from COVID-19.
- On February 7, [KATU reported](#) that some Portland gyms are reopening before meeting all of the Governor's "extreme risk" guidelines.
- On February 7, [KATU reported](#) that the Washington State Hospital Association found that hundreds of thousands of its recently purchased N95 masks are counterfeits.
- On February 6, [OPB published](#) an illustrated guide on Oregon's plan to beat COVID-19.
- On February 5, [Governor Kate Brown announced](#) updates on COVID-19 in Oregon.
- On February 4, [KOIN reported](#) that some Portland Public School teachers and union members are asking the district to survey families of color before allowing in-person instruction.
- On February 4, [OregonLive reported](#) on the OLCC's suspension of a liquor license for one Canby restaurant that allowed mask-free indoor dining.
- On February 4, [KGW reported](#) on the current state of Portland restaurants as they adjust to a "yo-yo" of COVID-19 restrictions.
- On February 4, [OPB reported](#) that some Oregon students are testing the limits of "limited" in-person instruction (LIPI).

National and International News

- On February 9, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that WHO announced that coronavirus likely came from an animal, not leaked from a laboratory.
- On February 9, [USA Today reported](#) a study shows that patients with dementia are more at risk of COVID-19 infection, Black Americans disproportionately so.
- On February 9, [CNN reported](#) that COVID-19 numbers are getting better, but letting your guard down could be an open invitation for highly contagious variants to trample the US erasing the progress made.
- On February 8, [USA Today reported](#) that Delta Airlines plans to block middle seats through April to give passengers complete confidence.
- On February 8, [CNN reported](#) that despite dip in COVID-19 cases, expert says US is in the eye of the hurricane as variants spread.
- On February 8, [CNN reported](#) that Texas Congressman Ron Wright dies following COVID-19 diagnosis.

- On February 8, [The Los Angeles Times reported](#) that her COVID-19 treatment cost more than \$1 million, who's going to pay for it.
- On February 7, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that as COVID-19 vaccines raise hope, cold reality dawns that illness is likely here to stay.
- On February 6, [CNN reported](#) how Dubai is paying the price for letting in tourists.
- On February 5, [CNN reported](#) if you've had COVID-19, here's what you should know about vaccines, variants and more.
- On February 5, [The Miami Herald reported](#) TSA announced the possibility of being fined up to \$1,500 if you refuse to wear a mask while traveling.
- On February 4, [The Atlantic reported](#) that the pandemic is in tenuous retreat, new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths all dropped this week.

C. PARTNER INFORMATION

STATE

Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- OHA [announces](#) new options are available to help ages 80 and older find vaccine information.
- OHA [guidance](#) on vaccine updates from Friday's news conference.
- OHA [guidance](#) getting COVID-19 is not your fault.
- OHA [guidance](#) on adults in custody now included in Phase 1a vaccination.
- OHA [guidance](#) in case you missed it, Facebook Live Q&A on schools. Watch the video in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).
- OHA [announces](#) Oregon surpasses 2,000 COVID-19 related deaths.
- OHA [guidance](#) on grief and mental health support resources.
- OHA [announces](#) COVID-19 nurse hotline to help Oregon childcare providers with COVID-19 questions.

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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