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A. VACCINE NEWS AND RESOURCES

CITY EMPLOYEE VACCINATION UPDATE

Oregon Residents and Workers

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. In all, OHA expects that between 300,000 and 400,000 individuals will have access to COVID-19 vaccination during Phase 1a. It is expected that it will take several months to distribute enough vaccine to immunize all Phase 1a recipients. The remainder of 1a populations in the metro area will receive their first dose over the next few weeks.
 - As of Jan 22, PF&R had administered Round 1 doses to all 1a recipients it had been requested to by Multnomah County, as well as doses offered to the City's sworn staff, Portland Police sworn staff and BOEC dispatchers. PF&R will complete Round 2 doses to the same groups as before, by February 19.
 - Parks Aquatics lifeguards have signed up for vaccines under the 1a other medical designation.
- Phase 1B Group:
 - 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 these groups will be available.
- OHA will define the “front-line workers” group by the end of February.
- Phase 1C includes “other essential workers”. The CDC has recommended that this Phase include water and wastewater utility workers, transportation workers, IT & Communication, Finance, Shelter & Housing, Legal, Public Safety (Engineers) and other Essential Workers not included in Phase 1B. OHA set the definition of Phase 1C later, possibly in March or April. Metro area public health departments are working on several additional paths for critical and essential employees to receive vaccinations 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.

PORTLAND METRO VACCINE SITES

- [Oregon Convention Center \(OCC\)](#)
- [PDX Airport Red Economy Parking Lot clinic](#)
- [OHSU clinic](#)

Oregon Vaccine Resources

- State of Oregon [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#).
- OHA [Phase 1a Vaccine Sequencing Plan](#).
- OHA [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 [vaccine page](#).
- Community members with technology or language barriers who are experiencing difficulty registering for vaccine appointments despite being eligible can get help in Multnomah County by calling 503-988-8939 or covidvaccineinfo@multco.us.
- NPR/OPB [vaccine tool](#).

Washington Residents

- In Washington the vaccine is available to anyone 65 and older, and all people 50 and older who also live in a multigenerational household. This is in addition to populations eligible during phase 1A including health care workers at high risk for COVID-19 infection, first responders, people who live or work in long-term care facilities, and all other workers in health settings who are at risk of COVID-19.
- Residents must have proof of eligibility for COVID-19 vaccine before approaching any provider.

VANCOUVER METRO VACCINE SITES

- For specific locations for Vancouver metro area vaccines, see Washington Vaccine Resources (below).

Washington Vaccine Resources

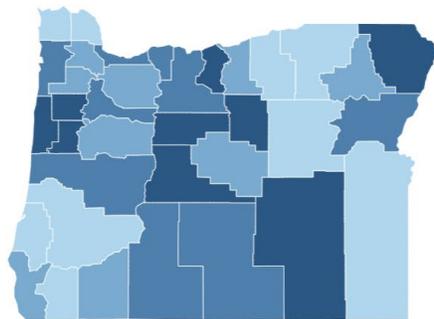
- [Washington Vaccine Information.](#)

NATIONAL VACCINE RESOURCES

- CDC [essential worker guidance webpage.](#)
- CDC vaccine [information.](#)
- CDC [Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations.](#)
- CDC [COVID-19 Vaccination FAQ.](#)
- CDC vaccine [tracker.](#)

Oregon’s Vaccination Trend: Doses Administered by Day as of February 23.

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

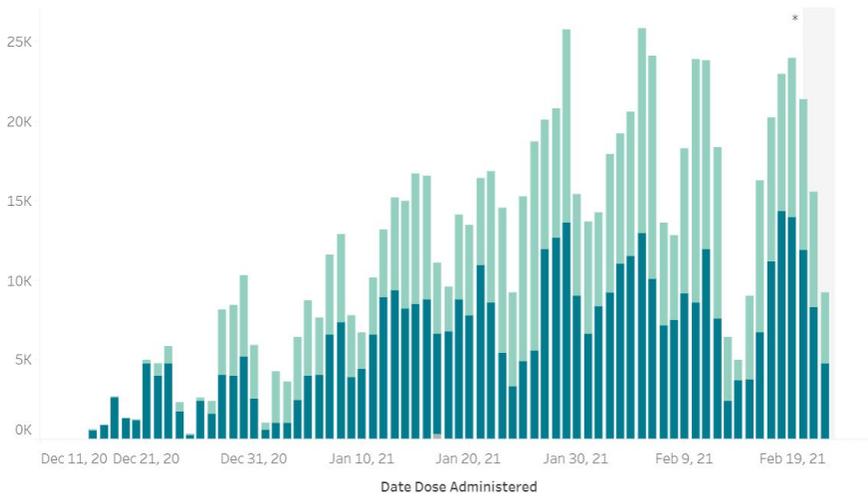
ALL LOCATIONS

266,162 Series In Progress

282,236 Fully Vaccinated

548,398 Total People

Note: 23,715 people vaccinated have an address on file that is outside of Oregon.

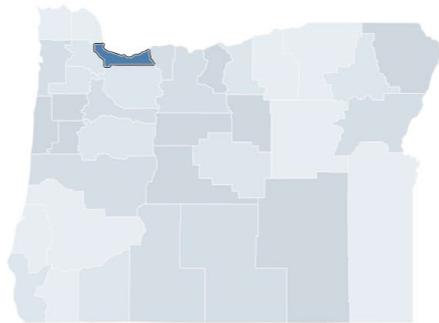


Doses Administered

ALL LOCATIONS

444,078 Pfizer Doses
391,245 Moderna Doses
750 Unspecified
836,073 Total Doses

People Vaccinated by County: Multnomah County as of February 23.



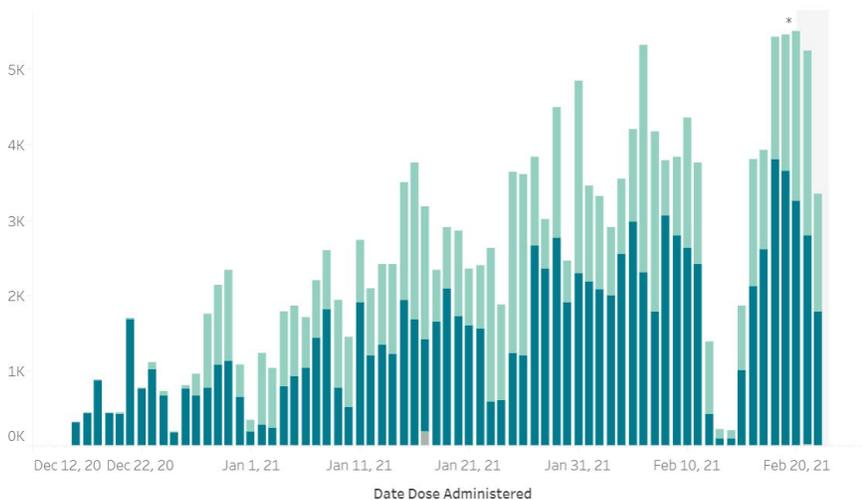
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People Vaccinated

MULTNOMAH

51,912 Series In Progress
60,220 Fully Vaccinated
112,132 Total People

Note: 23,715 people vaccinated have an address on file that is outside of Oregon.



Doses Administered

MULTNOMAH

102,608 Pfizer Doses
71,602 Moderna Doses
245 Unspecified
174,455 Total Doses

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

Local and Regional Vaccine Related News

- On February 23, [OPB reported](#) that almost all Oregonians in long-term care have received their 1st dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- On February 23, [King 5 reported](#) that a subcommittee in Washington will meet to discuss vaccine availability.
- On February 23, [King 5 reported](#) that King County vaccination sites are reopening following weather-related shutdowns.
- On February 23, [King 5 updated](#) an article listing the mass COVID-19 vaccination sites in western Washington.
- On February 22, [King 5 reported](#) that the Office of the Insurance Commissioner of Washington wants to know, “did you pay for a COVID-19 vaccine?”.
- On February 22, [King 5 updated](#) a report that Washington seniors are frustrated with the lack of COVID-19 vaccination appointments.
- On February 22, [Seattle Times reported](#) that some Washington state providers will receive double COVID-19 vaccines following last week’s storm delays.
- On February 22, [KPTV reported](#) that websites for vaccination appointments in Oregon slowed down on Monday, as thousands more became eligible.
- On February 22, [KPTV reported](#) that Oregon seniors remain frustrated by the state’s vaccine rollout.
- On February 22, [KGW reported](#) that nearly 400 people in the BIPOC community who qualified received the COVID-19 vaccine Friday, February 19 at a Multnomah County sponsored COVID-19 vaccination clinic.
- On February 22, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon seniors are competing to secure limited COVID-19 vaccine appointments.
- On February 22, [OPB reported](#) that Oregonians 70 years and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- On February 22, the [Washington State Department of Health announced](#) new hours for the state’s COVID-19 information hotline.
- On February 21, [KATU reported](#) that COVID-19 vaccine experts in Portland are debating the use of one dose instead of two.
- On February 20, [KGW reported](#) that some community members with Down Syndrome feel left out of Washington’s COVID-19 vaccine plan.
- On February 20, the [Washington State Department of Health announced](#) the forced closure of mass vaccination sites due to weather-delayed vaccine shipments.
- On February 19, [KGW reported](#) on an updated article listing the chain pharmacies that will offer COVID-19 vaccines in Washington.
- On February 19, [KGW reported](#) that OHA blames the CDC for the fact that some Oregon residents in adult foster homes have not been vaccinated.
- On February 19, [KGW reported](#) that some Beaverton high school students are helping seniors sign up for COVID-19 vaccination appointments.
- On February 19, [KGW updated a report](#) that over 1200 adult care homes in Oregon are still

awaiting COVID-19 vaccines.

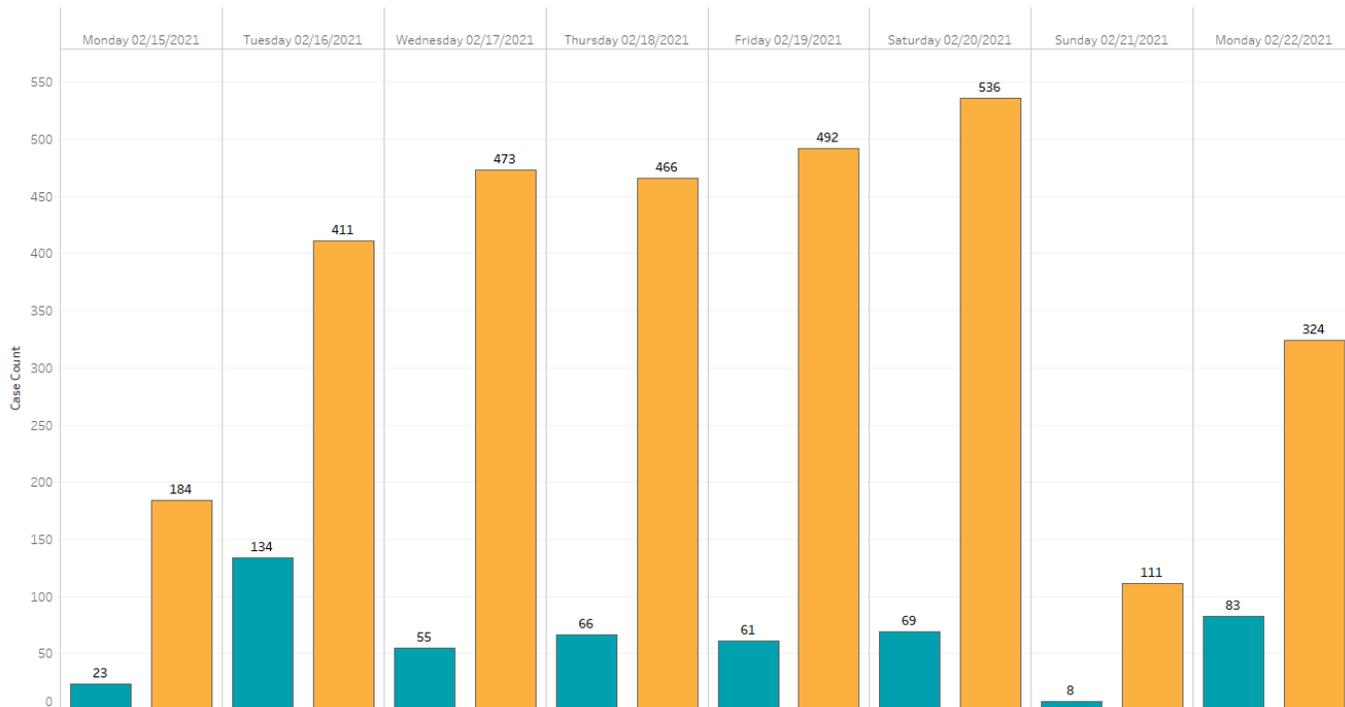
- On February 19, [KGW reported](#) that 80 percent of incarcerated Oregonians have opted-in for COVID-19 vaccinations as the state continues with vaccinations.
- On February 19, [OPB reported](#) that, according to local health authorities, weather delays will not impact Oregon's vaccination timeline.
- On February 18, [KGW reported](#) that a shipment delay of about 67,000 vaccine doses for Oregon has some clinic organizers scrambling.
- On February 18, [KATU reported](#) that a Portland church held a drive-thru celebration for Ash Wednesday.
- On February 18, [Oregon Metro announced](#) that the Portland Expo Center will be available to serve as a COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinic starting Tuesday, February 23. [OHSU announced February 23 that they will not be operating a vaccine clinic at Expo given the supply problems.]
- On February 18, [KTVZ reported](#) that Health Mart pharmacies must cancel COVID-19 appointments due to delays caused by winter weather.

National and International Vaccine Related News

- On February 23, [CNBC reported](#) that manufacturers tell Congress that the US supply of COVID-19 vaccine will substantially increase next month.
- On February 23, [Business Insider reported](#) that a single shot of Pfizer and BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine reduces the risk of infection by 70%, the first real-world UK data suggests.
- On February 23, [Reuters reported](#) that Brazil approves Pfizer's COVID-19 shot, but has none to use.
- On February 23, [NBC News reported](#) why President Biden can't make states vaccinate teachers or anyone else.
- On February 22, [Associated Press reported](#) that French drug maker Sanofi to help rival produce COVID-19 vaccines.
- On February 22, [Oregon Live reported](#) on the death of an organ recipient after receiving a lung infected with COVID-19.
- On February 21, [Axios reported](#) that America's much-maligned vaccine rollout is actually going relatively well, at least compared to other wealthy countries.
- On February 20, [Bloomberg reported](#) that second-shot crunch leaves many without complete immunizations.
- On February 20, [USA Today reported](#) that after early confusion, experts say it's always better to use leftover shots than toss them.
- On February 19, [USA Today reported](#) that US sticking with two-dose COVID-19 vaccine schedule, though study suggests one shot provides good short-term protection.
- On February 19, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that The White House indicated that across the US severe winter weather delayed about six million vaccine dose shipments; and therefore, shots were delayed by three days but are now expected to arrive within the next week.

B. SITUATION SUMMARY

New Oregon and Multnomah County COVID-19 Cases per day



OVERVIEW

Significant events in this reporting period

Oregonians 70 years and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine; Starting in March, more Oregon school districts will begin returning elementary students to schools for hybrid learning; President Biden honors the half million US lives lost to COVID-19.

Local and Regional News

- As of February 23, there are 165 confirmed coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On February 23, the [Washington State Department of Health reported](#) that the state has identified its first case of the B.1.351 COVID-19 variant.
- On February 22, [OHA reported](#) that OHA en Español will host a Spanish language [Facebook Live](#) event on Wednesday, February 24, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. about the COVID-19 vaccine.
- On February 22, [Oregon Live reported](#) that the Beaverton school district plans to launch hybrid-learning for high schoolers in mid-April.
- On February 22, [KOIN reported](#) that some Portland breweries are expanding their business during the pandemic.
- On February 22, [Seattle Public Schools announced](#) a delay to the return of in-person learning until at least March 8 due to on-going union negotiations.
- On February 22, [KOIN reported](#) that restaurants on both sides of the Columbia River have opened at 25 percent capacity.

- On February 22, [KGW reported](#) that Providence Portland has zero COVID-19 patients in critical care for the first time in a year.
- On February 22, [Governor Brown](#) had flags lowered to half-staff in memory of the 500,000 who have died of COVID-19.
- On February 22, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon and Washington are handling the transition to hybrid-learning rather differently.
- On February 22, [KATU reported](#) on Portland nurses reflecting on the toll of COVID-19 after one year.
- On February 22, [Oregon Live reported](#) that, on Saturday, a server error on delayed the processing of COVID-19 test results.
- On February 21, [KOIN reported](#) that video lottery rules in Oregon irk some bar and restaurant owners.
- On February 19, [Governor Brown provided updates](#) on COVID-19 in Oregon.
- On February 18, [bizjournals reported](#) on an OHSU study showing saliva tests are effective methods for detecting COVID-19 and building community trust.
- On February 18, [KGW reported](#) that last week, an infant tested positive for COVID-19 before dying.
- On February 18, [Governor Brown announced](#) that starting in March, more Oregon school districts will begin returning elementary students to schools for hybrid learning. Moreover, the Governor intends for most elementary students to return to classrooms by the end of April.
- On February 18, the [Washington State Department of Health released an update](#) on its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.

National and International News

- On February 22, [CNN reported](#) that President Biden honors the half million US lives lost to COVID-19.
- On February 22, [Reuters reported](#) that Dr. Fauci says US political divisions contributed to 500,000 dead from COVID-19.
- On February 22, [The Atlantic reported](#) that the most likely timeline for life to return to normal, an uncertain spring, an amazing summer, a cautious fall and winter, and then, finally, relief.
- On February 22, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that a handful of tests can't detect part of the U.K. variant's genetic code. That's helping health authorities track it.
- On February 21, [USA Today reported](#) that as millions of kids skip kindergarten, the learning gap widens and schools may lose funding.
- On February 20, [CNN reported](#) that COVID-19 hospitalizations in the US dip to lowest level since November.
- On February 19, [KHN reported](#) that the feds ok'd export of millions of N95 masks as US workers cried for more.
- On February 18, [The Atlantic reported](#) that the good news of COVID-19 is sticking, for now every major pandemic indicator has been falling for weeks.

C. PARTNER INFORMATION

STATE

Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- OHA [guidance](#) on helping your kids cope with uncertainty
- OHA [guidance](#) for Oregon Health Plan members who may qualify for transportation to vaccine clinics.
- OHA [guidance](#) Dr. Fauci weighs in on potential long-term side effects.
- OHA [announces](#) new COVID-19 forecast shows slight increase in transmission.
- OHA [announces](#) that Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center to hold listening session. The upcoming session is offered in English. Information on joining is available on this [webpage](#).
- OHA and ODE launch new school dashboard, this new [dashboard](#) will enable Oregonians to quickly see what instructional model their school is currently following and the county's in-person operation recommendations.
- [State Risk Level Guidance Chart](#)
- [Find the Status of Activities in Your County](#)

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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