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Abbreviated Situation Status Report

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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. 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), outlined in Oregon's Vaccination Program (<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>). Neither the City (nor any other employer) has authority to determine their own prioritization categories.

- **As of April 19, 16 and 17-year-olds are now eligible to receive the Pfizer Vaccine.**
- **Multnomah County will be offering vaccine clinics for frontline workers that work for local public jurisdictions, over the next two weeks. Sign up information will be shared directly with the 754 City frontline workers who have indicated they would still like access to a vaccine.**

Even after City employees begin receiving vaccinations, the [City's face covering directive](#) will remain in effect. Always continue wearing face coverings 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

- OHA [Vaccine finder](#)
- 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.
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Older Oregonians](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Frontline Workers](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for People with Underlying Health Conditions with Increased Risk](#)
- 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](#).

Veterans

- On Monday April 5, the VA Portland Hospital expanded vaccinations to all veterans, caregivers and spouses.
- The [Veteran Affairs \(VA\) Portland Health Care System](#) offering COVID-19 Vaccines for Veterans.

Washington Residents

- As of April 15, Washington state's vaccine eligibility includes all Washingtonians 16 years of age and older.
- As of March 22, Washington state is in Phase 3 of its Roadmap to Recovery plan, which includes updated sports guidance.
- As of March 17, Washington state is in Tier 2 of Phase 1B of its vaccine distribution plan; Tier 2 includes workers in agriculture, food processing, grocery stores, public transit, firefighters and law enforcement, as well as those 16 years or older who are both pregnant and have a high-risk disability, and others.
- 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

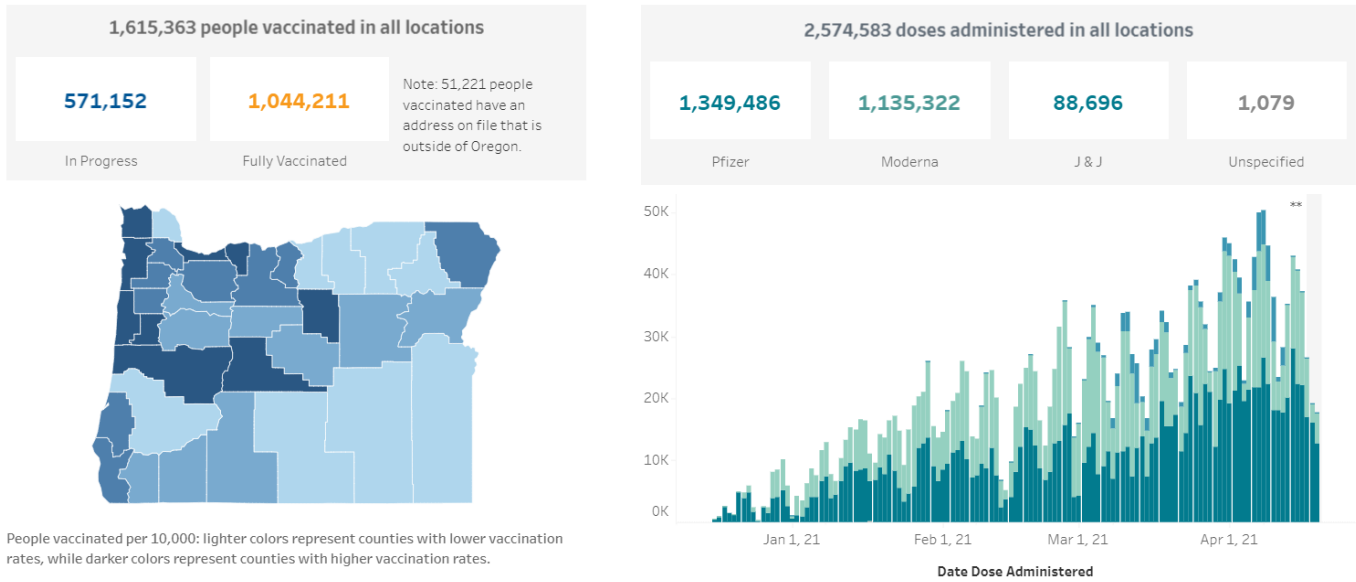
- [Washington Vaccine Information.](#)
- [Washington's COVID-19 Vaccine Phases.](#)

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.](#)
- CDC [V-safe after vaccination health checker.](#) In multiple languages.
- Vaccine appointments at pharmacies:
 - [Walgreens](#)
 - [RiteAid](#)
 - [Safeway](#)
 - [Costco](#)

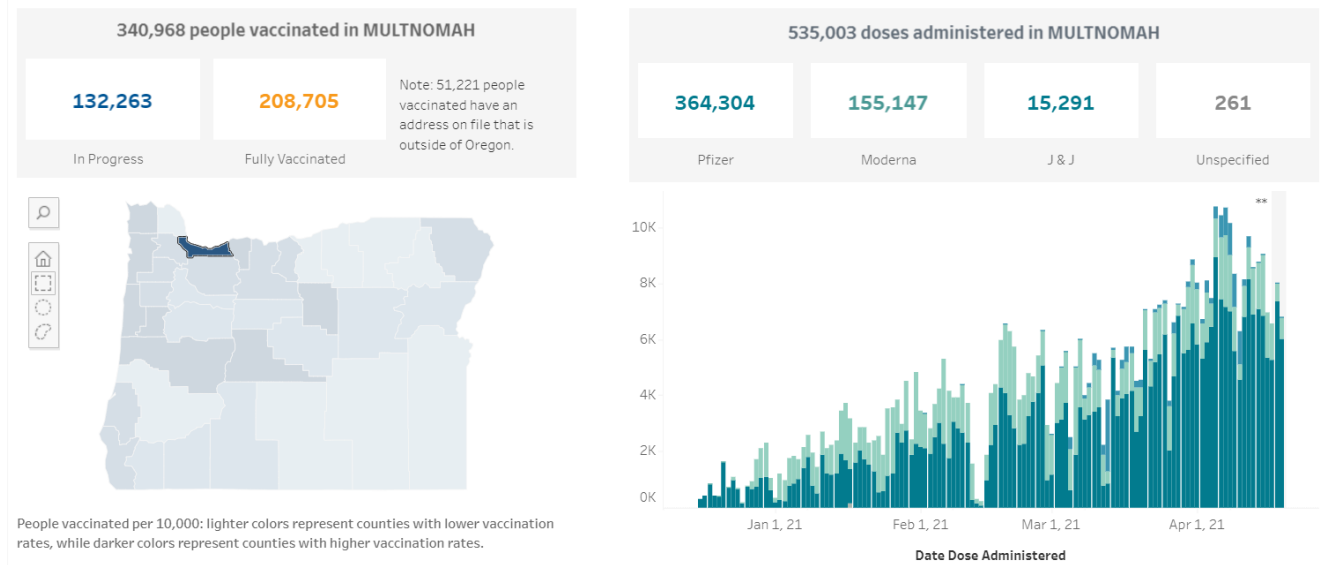
Oregon's Vaccination Trend: Doses Administered by Day as of April 20.

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



Multnomah Vaccination Trend: Doses Administered by Day as of April 20.

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

Local and Regional Vaccine Related News

- On April 20, [KGW News reported](#) that falsified COVID-19 vaccination cards from Oregon are listing on OfferUp.
- On April 20, [KOIN News reported](#) that there are hundreds of open COVID-19 vaccination appointments at the Salem Fairgrounds clinic.
- On April 19, [Seattle Times reported](#) on the reluctance in some Washington state health care workers in getting COVID-19 shots.
- On April 19, [KATU News reported](#) that all Oregonians 16 years and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- On April 18, [Oregon Live shared](#) some community-sourced tips on how to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment in Oregon.
- On April 16, [Governor Kate Brown](#) visits community vaccine clinic in Washington County.
- On April 15, [KATU News reported](#) that vaccine appointments continue to go unfilled despite increased eligibility.
- On April 15, [KOIN News reported](#) that vaccination appointments are now available at Tower Mall in Clark County.
- On April 15, [Oregon Live reported](#) that Oregon will deliver on a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for TriMet operators and other frontline workers after ignoring the calls for one such clinic for weeks.

National and International Vaccine Related News

- On April 20, [USA Today shared](#) have a loved one who doesn't want to get the COVID-19 Vaccine? Here's how to talk to them.
- On April 20, [USA Today reported](#) that European drug regulator backs Johnson & Johnson vaccine, saying blood clots risk is small.
- On April 19, [KGW News reported](#) that 30% of COVID-19 breakthrough patients show no symptoms, the CDC says.
- On April 19, [Oregon Live reported](#) that California reopening rules encourage venues to require proof of COVID-19 vaccination for entry.
- On April 18, [AP News reported](#) half of US adults have received at least one COVID-19 shot.
- On April 17, [CCN reported](#) nearly half of the US states reported an increase in COVID-19 cases this week.
- On April 16, [Fox news reported](#) Moderna CEO Stephane Bancel tells Maria Bartiromo vaccine booster shots are going to be required.
- On April 16, [The Atlantic reported](#) the blood-clot problem is multiplying.
- On April 16, [AXIOS reported](#) that CDC says US has administered more than 200 million COVID-19 vaccine doses.
- On April 16, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that China plans to approve first foreign COVID-19 vaccine by July.
- On April 16, [ABC News reported](#) that prisons postpone vaccinations with Johnson & Johnson shots paused.
- On April 16, [CNN reported](#) that a rich-poor vaccination system is emerging.

B. SITUATION SUMMARY

New Oregon and Multnomah County COVID-19 Cases per day



OVERVIEW

Significant events in this reporting period

All Oregonians 16 years and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine; As mask mandates end, Oregon OSHA is proposing a permanent rule; New Texas COVID-19 variant resistant to antibodies, researchers say.

Local and Regional News

- As of April 20, there are 255 confirmed coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On April 23, [Governor Kate Brown announced](#) updates to county risk levels starting April 23. There are now 23 counties in High Risk level, three in moderate risk level and ten in lower risk level. Multnomah and Clackamas Counties remain in high risk levels and Washington County moves from moderate risk level to high risk level.
- On April 20, [KOMO News reported](#) that a surge in COVID-19 cases is likely to force Snohomish County back into Phase 2 of Washington state's COVID-19 recovery plan.
- On April 20, [OPB reported](#) that unrecognized tribes in Washington are struggling with securing federal aid during the pandemic.
- On April 19, [Oregon Live reported](#) that the ruling for the Oregon prison COVID-19 lawsuit is a landmark for imprisoned people's rights.
- On April 19, [KOMO News reported](#) that Pierce County lawmakers are calling for more COVID-19 vaccines amid the threat of moving back in phases.
- On April 19, [KPTV reported](#) that grades 6-12 start hybrid learning in Portland Public Schools.

- On April 18, [KATU News reported](#) that as mask mandates end, Oregon OSHA is proposing a permanent rule.
- On April 17, [Pamplin Media reported](#) that Oregon officials report mixed news about COVID-19 in Oregon.
- On April 17, [Pamplin Media reported](#) that North Clackamas School District officials report 12 COVID-19 cases since reopening.
- On April 17, [Oregon Live reported](#) that 20 percent of Oregon State Hospital nurses are on leave as staff shortage intensifies.
- On April 17, [OPB reported](#) that Oregon's report of 888 new COVID-19 cases in a day is the highest total in months.
- On April 16, [Oregon Live reported](#) that with COVID-19 cases expected to exceed 1200 cases per day, Governor Brown won't tighten COVID-19 restrictions because Oregonians know the 'right thing' to do.
- On April 16, [Governor Kate Brown provides updates](#) to COVID-19 in Oregon.
- On April 15, [KGW News reported](#) that OHA and local activists test people experiencing houselessness for COVID-19 in a step towards building community trust.
- On April 15, [KGW News reported](#) that Oregon COVID-19 cases are up ninety-four percent from a month ago.
- On April 15, [Washington Governor, Jay Inslee issues](#) a proclamation expanding the Family Emergency Assistance Program to assist families suffering economic hardship during the pandemic.
- On April 15, [KATU News reported](#) that longtime Portland businesses plan to stay downtown despite pandemic and unrest.
- On April 15, [KATU News reported](#) that an Oregon State University health expert weighs in on the debate about travelling during the pandemic.
- On April 15, [KOIN 6 News reported](#) that a return to the high-risk category looms on Washington County's horizon.

National and International News

- On April 20, [KOIN 6 News reported](#) that there is a new Texas COVID-19 variant resistant to antibodies, researchers say.
- On April 20, [US Today reported](#) that the US state department created a do not travel list to raise the alert level for most countries due to COVID-19.
- On April 20, [BestLife Reported](#) that these nine states are seeing the worst COVID-19 spikes right now.
- On April 20, [Idaho Statesman reported](#) that the US and Canada extends border closure again due to COVID-19.
- On April 20, [MarketWatch reported](#) global tally of COVID-19 cases top 142 million as India's surge raises the alarm.
- On April 18 [NBC News reported](#) that otters at Georgia Aquarium test positive for COVID-19.
- On April 18, [CNBC reported](#) that more young people are getting hospitalized as COVID-19 variants spread.
- On April 16, [The Guardian reported](#), spreading faster, hitting harder – why young Brazilians are dying of COVID-19.
- On April 16, [The Atlantic reported](#) about what the pandemic has done to the class of 2020.

- On April 16, [BBC reported](#) that last week, for the first time since the pandemic began, Canada registered more cases per million than the US.
- On April 16, [The Washington Post reported](#) that new global COVID-19 cases nearly double in two months.
- On April 16, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that COVID-19's toll on US business, 200,000 extra closures in pandemic's first year.
- On April 16, [NBC News reported](#) that Brazil is in need of sedatives for critically ill COVID-19 patients, Brazil has become the epicenter of the pandemic, with more Brazilians dying of the virus each day than anywhere else in the world.
- On April 15, [ABC News reported](#) that Dr. Fauci clashes with GOP lawmaker over when COVID-19 restrictions should be eased, he said the US infection rate must fall under 10,000 a day.
- On April 15, [KGW News reported](#) that Japan expands virus alert in Tokyo area as COVID-19 Surge spreads as the Olympics gets closer to starting.

C. PARTNER INFORMATION

STATE

Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- OHA [announced](#) the one-year anniversary of OHA's Spanish Facebook page, OHA en Español.
- OHA [created a vaccine finder](#) that allows you to find specific vaccine; this is mainly to assist 16- and 17-year-olds in finding the only vaccine they can have.
- [State Risk Level Guidance Chart](#)
- [Find the Status of Activities in Your County](#)

Multnomah County

- [Multnomah County shared](#) information about COVID-19 Teen Guide for going back to class.

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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