

COVID-19 RESPONSE

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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

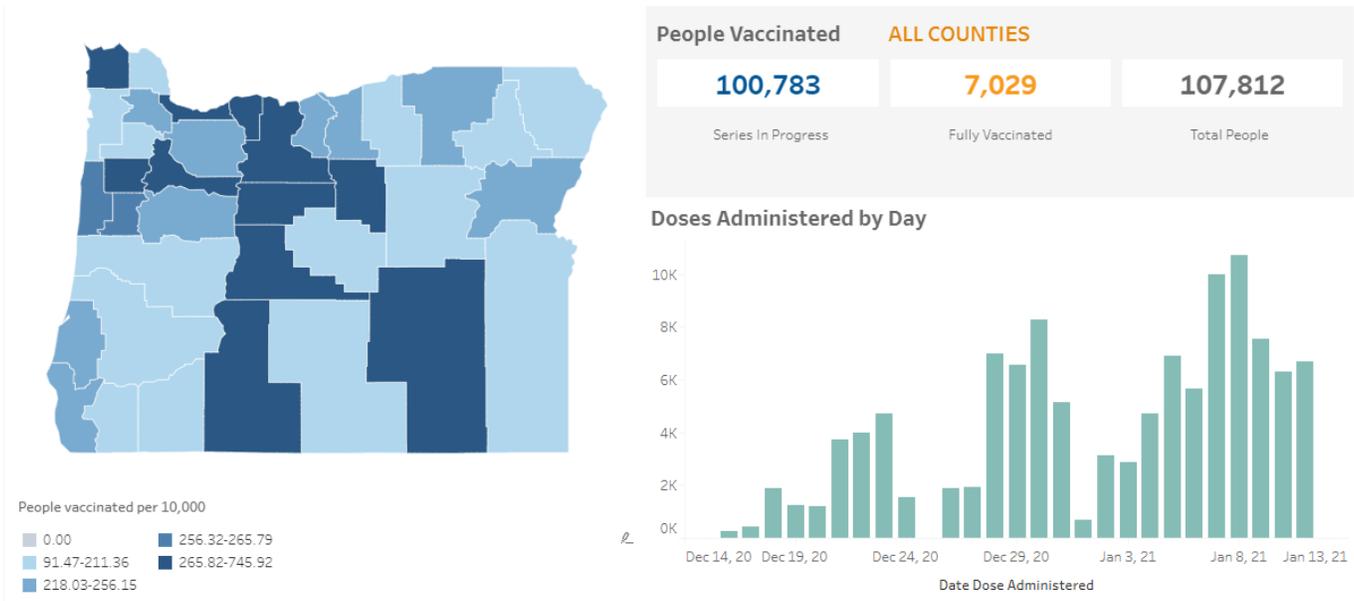
Using an equity framework, OHA is currently distributing COVID-19 vaccine in line with the phased approach recommended by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP). Here is what we know as of today:

- 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. On January 5, OHA announced that Groups 1-4 of Phase 1a are for eligible for vaccination.
 - **Homeless provider staff have recently been approved in Phase 1a in Multnomah County. Starting January 15, 800 provider staff will receive vaccines. Additional shelter and outreach provider staff and volunteers will be included in future vaccine events.**
 - You may have heard some health care providers are ignoring state guidance and moving on to vaccinate all employees, even if not in Phase 1a. 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.
- 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. The City is receiving weekly updates on their progress from the County. As of yet, we do not yet know when vaccinations for Phase 1B will be available. City staff who fall into health or age-related high-risk categories that are part of Phase 1B may also be eligible to receive the vaccine earlier than they would otherwise. **This week, OHA announced that childcare providers, K-12 school and school district staff will be in the first group of Phase 1b.**
- 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.

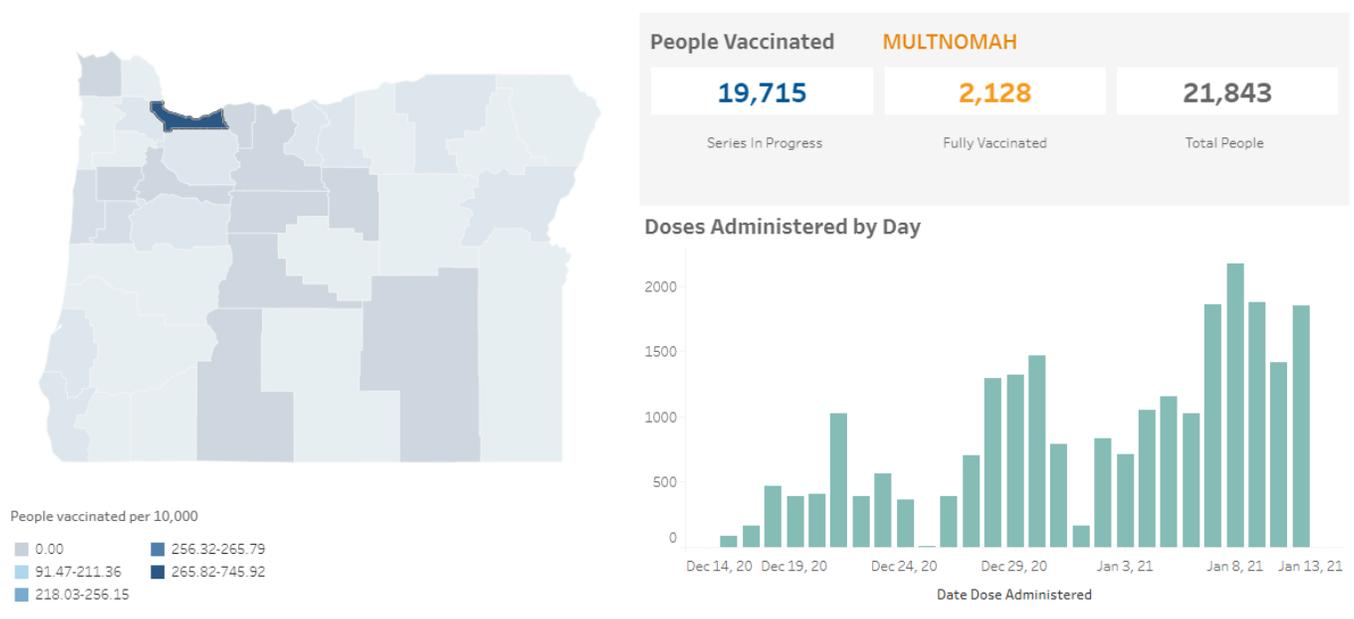
Even after City employees begin receiving vaccinations, the [City's face covering directive](#) will remain in effect. While it appears that the current approved vaccines prevent COVID-19 symptoms in most people who receive a shot, it is not yet certain the vaccines completely prevent infection. That 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 12.

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 12.



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

Local and Regional News

- On January 12, [Washington County announced](#) that Metro counties are partnering with health systems to ensure Phase 1a workers have access to COVID-19 vaccines.
- On January 11, [KGW reported](#) that some senior citizens in Oregon are upset that teachers will receive vaccines before them.
- On January 10, [KOIN reported](#) on the Oregon Health and Science University's (OHSU) drive-thru COVID-19 vaccine pilot clinic at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.
- On January 10, [Willamette Week reported](#) that Oregon state health authorities estimate that 90 percent of adult Oregonians would need to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or the virus itself in order to end the pandemic, at least on a local scale.
- On January 9, [KGW reported](#) that the Veterans Affairs (VA) Portland Healthcare System is expanding the pool of veterans who can receive COVID-19 vaccinations.
- On January 8, [KGW reported](#) that the Oregon National Guard will assist with COVID-19 vaccination efforts starting this week.
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee \(VAC\) meets](#) to discuss vaccine priorities.
- The next OHA VAC meeting will [stream live](#) on Thursday, January 14 from 10:00 AM to noon. You can watch last week's meeting [here](#). Learn more on the [committee's website](#).

National and International News

- On January 12, [CNN reported](#) that the Trump administration reverses course and adopts part of Biden's vaccine distribution plan, allowing previously withheld "second doses" to be released to states.
- On January 12, [NBC News reported](#) that the CDC will recommend states give COVID-19 vaccine to anyone 65 and older; the move is intended to speed up the nation's sluggish vaccine rollout.
- On January 11, [USA Today reported](#) that nursing homes have been slow to roll out COVID-19 vaccines, but federal, pharmacy, and nursing home officials said they are on track to finish the job before the end of the month.
- On January 11, [CNN reported](#) that COVID-19 vaccination plan not working, former FDA official warns.
- On January 11, [CNN reported](#) that President-elect Biden receives second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- On January 11, [Politico reported](#) that President-elect Biden dresses down his COVID-19 team over plans to speed vaccinations.
- On January 10, [USA Today reported](#) that there's a lot of anger as COVID-19 vaccine rollout leaves people scrambling to find shots.
- On January 8, [The Associated Press reported](#) that vaccine rollout hits snag as health workers balk at shots.
- On January 7, [The Atlantic reported](#) that the next phase of vaccination will be even harder, getting vaccines to hospitals and nursing homes should have been the easy part.
- On January 7, [Time reported](#) that the COVID-19 virus is mutating; what does that mean for vaccines.

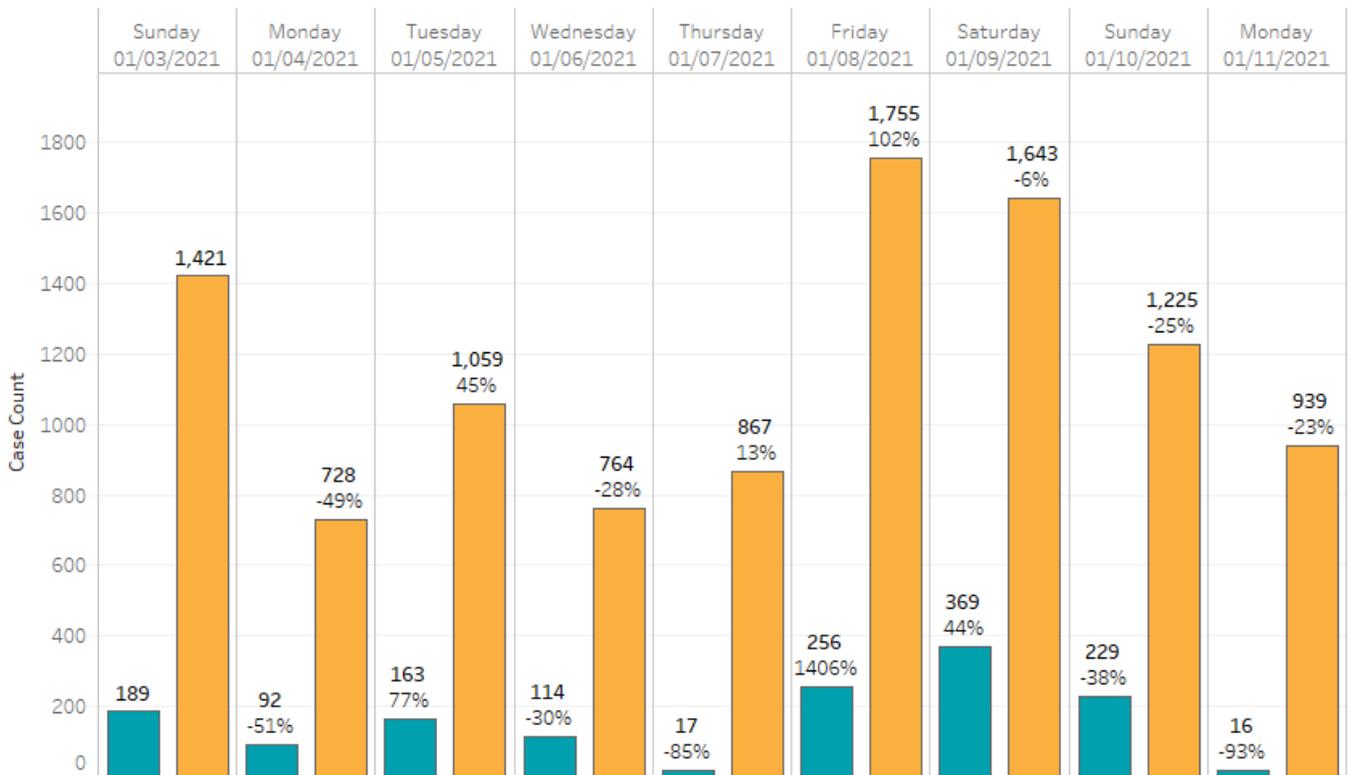
Vaccine Resources

- 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

COVID-19 precautions have resulted in major drops in Oregon flu cases; One-week US COVID-19 case and death totals are higher than ever; CDC to recommend states give COVID-19 vaccine to anyone 65 and older.

Local and Regional News

- On January 12, [KGW reported](#) on a Salem gym fined for remaining open in violation of COVID-19 restrictions.
- On January 12, [Oregon Live reported](#) that as Oregon restaurants are experiencing a downturn, so too is the market for salmon.
- As of January 11, there are 409 confirmed Coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority](#) (OHA) releases these numbers daily.
- On January 11, [KGW reported](#) that COVID-19 precautions have resulted in major drops in Oregon flu cases.
- On January 11, [KGW reported](#) that researchers at Oregon State University are exploring various social attitudes regarding COVID-19.
- On January 11, [Oregon Live reported](#) that the union representing Lake Oswego teachers is pushing against a return to in-person learning for elementary students in February.
- On January 11, [Oregon Live reported](#) that COVID-19 testing is plummeting in Oregon.
- On January 10, [KGW reported](#) that all regions of Washington are now in Phase 1 of Governor Inslee's new 'Healthy Washington' plan. Last week, the [state of Washington released](#) information regarding its Phase 1B timeline.
- On January 8, [KGW reported](#) that a report released by the Washington State Department of Health shows that no Washington regions are ready to be in the next phase of reopening.
- On January 8, [Willamette Week reported](#) on a COVID-19 outbreak at Providence Portland Medical Center that has infected upwards of 49 people.

National and International News

- On January 12, [NBC News reported](#) that third lawmaker tests positive for COVID-19 after the US Capitol siege.
- On January 12, [New York Post reported](#) that Yelp now allows users to rate restaurants' COVID-19 precautions.
- On January 12, [USA Today reported](#) that two gorillas test positive for COVID-19 at the San Diego Zoo in first known cases among primates.
- On January 10, [AXIOS reported](#) that the US Capitol physician warns lawmakers that exposure to COVID-19 was possible while hiding.
- On January 9, [CNN reported](#) that one-week US COVID-19 case and death totals are higher than ever.
- On January 7, [The Washington Post reported](#) that US records its deadliest day of the pandemic while eyes fixed on the US Capitol siege.

C. PARTNER INFORMATION

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Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- OHA [guidance](#) on should people who have recovered from COVID-19 get vaccinated.
- OHA [guidance](#) on the hazards of the home office.
- OHA [guidance](#) on vaccine sequencing, frequently asked questions.
- OHA [guidance](#) on temporary increase to SNAP benefits continues in January.
- OHA [guidance](#) on flood watches another reason to stay home.

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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