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Abbreviated Situation Status Report

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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:

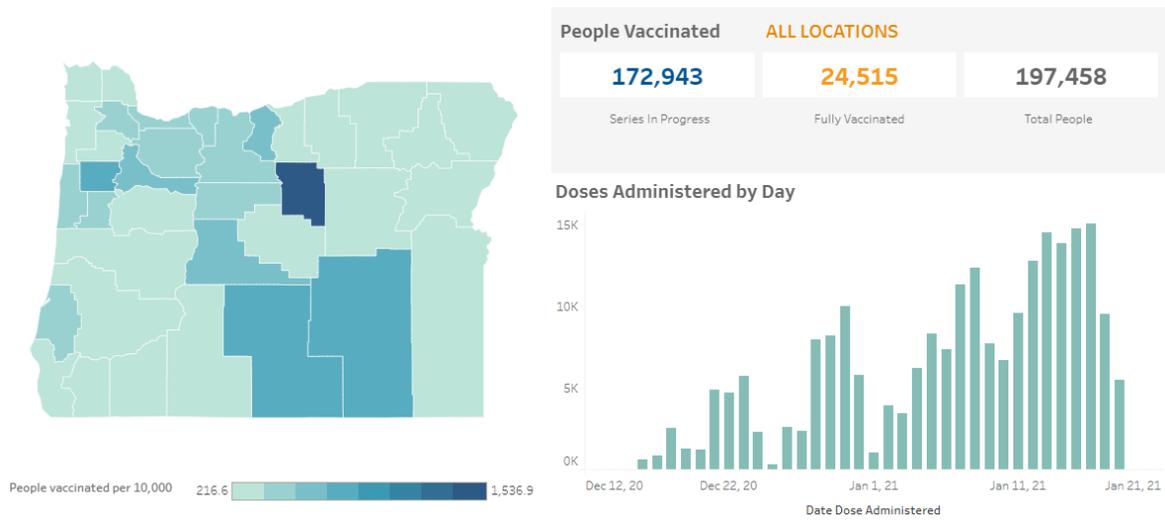
- Phase 1A Group 1 includes Emergency Medical Providers, fire, law enforcement and 911 dispatchers that must work in-person and have significantly higher workplace exposure risks. Starting Dec 31 and through the beginning of February, Portland Fire & Rescue will self-administer their allocation of vaccines 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.
 - Childcare providers, K-12 school and school district staff will be in the first group of Phase 1b. These groups include approximately 850,000 people.
 - On January 14, the committee voted to put forth the following individuals for prioritization in Phase 1b:
 - BIPOC (Black, African American, Hispanic/Latinx/o, tribal and urban based Natives, Pacific Islander)
 - Refugees
 - Adults 16-64 with chronic conditions
 - Adults and youth eligible for vaccine in custody (sequence within 1b) – prison and jail
 - Frontline workers (not already in Phase 1a or 1b)
 - Multi-generational homes
 - Congregate low-income senior living, including those under the age of 65
 - 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.
 - As of yet, we do not yet know when 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. 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.

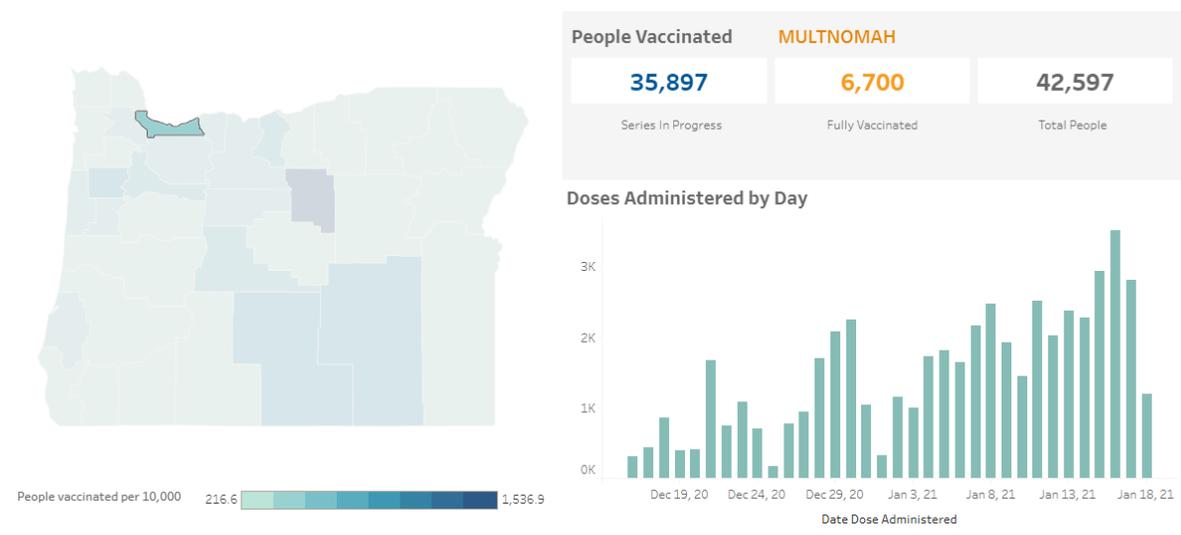
Even after City employees begin receiving vaccinations, the [City's face covering directive](#) will remain in effect. While it appears that the current approved vaccines prevent COVID-19 symptoms in most people who receive a shot, it is not yet certain the vaccines completely prevent infection. That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

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 19.



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

Local and Regional News

- On January 19, [OPB reported](#) that Oregon is expecting to receive \$38 million in federal stimulus vaccine funds.
- On January 18, [KGW reported](#) that the Oregon Convention Center is close to becoming the next mass vaccination center.
- On January 18, [KOIN reported](#) that mass vaccination clinics are opening in both the Portland and Vancouver Veteran's Affairs offices.
- On January 18, [KGW reported](#) that Oregon seniors are pushing to get the COVID-19 vaccine sooner.
- On January 18, [KOIN reported](#) that the State of Washington has entered Phase 1B and that anyone 65 years or older is now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- On January 18, the [State of Washington released](#) updates regarding its statewide COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration plan.
- On January 15, [Governor Kate Brown announced](#) that states will not receive increased shipments of COVID-19 vaccines from the national stockpile, because there is no national stockpile.
- On January 15, [KOIN reported](#) that seniors 80 years and older will experience delays for COVID-19 vaccination until February 8.
- On January 15, [Governor Kate Brown announced](#) that educators and school staff will begin receiving COVID-19 vaccinations by January 25.
- On January 14, OHA [announced](#) that they met the goal of 12,000 vaccinations in a single day at the end of last week.
- On January 14, [OPB reported](#) that [Oregon's Vaccine Advisory Committee](#) unofficially decided criteria for the State's Phase 1B vaccinations.

National and International News

- On January 17, [KHN reported](#) that Black Americans are getting vaccinated at lower rates than White Americans.
- On January 16, [CNN reported](#) that states look for more COVID-19 vaccine doses as the nation's death toll nears 400,000.
- On January 15, [ars Technica reported](#) that hackers alter stolen regulatory data to sow mistrust in COVID-19 vaccine.
- On January 15, [VICE reported](#) that seemingly sudden available batches of vaccines caused minor frenzies in both New York and Washington, D.C.
- On January 15, [CNN reported](#) that President-elect Biden outlines plan to administer COVID-19 vaccines to Americans.
- On January 15, [NBC News reported](#) that thousands of COVID-19 vaccines wind up in the garbage because of Federal and State guidelines.
- On January 15, [USA Today reported](#) that Trader Joe's is the latest business to offer an incentive for workers getting the COVID-19 vaccine.
- On January 14, [Reuters reported](#) that American teachers grapple with patchy COVID-19 vaccine rollout.
- On January 14, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that Florida allows vaccinating nonresidents, which rankles some, since it lowers the number of vaccines available to residents.
- On January 12, [CNN reported](#) that only about 2,000 people speak the Cherokee language fluently. The tribe is saving some vaccine doses for them.

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

The Oregon Convention Center is close to becoming the next mass vaccination center; Governor Kate Brown announced that educators and school staff will begin receiving COVID-19 vaccinations by January 25; US COVID-19 death toll eclipses 400,000.

Local and Regional News

- On January 18, [KGW reported](#) that the first Oregon case of the COVID-19 variant is likely not the only one.
- On January 17, the [Oregon Health and Science University \(OHSU\) reported](#) that the Oregon Convention Center closed its parking garage testing site to accommodate parking for indoor COVID-19 vaccination efforts.
- On January 16, [Oregon Live reported](#) that an Oregon Trader Joe's manager calmly intercepted an anti-mask protester's shopping attempt.
- As of January 15, there are 387 confirmed Coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority](#) (OHA) releases these numbers daily.
- On January 15, [OHA announced](#) the discovery of Oregon's first case of the U.K. variant of COVID-19.
- On January 14, [KGW updated](#) a recently published article about how 26 Oregon counties will be at "extreme risk" levels and held to the strictest COVID-19 restrictions starting January 15.

National and International News

- On January 19, [ABC News reported](#) that US COVID-19 death toll eclipses 400,000 as President-elect Biden prepares to take office.
- On January 19, [NBC News reported](#) that a US teen jailed in the Cayman Islands for breaking COVID-19 protocols returns home.
- On January 19, [Reuters reported](#) that Danish Prime Minister says COVID-19 restrictions may continue despite a fall in infections.
- On January 18, [CNN reported](#) that President Trump moves to lift some COVID-19-related travel restrictions, but President-elect Biden plans to block the order.
- On January 18, [The Guardian reported](#) that Los Angeles lifts air-quality limits for cremations as COVID-19 doubles death rate.
- On January 16, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that Europe's schools are closing again based on concerns that in person school spreads COVID-19.
- On January 16, [The Los Angeles Times reported](#) that despite hospitals overflowing with patients, there are some signs that the daily increase in the number of COVID-19 cases is beginning to flatten in California.
- On January 15, [The Atlantic reported](#) that the coronavirus is evolving before our eyes.
- On January 15, [CNN reported](#) that the world marks 2 million COVID-19 deaths, the real toll is likely much higher.
- On January 15, [NBC News reported](#) that a drug that could protect high-risk COVID-19 patients from developing severe illness is sitting on shelves unused as a record number of people are currently hospitalized in the US.
- On January 15, [STAT reported](#) the CDC warns that the new COVID-19 variant could become dominant strain by March.
- On January 15, [Fox Sports reported](#) that Aaron Rodgers blasts politicians for breaking their own COVID-19 rules, failing to get people enough help.
- On January 15, [NPR reported](#): do airplane passengers not know there's a pandemic going on?
- On January 14, [CNN reported](#) that President-elect Biden proposes \$1.9 trillion vaccination and economic rescue legislative package

C. PARTNER INFORMATION

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Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- OHA [guidance](#) on COVID-19 impacts all age groups.

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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