

# COVID-19 RESPONSE

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## Abbreviated Situation Status Report

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**CITYWIDE READINESS STATUS: Full Activation**

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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:

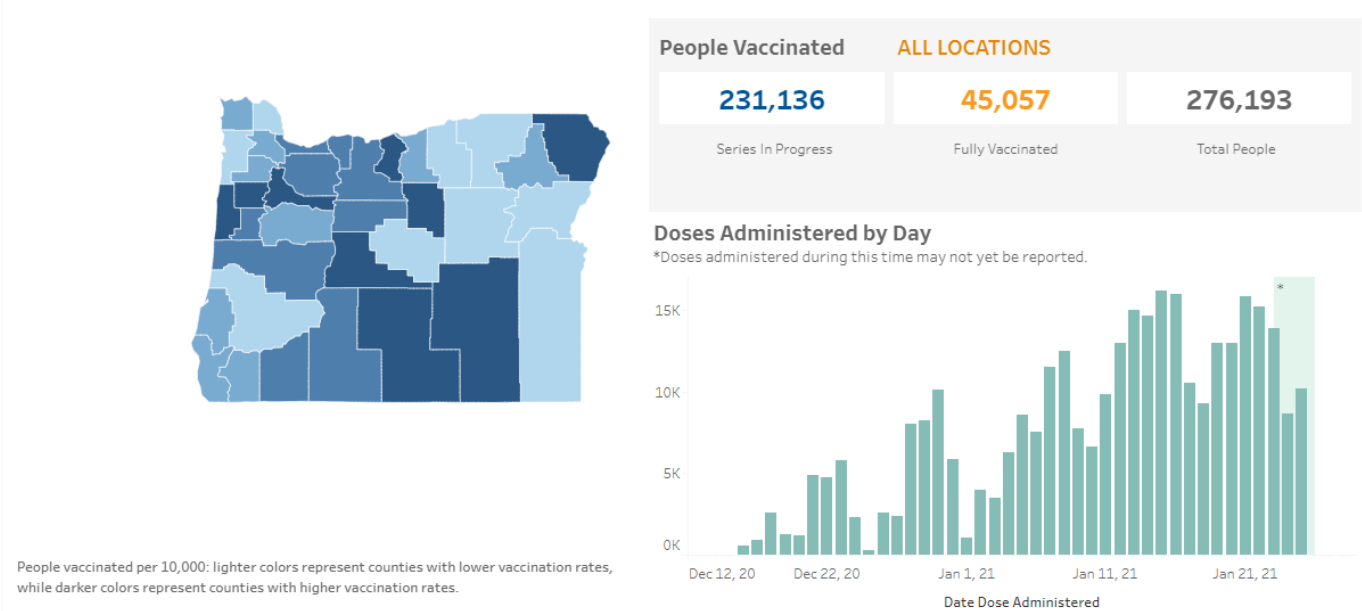
- Phase 1A Group 1 includes Emergency Medical Providers, fire, law enforcement and 911 dispatchers that must work in-person and have significantly higher workplace exposure risks. Starting Dec 31 and through the beginning of February, Portland Fire & Rescue will self-administer their allocation of vaccines 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 they had been requested to by Multnomah County.**
  - **As of Jan 26, at least 56,000 1a workers in the metro area have yet to receive a first dose. The forecast for next week is 3,000 doses.**
- 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. Elementary school workers have not been prioritized over others within the group.**
  - **A group of Parks childhood program staff are part of the 1b educator/childcare group; their information has been shared with Multnomah County. It is unknown when vaccine would be available.**
  - On January 14, the committee voted to put forth the following individuals for prioritization in Phase 1b, **and said it will finalize prioritization on Jan 28:**
    - 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. We do not yet know those 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 OHA VAC is expected to turn to making prioritization recommendations for this Phase next. 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.

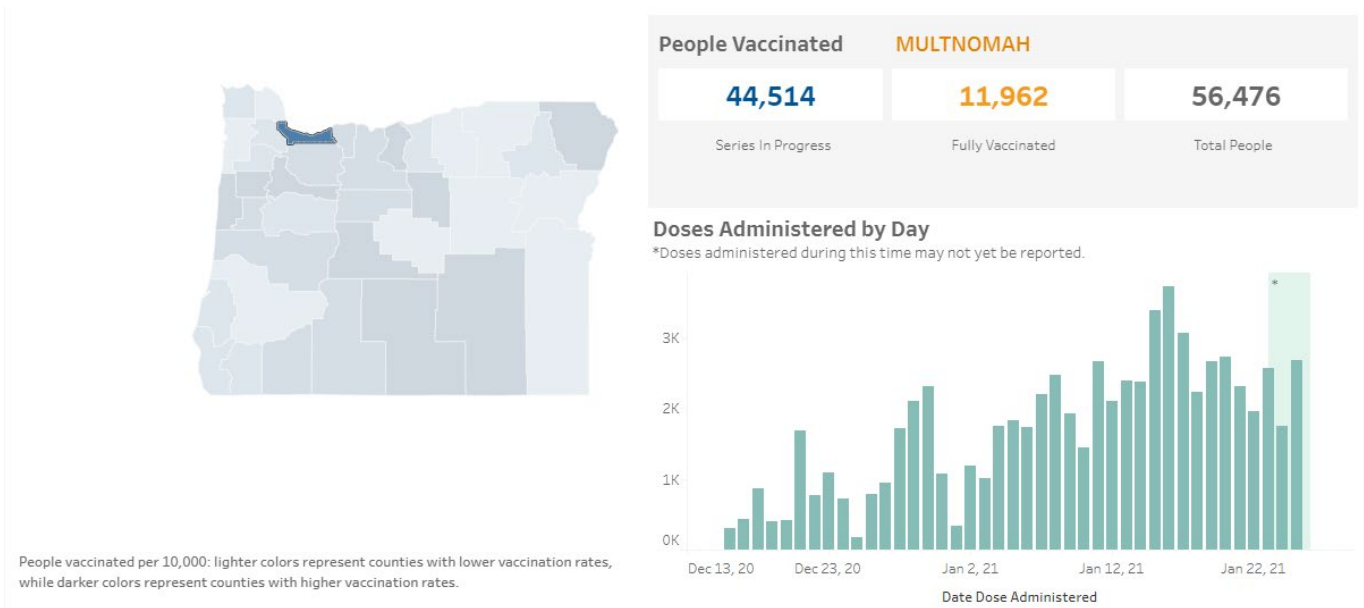
Even after City employees begin receiving vaccinations, the [City’s face covering directive](#) will remain in effect. Please to continue wearing face coverings at all times when working indoors, and when in the presence of others while working outside. Never come to work when experiencing illness symptoms. 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 January 26.***

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 26.***



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

### Local and Regional News

- On January 26, [KGW reported](#) that health leaders in Portland metro-area counties warn it may take months to vaccinate everyone in Phase 1A.
- On January 26, [KGW published](#) an article about the moral choices forced by COVID-19 vaccine rollouts.
- On January 25, [KOIN reported](#) that Oregon enters phase 1B of its vaccination distribution plan.
- On January 25, [KGW reported](#) that a mass vaccination site is set to open in Clark County on January 26, but appointments are currently unavailable.
- On January 25, [KATU reported](#) that Portland virus experts are seeing vaccine distrust in minority communities.
- On January 25, [KGW reported](#) that COVID-19 vaccine supply remains an issue as more people become eligible to receive it.
- On January 25, [KATU reported](#) on Darrell Salk, son of polio vaccine creator Jonas Salk, receiving the COVID-19 vaccine in Seattle.
- On January 25, [KOIN reported](#) that the Governor’s Commission on Senior Services wants Brown to reverse the decision to prioritize educators over seniors.
- On January 25, [KGW reported](#) that thousands of 1A healthcare workers are still awaiting COVID-19 vaccination.
- On January 24, [OHA reported](#) on the third case of the COVID-19 UK variant in Oregon.
- On January 22, [Governor Kate Brown](#) held a press conference to provide updates for COVID-19.
- On January 22, [KGW reported](#) on Governor Kate Brown’s defense of the decision to prioritize teachers over seniors for COVID-19 vaccines.
- On January 22, [OPB published](#) an article on what it will take to vaccinate Oregon.
- On January 22, [KGW reported](#) that Portland educators will begin receiving COVID-19 vaccines

starting Wednesday, January 27.

- On January 21, [KGW reported](#) on the opening of four mass vaccination sites in the state of Washington.
- On January 21, [KATU reported](#) on Oregon surpassing 250,000 COVID-19 vaccinations.
- On January 21, [KGW reported](#) that with the opening of more vaccination sites in Oregon, the rollout has slowed due to a limited supply in doses.
- On January 21, [KGW reported](#) on Salem-Keizer teachers receiving COVID-19 vaccines at mass clinics.
- On January 21, [OHA announced](#) that The Vaccine Advisory Committee expects to make a final recommendation on implementation and allocation scenarios at its next [formal meeting on January 28](#).
- On January 21, [OHA reported](#) that COVID-19 deaths surged as weekly COVID-19 cases declined.

### ***National and International News***

- On January 26, [Reuters reported](#) that South Africa's President Ramaphosa tells rich nations to stop hoarding COVID-19 vaccines.
- On January 26, [The Guardian reported](#) that EU threatens to block COVID-19 vaccine exports amid AstraZeneca shortfall.
- On January 26, [Reuters reported](#) that Saudi Arabia's finance minister said his country was talking to manufacturers to provide COVID-19 vaccines to low-income countries including Yemen and African states.
- On January 25, [USA Today reported](#) that Moderna says its COVID-19 vaccine protects against new UK and South African variants but plans to test new booster shot.
- On January 23, [Politico reported](#) that Amazon's offer to help President Biden's vaccine push may have a reason why.
- On January 23, [The Hill reported](#) that disjointed vaccine distribution poses early test for President Biden.
- On January 22, [Stat reported](#) that with painstaking effort, Black doctors' group takes aim at COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy.
- On January 22, [The Associated Press reported](#) that supply issues hinder Alabama COVID-19 vaccination efforts.
- On January 22, [USA Today reported](#) that British officials say COVID-19 variant discovered in UK may be 30% more lethal.
- On January 21, [NBC News reported](#) that timing of second COVID-19 vaccine doesn't need to be exact, just get it experts say.
- On January 21, [The Miami Herald reported](#) that Florida now requiring proof of state residency for COVID-19 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**

Oregon surpassing 250,000 COVID-19 vaccinations; [Oregon enters phase 1b of its vaccination distribution plan](#); Local school districts are making tough decisions on whether to open for in person classes this school year or not.

#### **Local and Regional News**

- As of January 26, there are 308 confirmed coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On January 26, [KATU reported](#) that local drag queen, Poison Waters, is assisting TriMet in promoting proper mask safety on public transportation.
- On January 25, [KATU reported](#) that daily COVID-19 cases in Oregon decline for second week in a row.
- On January 25, [KGW published](#) an article about the transmissibility of the COVID-19 variant in Oregon and how you can protect yourself.

- On January 25, [OregonLive reported](#) that the Lake Oswego School District decided to delay its reopening plan for elementary schools.
- On January 25, [KOIN reported](#) that the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board voted to delay the return to in-person learning during a virtual board meeting held on Monday.
- On January 22, [KATU reported](#) that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused fluctuations in Portland metro-area rental rates.
- On January 21, [OHA released](#) an updated [pediatric report](#).

### ***National and International News***

- On January 26, [CBS News reported](#) that first known US case of Brazilian COVID-19 variant confirmed.
- On January 26, [The Associated Press reported](#) that COVID-19 variant brings new dimension to Europe's pandemic.
- On January 25, [NBC News reported](#) that Fauci says drop in COVID-19 cases not due to vaccine; we don't want to get complacent.
- On January 24, [CNN reported](#) that the US just marked 25 million COVID-19 cases, now it's a race between vaccines and variants.
- On January 24, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that new coronavirus variants complicate the battle against the pandemic.
- On January 23, [BBC reported](#) that New Zealand reports first case of COVID-19 in the community in months.
- On January 22, [CNN reported](#) that Idaho's GOP governor blasts his party's efforts to end COVID-19 emergency declaration.
- On January 22, [Buzzfeed reported](#) on what President Biden's federal mask mandate means for you and that Biden's executive orders will now require people to wear masks on federal property, at airports, and on buses, trains, and planes.
- On January 22, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that President Biden signs executive orders to boost COVID-19 aid and expand worker protections.
- On January 22, [USA Today reported](#) that scientists say new strains of COVID-19 swiftly moving through the US need careful watch.
- On January 21, [Chalkbeat reported](#) that President Biden promises guidance and vaccines to get schools open, though familiar challenges loom.

## **C. PARTNER INFORMATION**

### **STATE**

#### ***Oregon Health Authority (OHA).***

- OHA [guidance](#) on Oregon educators now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine, patience needed.
- OHA [guidance](#) on vaccine questions, 211 info has answers.
- OHA [guidance](#) on learning more about the UK variant of COVID-19.
- OHA [guidance](#) on new quarantine guidelines for fully immunized people.
- OHA [guidance](#) on getting a good night's sleep in the pandemic.



## 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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