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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. It is expected that it will take at least another month to distribute enough vaccine to immunize all Phase 1a recipients.
 - As of **February 19**, PF&R had administered Round **2** 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.
 - Portland Parks Aquatics full-time staff who will be training lifeguards and lifeguarding trainings this spring 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.
 - 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.
 - **Vaccine eligibility - No later than March 29, 2021: adults between ages 45 and 64 with underlying health conditions, migrant farm workers, seafood and agricultural workers, food processors, people in low-income and congregate senior housing, people experiencing homelessness, people displaced by wildfires and wildland firefighters.**
 - **Vaccine eligibility - No later than May 1, 2021: adults between 16 and 44 with underlying health conditions, people in multigenerational housing, other frontline workers as defined by the CDC. Frontline workers include grocery and food service workers, U.S. Postal Service employees, transit workers, local and state government workers and journalists. This would apply to any worker who has regular close contact – less than 6 feet – at work with people who live outside their households.**
- **The ECC is working with Portland Fire & Rescue to create a community vaccine clinic plan and a City staff vaccine clinic plan. The City's community clinic could go live as early this month. The "closed" clinic for City staff could go live as early as May 1.**
- **Vaccine eligibility - No later than June 1, 2021: all adults between 45 and 64.**
- **Vaccine eligibility - No later than July 1, 2021: all Oregonians 16 and older.**

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](#).

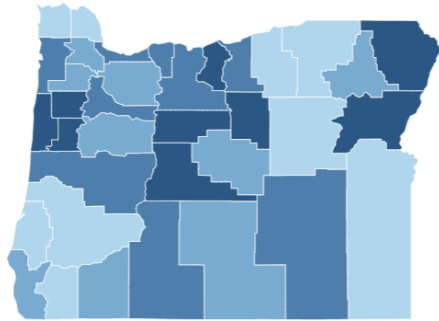
NATIONAL VACCINE RESOURCES

- 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 March 2.

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

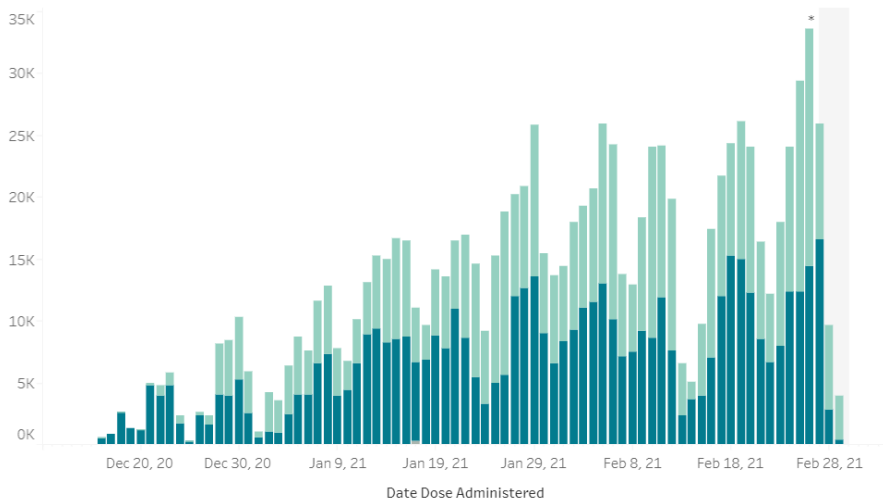
ALL LOCATIONS

281,022 Series In Progress

355,455 Fully Vaccinated

636,477 Total People

Note: 26,166 people vaccinated have an address on file that is outside of Oregon.



Doses Administered

ALL LOCATIONS

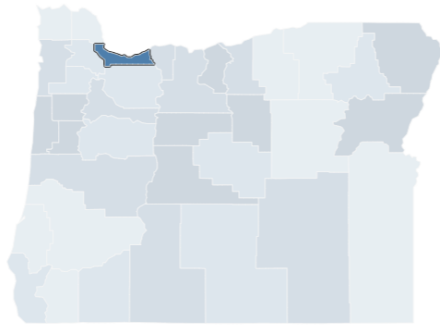
517,277 Pfizer Doses

479,434 Moderna Doses

733 Unspecified

997,444 Total Doses

People Vaccinated by County: Multnomah County as of March 2.



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People Vaccinated

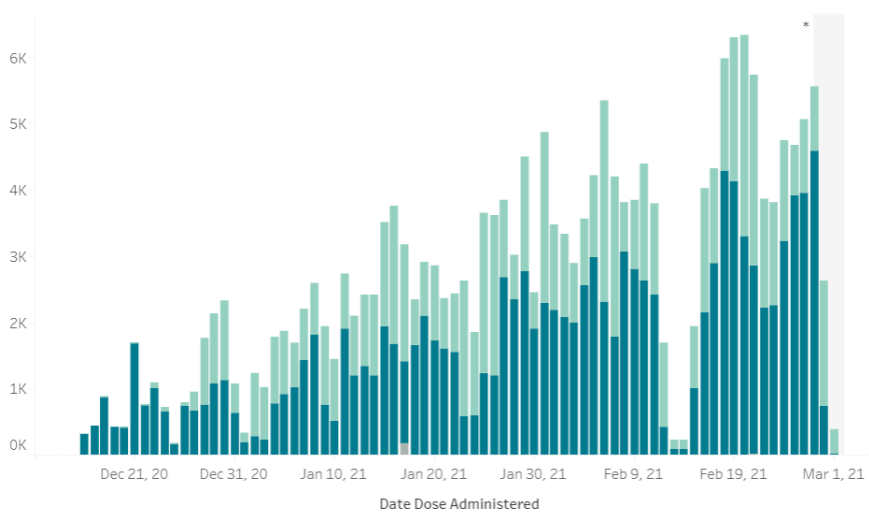
MULTNOMAH

53,619 Series In Progress

74,958 Fully Vaccinated

128,577 Total People

Note: 26,166 people vaccinated have an address on file that is outside of Oregon.



Doses Administered

MULTNOMAH

123,191 Pfizer Doses

82,294 Moderna Doses

257 Unspecified

205,742 Total Doses

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

Local and Regional Vaccine Related News

- On March 1, [OPB reported](#) that Oregon is to receive 34,000 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine this week.
- On March 1, [KGW reported](#) that all 2,400 COVID-19 vaccine appointments for the Portland International drive-thru clinic were gone within ten minutes.
- On March 1, [OHA announced](#) changes to the Vaccine Information Tool used for scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments will go into effect starting Monday, March 1.
- On March 1, [KPTV reported](#) that a physician at Providence Portland Medical Center expects the approval of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is a “gamechanger”.
- On March 1, [KATU reported](#) that frustrated front-line workers took to the Oregon House of Representatives on Monday.
- On March 1, [KATU reported](#) on Seattle’s announcement of a mass vaccination site launching at Lumen Field in March.
- On February 28, [KGW reported](#) that operators at the Oregon Convention Center’s call center

will begin calling 1,900 Portlanders who qualify for COVID-19 shots as 258,000 Oregonians at or over the age of 65 become eligible.

- On February 28, [Oregon Live published an article](#) including tips and troubleshooting practices for COVID-19 vaccine appointments.
- On February 28, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon grocery store employees are upset with the state's COVID-19 vaccination schedule which pushes their vaccination eligibility out to May 1.
- On February 27, the [Washington State Department of Health announced](#) the administration of more than 70,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines at the state's mass clinic within the month of February.
- On February 26, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon seniors are still concerned about vaccine sign-up as eligibility expands.
- On February 26, [KATU reported](#) that all Oregonians should be eligible for COVID-19 vaccines by July 1.
- On February 26, the [Washington State Department of Health released reports](#) confirming that COVID-19 prevention efforts are critical despite declines in cases, hospitalizations and deaths.
- On February 26, the [Washington State Department of Health announced](#) the addition of COVID-19 vaccination demographic data to its dashboard.
- On February 25, the [Washington State Department of Health released updates](#) on its COVID-19 vaccine distribution.
- On February 25, [Oregon Live reported](#) on the technical difficulties plaguing some Oregonians trying to secure COVID-19 vaccine appointments at Portland's mass sites.
- On February 25, [KATU reported](#) that many of Oregon's school districts want teachers fully vaccinated before hybrid learning.
- On February 25, [KGW reported](#) that the Portland Veteran's Affairs clinic is running smoothly, though slightly behind schedule, despite limited vaccine supply.

National and International Vaccine Related News

- On March 2, [The Washington Post reported](#) that President Biden to announce historic partnership, Merck will help make Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.
- On March 2, [Time reported](#) that this Texas county tried to ensure racial equity in COVID-19 vaccinations, the state said no.
- On March 2, [Fox News reported](#) that Dr. Fauci says to adhere to Pfizer, Moderna two-dose COVID-19 vaccine regimen.
- On March 2, [USA Today reported](#) how can US make it easier to find COVID-19 vaccination appointment in minutes, not hours.
- On March 2, [Reuters reported](#) that COVAX vaccine program to deliver 237 million doses to 142 nations by end of May.
- On March 2, [CBS News reported](#) that Twitter will label posts with misleading information about COVID-19 vaccines.
- On March 1, [CNN reported](#) that US begins distribution of a third COVID-19 vaccine as concerns grow over latest coronavirus trends.
- On February 28, [USA Today reported](#) that Publix COVID-19 vaccine deal with Florida raises questions.
- On February 28, [CNN reported](#) that the US is about to get a third COVID-19 vaccine, here's how

it's different from the others.

- On February 27, [STAT reported](#) that FDA authorizes Johnson & Johnson's single-dose Covid-19 vaccine.
- On February 27, [The Guardian reported](#) that there's a degree of mistrust as a third of US military personnel refuse COVID-19 vaccine.
- On February 27, [The Guardian reported](#) that University of Texas Rio Grande Valley admits critical mistakes, after man unable to provide social security number turned away from getting COVID-19 vaccine.
- On February 26, [ABC News reported](#) what is COVAX, how a global initiative is helping poorer countries get COVID-19 vaccines.
- On February 26, [The Washington Post reported](#) that Mexico is vaccinating its poorest citizens first against the advice of health experts.
- On February 26, [CBS News reported](#) that nearly three million Americans haven't gotten their second COVID-19 vaccination on time.
- On February 26, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that nearly half of US population 65 and older has received a first COVID-19 vaccine dose.
- On February 26, [USA Today reported](#) that doctors recommend patients schedule their mammogram before receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, or space out the two appointments, after some women have been mistaking swollen lymph nodes for breast lumps.
- On February 25, [The Washington Post reported](#) that the best vaccine for you is the one you can get.
- On February 25, [Bloomberg reported](#) that a black neighborhood in Alabama has yet to get a single vaccine.

B. SITUATION SUMMARY

New Oregon and Multnomah County COVID-19 Cases per day



OVERVIEW

Significant events in this reporting period

OHA announces changes to the Vaccine Information Tool used for scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments will go into effect starting Monday, March 1; Governor Brown announces the COVID-19 vaccine prioritization schedule for the next group of eligible Oregonians; FDA authorizes Johnson & Johnson's single-dose Covid-19 vaccine.

Local and Regional News

- As of March 2, there are 149 confirmed coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On March 2, [KOIN reported](#) that local disease specialists are concerned about the more contagious variants of COVID-19.
- On March 2, [KOMO reported](#) that local school districts are debating teachers and parents over whether to return to in-person learning.
- On March 1, [KOMO reported](#) that the Seattle teacher's union has filed a complaint against the city school district for actions related to unfair COVID-19 labor practices.
- On March 1, [KOMO reported](#) that frustrated parents took to a local school board meeting to demand a return to in-person learning for middle schoolers and high schoolers.
- On March 1, [Washington Governor Inslee provided updates](#) on COVID-19, winter weather, and air travel.
- On March 1, [KATU reported](#) that, according to local doctors, Oregon is making great progress after one year of COVID-19.
- On March 1, [KATU reported](#) on Portland's appointment of March 1 as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.
- On February 28, [OPB reported](#) that local movie theatres are weighing the risks and viability of reopening.
- On February 28, [KGW reported](#) on a local woman whose handmade "mask tree" won her a new Mazda.
- On February 28, [Oregon Live published an article](#) capturing the toll one year of COVID-19 has had on Oregon.
- On February 28, [Governor Brown issued a statement](#) acknowledging the one-year mark since Oregon's first confirmed COVID-19 case.
- On February 28, [KATU published an article](#) looking at COVID-19's impact on Seattle using quantitative data.
- On February 28, [KATU reported](#) that some state lawmakers are promoting false information about COVID-19 and related topics.
- On February 27, [KATU reported](#) that parents, teachers and students have called on the OHA in an effort to drive changes to the state-wide metrics currently in place for schools.
- On February 26, [Governor Brown announced](#) the COVID-19 vaccine prioritization schedule for the next group of eligible Oregonians.
- On February 26, [KATU published an article](#) reflecting on the one-year anniversary of the Kirkland assisted-living center's becoming the epicenter of the COVID-19 virus.
- On February 26, [KATU reported](#) on the innovative ways Portland restaurants have kept their doors open.
- On February 26, [KATU reported](#) that the shift to 'moderate risk', though exciting, has challenged

some Washington County business owners.

- On February 26, [KOIN reported](#) that local health authorities are cautiously optimistic about how Multnomah County has brought its COVID-19 numbers down.
- On February 25, [KATU reported](#) that, as of February 26, Powell's City of Books will reopen its second floor.
- On February 25, [AP News reported](#) that Oregon taxpayers who received stimulus checks could be paying more in taxes.
- On February 25, [KOIN reported](#) that some Washington counties will temporarily be barred from moving backwards in phases.

National and International News

- On March 2, [OregonLive posted that Texas lifts mask mandate](#): Governor Greg Abbott says it's time to Open Texas 100 percent.
- On March 2, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that Covid-19 variant in Brazil overwhelms local hospitals and hits younger patients, new COVID-19 strain is more contagious and more capable of reinfecting people than earlier strain, studies show.
- On March 2, [ABC News reported](#) how falling levels of COVID-19 tests could threaten pandemic fight.
- On March 1, [NBC reported](#) how specialized centers are trying to treat long-haulers of COVID-19.
- On March 1, [CNN reported](#) on why kids are hitting the pandemic wall.
- On March 1, [The Guardian reported](#) that Trader Joe's employee says he got fired for requesting better COVID-19 protections for workers.
- On February 26, [NPR reported](#) that CDC head warns of recent uptick in COVID-19 cases is a very concerning shift.
- On February 26, [The New York Times reported](#) that as Brazil faces record COVID-19 deaths, a variant-fueled surge and lagging vaccinations, President Bolsonaro disparages masks.
- On February 26, [CNN reported](#) that after weeks of sharp declines, new COVID-19 cases are beginning to flatten.
- On February 25, [Time reported](#) that we'll probably never eliminate COVID-19 from the US, it's still worth trying.

C. PARTNER INFORMATION

STATE

Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- OHA [announced](#) Oregon to receive Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- OHA [guidance](#) on changes made to vaccine appointment process, 65+ now eligible, Vaccine Information Tool (chatbot) is now updated.
- OHA [announced](#) new eligibility groups and FEMA support for vaccination.
- OHA [announced](#) adults 65 and older eligible for vaccine Monday.
- OHA [announced](#) marking Oregon's COVID-19 anniversary.
- OHA [guidance](#) on grief after one year in the pandemic.

- OHA [announced](#) that the COVID-19 vaccine website outage resolved.
- [Open Letter to Oregon](#): OHA Director Patrick Allen thanks Oregonians.
- OHA [guidance](#) on what are CBO's.
- [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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