



# 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

#### *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.

**According to the latest update to Oregon's Vaccination Program (<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>), 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.
  - 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:
  - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade instruction by April 8.
  - Group 6 - 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.
  - Group 7 - 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.
- Phase 2, Group 1 - No later than June 1, 2021: all adults between 45 and 64.
- Phase 2, Group 2 - 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.
- [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](mailto:covidvaccineinfo@multco.us).
- NPR/OPB [vaccine tool](#).

### Washington Residents

- **Washington Governor Jay Inslee's announcement that starting March 22, the state will enter Tier 2 of its Phase 1B vaccine distribution plan; Tier 2 will include critical workers as well as those 16 years or older who are both pregnant and have a high-risk disability.**
- 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

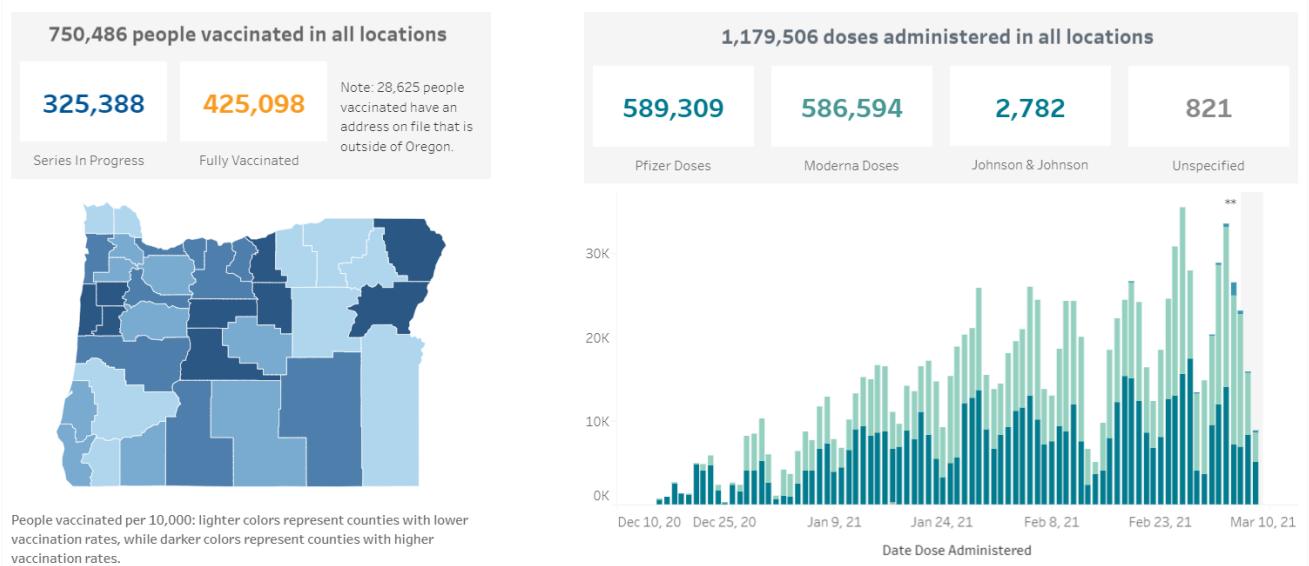
- [Washington Vaccine Information.](#)

### NATIONAL VACCINE RESOURCES

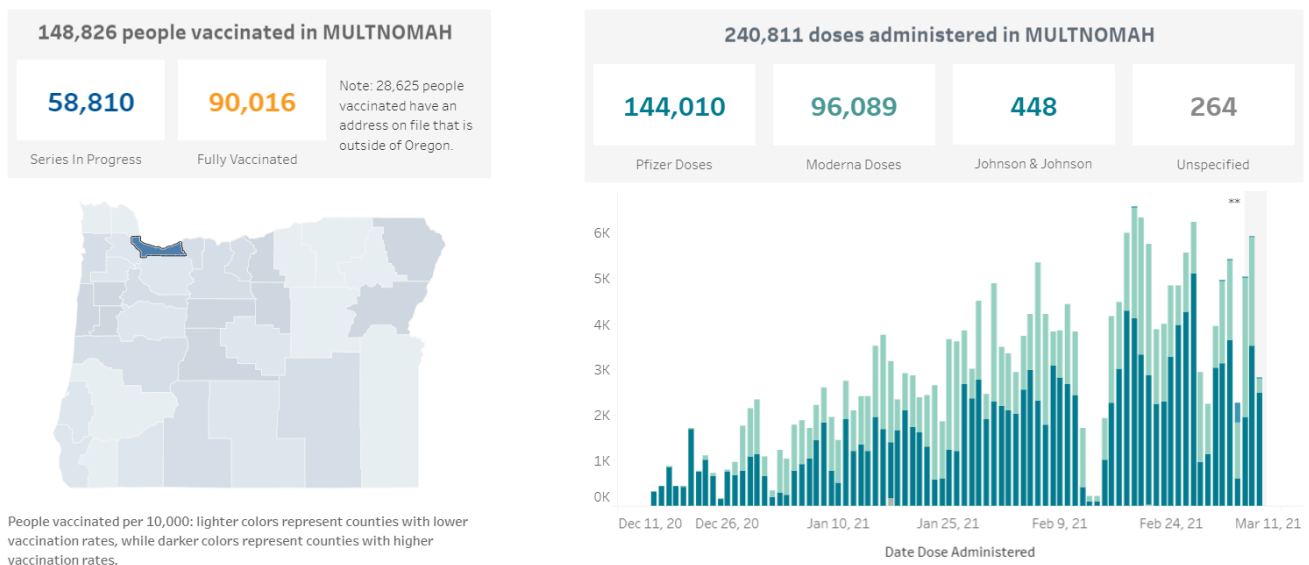
- CDC [essential worker guidance webpage.](#)
- CDC vaccine [information.](#)
- CDC [Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations.](#)
- CDC [COVID-19 Vaccination FAQ.](#)
- CDC vaccine [tracker.](#)

### Oregon's Vaccination Trend: Doses Administered by Day as of March 9.

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 March 9.



### **Local and Regional Vaccine Related News**

- On March 8, [FEMA announced](#) that it has awarded Oregon \$110 million to support vaccination efforts.
- On March 8, [Multnomah County announced](#) that, within a week of launching its door-to-door vaccine project, it has now vaccinated over 900 people at adult care homes who were previously unable to receive their shots.
- On March 8, [OHA announced](#) its newest steps at making vaccine registration easier for older adults in the Portland-metro area; one step involves a commitment of 15,000 vaccine doses per week for the next three weeks at the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) clinic.
- On March 8, [KOMO reported](#) that Washington has administered over 2 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- On March 8, [KATU released](#) an article looking at where Oregon and Washington differ on the vaccine eligibility of smokers.
- On March 8, [KATU shared](#) that local health authorities predict COVID-19 restrictions will remain, despite an increase in vaccinations.
- On March 8, [KGW updated a report](#) that those waiting to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at the Portland Airport Red Economy Lot experienced extensive wait times on Saturday.
- On March 8, [KATU reported](#) that a Tigard church is opening its doors to vaccinate 600 people per day.
- On March 7, [KOMO reported](#) that some restaurant employees in Washington are frustrated with current vaccine eligibility prioritization.
- On March 7, [KOMO reported](#) that Washington has achieved its goal of administering 45,000 COVID-19 vaccines per day.
- On March 7, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon's grocery union is accusing Governor Brown of cutting in line to get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- On March 5, [KOMO reported](#) that, according to a nurse in the Benton Franklin Health District, 20 percent of COVID-19 vaccination appointments at a mass vaccination site are no-shows.
- On March 5, [KOMO reported](#) that more mass vaccination sites are opening up in some regions in Washington, despite an inconsistent supply of vaccines.
- On March 5, [OPB reported](#) that Oregon's harder-to-serve populations will receive Johnson & Johnson vaccines.
- On March 5, [KATU reported](#) that a grocery workers' union is urging Governor Brown to follow Governor Inslee's lead by prioritizing vaccinating grocery store employees.
- On March 4, [KGW reported](#) on Washington Governor Jay Inslee's announcement that starting March 22, the state will enter Tier 2 of its Phase 1B vaccine distribution plan; Tier 2 will include critical workers as well as those 16 years or older who are both pregnant and have a high-risk disability.
- On March 4, [KGW reported](#) on an OHA survey estimating that Oregon's vaccine infrastructure could handle 300,000 vaccine doses per week.
- On March 4, [KOMO reported](#) on a mass vaccination clinic held by QFC and Fred Meyer grocery stores in White Center, Washington.
- On March 4, [KOMO reported](#) that all Washington veterans are now eligible to receive the

## COVID-19 vaccine from Veterans Affairs clinics.

### ***National and International Vaccine Related News***

- On March 9, [USA Today reported](#) that America could soon be swimming in COVID-19 vaccine. The shift from scarcity to surplus could bring its own problems.
- On March 9, [CNN reported](#) that about 60% of people age 65 and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in US.
- On March 8, [CDC updated](#) interim public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people.
- On March 8, [Reuters reported](#) that Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine neutralizes Brazil variant in lab study.
- On March 5, The [Miami Herald reported](#) that Florida adds red tape for the medically vulnerable while COVID-19 vaccines go unused in Miami.
- On March 5, [The Hill reported](#) that Detroit’s mayor declined a Johnson & Johnson vaccine shipment.
- On March 5, [Vox reported](#) that comparing COVID-19 vaccine efficacy numbers can be misleading.
- On March 4, [The Los Angeles Times reported](#) that California is reserving 40% of COVID-19 vaccine for the neediest.
- On March 4, [CNN reported](#) that one Arizona county has so many vaccine doses, it's now able to offer them to anyone over 18.
- On March 4, [Vox reported](#) that retail pharmacies are now giving out COVID-19 vaccines, and some of them are using it as an opportunity to profit off your information.

## **B. SITUATION SUMMARY**

New Oregon and Multnomah County COVID-19 Cases per day





## OVERVIEW

### ***Significant events in this reporting period***

CDC updated guidelines for interim public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people; Governor Brown issues an executive order for Oregon public schools to offer universal access to in-person instruction on or before March 29 for K-5 students, and April 19 for students in grades 6-12; FEMA announces that it has awarded Oregon \$110 million to support vaccination efforts.

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

- As of March 9, there are 134 confirmed coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On March 9, [Governor Brown announced updates](#) to county risk levels, effective March 12 through March 25.
- On March 9, [KPTV reported](#) that Oregon's January unemployment rate dropped to 6.2 percent.
- On March 8, [KPTV reported](#) concerns that, as COVID-19 cases decline in Oregon, travel could increase for spring break.
- On March 8, [Governor Brown announced](#) a \$250 million Summer Learning and Child Care package to support the recovery of Oregon children.
- On March 8, [KPTV shared a report](#) assessing the impact of the pandemic on Oregon's leisure and hospitality industry.
- On March 8, [OPB reported](#) on how a mask burning in Idaho could pose challenges for places like Oregon, with stricter health and business guidelines.
- On March 7, [KATU reported](#) that to-go cocktails are not offsetting the economic costs of the pandemic for Portland restaurants.
- On March 7, [Oregon Live reported](#) that despite the pandemic's toll on Oregon businesses, most of them have survived—a sign that businesses in the economy will increase.
- On March 7, [Willamette Week reported](#) that Oregon is the first U.S. state to have an identified case of the COVID-19 "variant of concern".
- On March 5, [Governor Brown issued an executive order](#) for Oregon public schools to offer universal access to in-person instruction on or before March 29 for K-5 students, and April 19 for students in grades 6-12.
- On March 5, [Oregon Live reported](#) that technical issues are preventing Oregon landlords impacted by the pandemic from applying for state aid.
- On March 4, [Governor Brown introduced](#) the 'Two-Week Extension' for counties that could face moves back to the "Extreme Risk" category.
- On March 4, [Oregon Live reported](#) that a new program established by the Oregon Worker Relief Fund could offer qualifying, immigrant-owned, small business owners grants ranging between \$7,000-\$25,000.
- On March 4, [KATU reported](#) that up to 133,000 Oregonians could lose unemployment benefits for a period as both the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs approach a March 13 expiration.
- On March 4, [KATU reported](#) on a Portland bar's innovative plan to support other furloughed and/or unemployed bartenders amid the pandemic.
- On March 4, [KGW reported](#) on how Portland, Salem and Vancouver schools will each handle positive cases of COVID-19.



- On March 4, [KOIN reported](#) on a new resolution introduced to Congress which seeks to protect the rights of women and girls amid COVID-19 impacts.

### **National and International News**

- On March 8, [ABC News reported](#) that Texas service workers demand vaccine access, protest end to mask order.
- On March 8, [ABC News reported](#) that House Republicans seek investigation into impact of school closures on students with disabilities
- On March 5, [CNN reported](#) that some states are lifting COVID-19 restrictions but keeping mask mandates in place.
- On March 4, [CNN reported](#) that Dr. Fauci announced that US shouldn't loosen COVID-19 restrictions until daily new cases fall below 10,000.
- On March 4, [Vox reported](#) on COVID-19 tongue, why new COVID-19 symptoms keep popping up.

## **C. PARTNER INFORMATION**

### **STATE**

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

- OHA [guidance](#) on trying to understand how to find a vaccine appointment, check out these new graphics.
- OHA [guidance](#) on what to consider as spring break approaches.
- OHA [guidance](#) on scheduling process for 65 and older updated in Portland metro area.
- OHA [announced](#) FEMA awards \$110 million to Oregon for vaccinations.
- OHA [guidance](#) on Johnson & Johnson vaccine is an important tool in our toolbox.
- OHA [updates](#) methods for counting age and race data in vaccination records.
- OHA in case you missed it: Facebook Q&A on coping with grief, you can watch the [video here](#).
- OHA [guidance](#) on conversations about vaccination aren't easy.
- OHA [guidance](#) on be aware, how to spot a vaccine scam.
- [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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