



# COVID-19 RESPONSE

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## Abbreviated Situation Status Report

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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 will go live Saturday, March 27. 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](#).

### **Veterans**

- The [Veteran Affairs \(VA\) Portland Health Care System](#) offering COVID-19 Vaccines for Veterans.

### **Washington Residents**

- Washington Governor Jay Inslee announces that starting March 22, the state will enter Phase 3 of its Roadmap to Recovery plan, which includes updated sports guidance. Additionally, starting March 17, the state will enter Tier 2 of its Phase 1B vaccine distribution plan; Tier 2 will include workers in agriculture, food processing, grocery stores, public transit, firefighters and law enforcement, as well as those 16 years or older who are both pregnant and have a high-risk disability, and others.
- 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

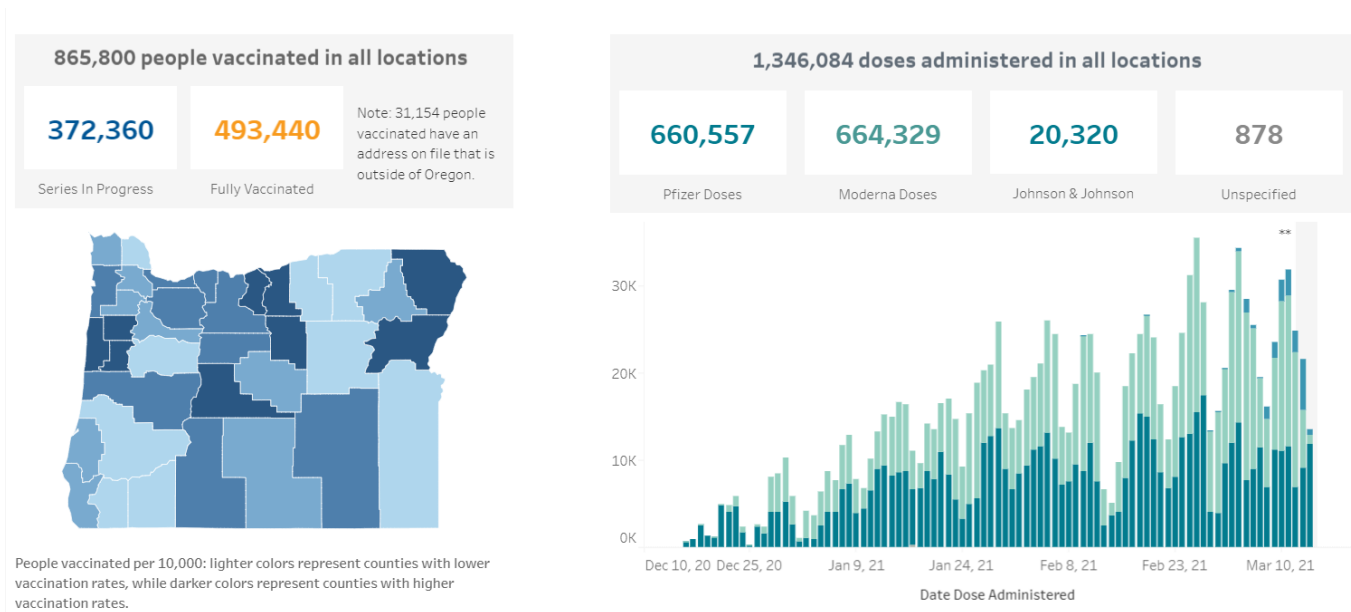
- [Washington Vaccine Information.](#)

## NATIONAL VACCINE RESOURCES

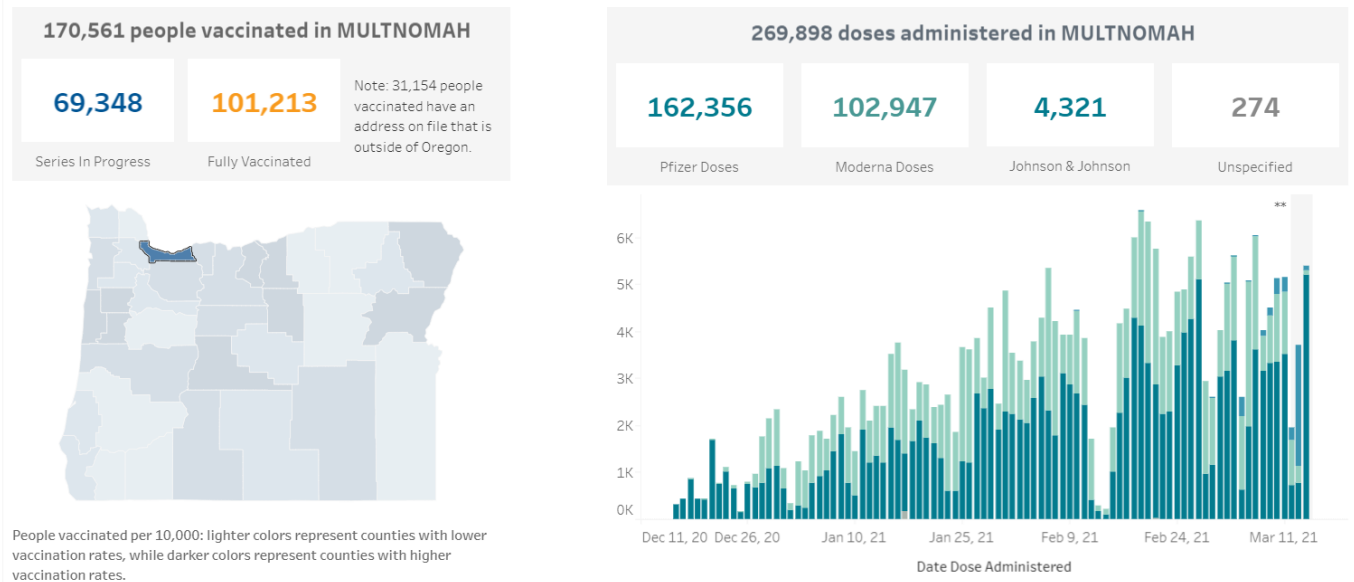
- CDC [essential worker guidance webpage.](#)
- CDC vaccine [information.](#)
- CDC [Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations.](#)
- CDC [COVID-19 Vaccination FAQ.](#)
- CDC vaccine [tracker.](#)
- CDC [V-safe after vaccination health checker.](#) In multiple languages.

### ***Oregon's Vaccination Trend: Doses Administered by Day as of March 15.***

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 15.



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

### Local and Regional Vaccine Related News

- On March 16, [KATU shared](#) a story about the strangers of [Portland Vaccine Helpers](#) assisting seniors in Oregon and Washington get vaccination appointments.
- On March 15, [KGW reported](#) that although some Oregon tribes have an abundance of vaccines, many members remain skeptical.
- On March 15, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon has the capacity to increase its vaccinations, but needs to know when more vaccines will actually reach Oregon.
- On March 14, [KOMO reported](#) that Seattle Public Schools and city officials held a vaccination clinic to vaccinate 1,000 child care providers, youth service providers, educators and school staff.
- On March 12, [KGW reported](#) that, according to health officials, 11% of Oregonians are fully vaccinated.
- On March 12, [KGW updated a report](#) that four Oregon health centers will assist the federal government in ensuring the vaccination of disproportionately impacted communities.
- On March 12, [Governor Brown announced updates](#) on COVID-19 in Oregon; Oregon will accelerate its vaccine timeline as vaccine supply increases.
- On March 12, [KOMO reported](#) that Washington is now averaging 46,000 COVID-19 vaccines per day.
- On March 11, OHA [announced](#) that pharmacies in Oregon providing COVID-19 vaccines can continue to serve Oregonians age 65 years and older.

### National and International Vaccine Related News

- On March 16, [CNN reported](#) that millions more Americans can now get COVID-19 vaccines, including teachers in all 50 states.
- On March 16, [CNN reported](#) that Mississippi is the second state to open up vaccines for all residents 16 and up.
- On March 16, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that China will allow more foreigners in if they've had a Chinese COVID-19 vaccine.

- On March 16, [USA Today reported](#) that vaccine passports should be free, private and secure, White House says, but who will be issuing them?
- On March 16, [CNN reported](#) that Europe's pause on the AstraZeneca vaccine is worrying.
- On March 16, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that Moderna is testing its COVID-19 vaccine on young children.
- On March 15, [KGW News reported](#) that Facebook to label vaccine posts to combat COVID-19 misinformation.
- On March 15, [BGR reported](#) on what happens if you miss your second COVID-19 vaccine shot.
- On March 15, [Reuters reported](#) that according to the CDC most Americans who got first COVID-19 vaccine dose also got final shot.
- On March 15, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that Germany, France and Italy suspend use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 Vaccine.
- On March 15, [Reuters reported](#) that Moderna begins testing next-generation COVID-19 vaccine.
- On March 14, [NBC News reported](#) that Biden, Republicans, and public health leaders are trying to persuade GOP skeptics to get their COVID-19 vaccinations.
- On March 12, [CBS News reported](#) that US reaches COVID-19 vaccine milestone of 100 million shots.
- On March 12, [USA Today reported](#) that Pfizer vaccine appears effective against asymptomatic cases.

## B. SITUATION SUMMARY

New Oregon and Multnomah County COVID-19 Cases per day



## OVERVIEW

### *Significant events in this reporting period*

Portland Public Schools have come to a tentative agreement with the Portland Association of Teachers to return to in-person, hybrid instruction by April 1; US reaches COVID-19 vaccine milestone of 100 million shots; Cities and counties in Oregon will receive \$1.5 billion in COVID-19 relief funds.

### *Local and Regional News*

- As of March 16, there are 119 confirmed coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On March 16, [KGW updated a report](#) that cities and counties in Oregon will receive \$1.5 billion in COVID-19 relief funds.
- On March 16, [The Chronicle reported](#) that state officials estimate Washington could receive \$404 million in rental assistance and \$50 million for home-owners with overdue mortgages.
- On March 16, [King5 reported](#) on the cancellation of the Leavenworth Oktoberfest celebration due to COVID-19.
- On March 16, [KATU reported](#) that the Portland Rose Festival will not move forward with large outdoor events, but will hold some virtual events.
- On March 16, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon unions representing frontline workers are calling for \$1000-\$2000 checks for qualifying essential workers.
- On March 15, [Washington Governor, Jay Inslee issued executive order 21-05](#), prohibiting all K-12 public schools in Washington from failing to provide both in-person and hybrid instruction; the order includes a deadline of April 5 for students K-5/6, and April 19 for all remaining students.
- On March 15, [KGW updated a report](#) on frequently asked questions regarding the reopening of Oregon schools.
- On March 15, [KGW updated a story](#) on a Portland teacher recovery after fighting COVID-19 for nearly 2 months.
- On March 15, [KATU shared](#) a reflection one year after restaurants shut down due to COVID-19.
- On March 15, [Seattle Mayor, Jenny Durkan announced](#) the extension of Seattle's Eviction Moratorium and other COVID-19 restrictions through June 30.
- On March 15, [King5 reported](#) that Washington health officials are concerned about the plateauing of COVID-19 cases across the state.
- On March 15, [KPTV shared a story](#) on how the transition to in-person learning is going for Keizer Elementary teachers and students.
- On March 15, [Portland Public Schools announced](#) that they have come to a tentative agreement with the Portland Association of Teachers to return to in-person, hybrid instruction by April 1.
- On March 15, OHA [announced](#) a Facebook event on [Wednesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m.](#) to speak with experts directly about how to help protect your child's mental health as they return to the classroom.
- On March 15, [KPTV reported](#) that, according to OHA, COVID-19 hospitalizations are declining in Oregon.
- On March 15, [Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education released](#) an [update](#) to the [Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance](#).
- On March 15, [OPB shared an article](#) on the impacts schools reopening could have on the mental health of students.



- On March 15, [King5 reported](#) that, unless there is a drastic changes, at least 20 long-term care facilities are expected to close across Washington.
- On March 14, [KATU shared](#) that, today, Oregon mourns the one year anniversary of the first Oregonian to die of COVID-19.
- On March 12, [KOMO reported](#) that the University of Washington Medicine's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluations (IHME) projects Washington will see a slight increase in deaths by July 1.
- On March 12, [Oregon Live reported](#) that some Oregon school districts are considering reducing social distancing minimums from 6 feet to 3 feet.
- On March 12, [Governor Brown issued executive order 21-06](#), requiring Oregon public schools to offer universal access to hybrid or in-person learning by March 29 for K-5 grade, and April 19 for 6-12 grade.
- On March 12, [KGW reported](#) on the release of a Sherwood elder hospitalized for nearly 100 days with COVID-19.
- On March 12, [King5 reported](#) that Seattle Public Schools is one of 35 Washington school districts who did not meet the deadline to receive additional funding to return students to in-person learning.
- On March 12, [Portland Monthly shared an article and podcast](#) with state officials on what Oregon schools could look like in the Fall.
- On March 11, [KATU reported](#) that as COVID-19 restrictions ease up, Oregon's economy could rebound.
- On March 11, [KGW reported](#) that nearly 3,500 Portlanders never received their PDX Assist cards.
- On March 11, [KOMO reported](#) on Washington's improved care-treatment one year after the declaration of a pandemic.
- On March 11, [King5 reported](#) on Washington's first case of a new COVID-19 variant.

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

- On March 16, [King5 reported on FEMA's announcement](#) that it aims to begin funeral reimbursements in early April.
- On March 16, [CNN reported](#) that a concerning variant is about to become dominant in the US and how Americans act could help fuel or curb a surge.
- On March 15, [NBC News reported](#) that Puerto Rico enacted strict COVID-19 measures. It paid off, and it's a lesson for the mainland.
- On March 15, [ABC News reported](#) that the CDC is reviewing the rule that students, staff stay 6-foot apart in COVID-19 hotspots, the agency is looking at whether 3-foot apart with masks can be safe.
- On March 14, [CNN reported](#) nine things that weren't scary before the pandemic but are now.
- On March 14, [Vox reported](#) that stimulus payments are already arriving, Americans say they really need them.
- On March 14, [CNBC News reported](#) that Dr. Fauci points to COVID-19 surge in Europe as warning against lifting US restrictions right now.
- On March 12 [USA Today reported](#) that President Biden shifts from darkest days to hope on the horizon announcing he directed states to make all American adults eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines no later than May 1.

- On March 12, [CBS News reported](#) on expert advice for parents and students coping with stress of COVID-19 pandemic.
- On March 12, [CBS News reported](#) that Italy faces third wave of COVID-19 after difficult year.
- On March 12, [CNN reported](#) that experts say the US cautious with improving COVID-19 numbers and what that means for the summer.
- On March 12, [CNN reported](#) that research suggests cough more hazardous to COVID-19 medical workers than intubation.
- On March 12, [The Guardian reported](#) that the CDC is relaxing guidance on masks for vaccinated people, but that doesn't mean we'll be seeing the end of face coverings any time soon, here's why.

## C. PARTNER INFORMATION

### STATE

#### Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education released an [update](#) to the [Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance](#).
- OHA [announced](#) join us on Facebook on [Wednesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m.](#) to speak with our experts directly about how to help protect your child's mental health as they return to the classroom.
- OHA [guidance](#) on safer ways to enjoy St. Patrick's Day.
- OHA [guidance](#) on vaccine safety tool available in several languages.
- OHA [guidance](#) on make your spring break a staycation.
- OHA [announced](#) that OHA and pharmacies in Oregon providing COVID-19 vaccines confirmed today that pharmacies in Oregon can continue to serve Oregonians age 65 years and older.
- [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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