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Abbreviated Situation Status Report

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CITYWIDE READINESS STATUS: Full Activation

ECC GENERAL PHONE: 503-823-2323

INCIDENT WEBSITE: City of Portland [COVID-19 information website](#)

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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.
- **On March 19, Oregon Governor Kate Brown and OHA announced an accelerated vaccination eligibility timeline:**
 - **3/22: vaccination eligibility will open to all migrant seasonal farm workers who are currently working in the field.**
 - **3/29: all adults 45+ with health conditions, and other groups as originally planned.**
 - **4/19: frontline workers.**
 - **5/1: all adult Oregonians (16+).**
- 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.
 - **Following the state's updated eligibility timeline, it is the City's intention to offer a clinic to vaccinate frontline City staff on April 19.** This plan depends on the state allocating vaccine to us for this purpose, but we are confident and hopeful that they will, because Portland Fire & Rescue has a proven track record in this area.
 - Frontline workers are defined as those that currently work within 6 feet of people outside their household for more than 15 minutes. We estimate that there are 600-800 City staff in this category, though some may have already received vaccines.

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.
- NPR/OPB [vaccine tool](#).

Veterans

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

Washington Residents

- **As of March 22, Washington state is in Phase 3 of its Roadmap to Recovery plan, which includes updated sports guidance.**
- As of March 17, Washington state is in Tier 2 of Phase 1B of its vaccine distribution plan; Tier 2 includes 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

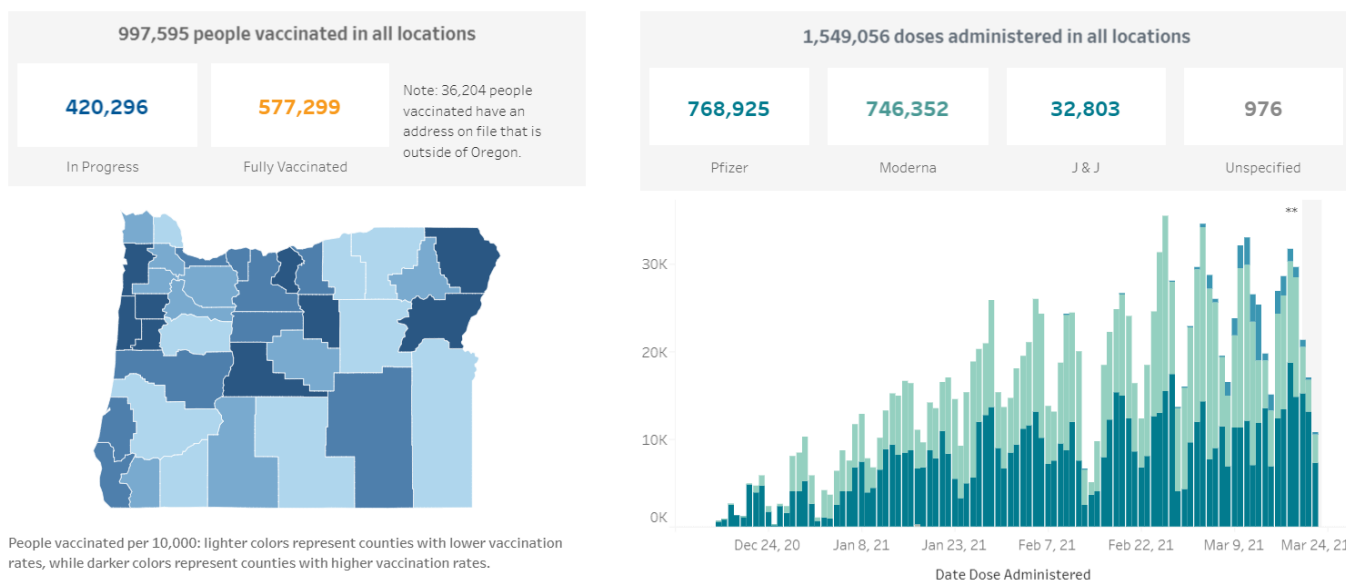
- [Washington Vaccine Information](#).
- [Washington's COVID-19 Vaccine Phases](#).

NATIONAL VACCINE RESOURCES

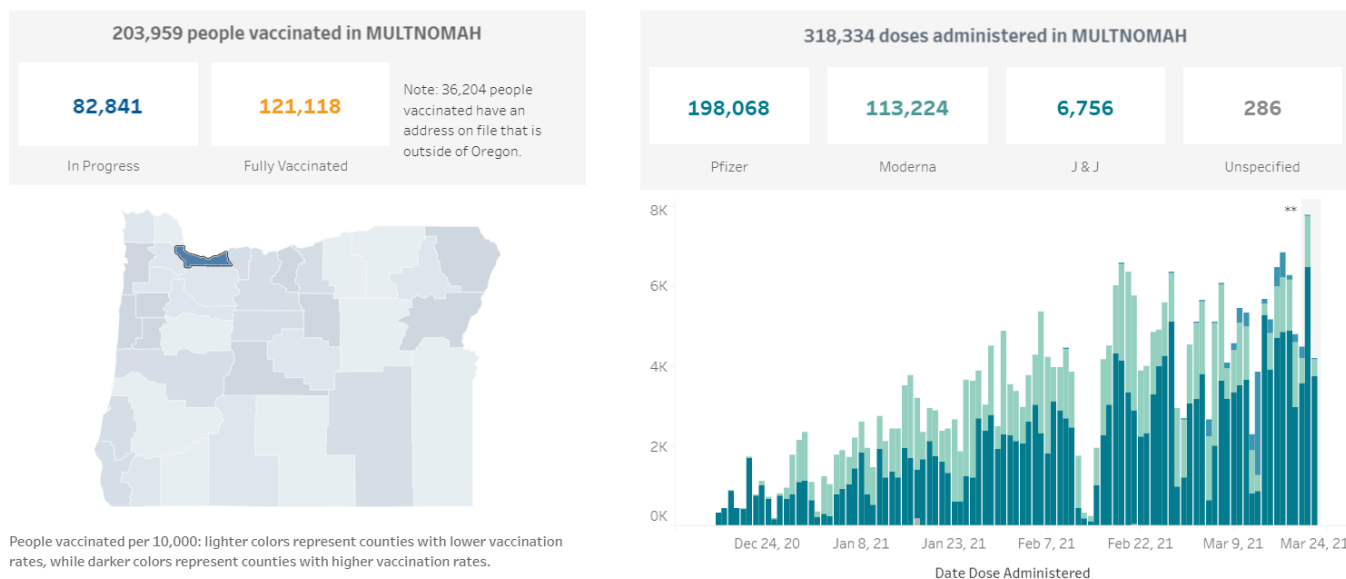
- CDC [essential worker guidance webpage](#).
- CDC vaccine [information](#).
- CDC [Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](#).
- CDC [COVID-19 Vaccination FAQ](#).
- CDC vaccine [tracker](#).
- CDC [V-safe after vaccination health checker](#). In multiple languages.

Oregon's Vaccination Trend: Doses Administered by Day as of March 23.

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 23.



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

Local and Regional Vaccine Related News

- On March 23, [KOIN reported](#) that Oregon health officials are trying to simplify gathering guidance for those with COVID-19 vaccinations.
- On March 23, [KATU reported](#) on Governor Brown's statement that Oregon must improve at ensuring an equitable vaccine rollout.
- On March 22, [Washington Governor, Jay Inslee, announced](#) the approval of the state's request for a mass vaccination in Yakima County.
- On March 22, [KOIN reported](#) that Washington is in Phase 3 of its reopening plan.
- On March 22, [KATU reported](#) that Oregon counties are creating plans to offer COVID-19 vaccines to houseless people.
- On March 22, [KGW shared an article](#) on what happens with leftover COVID-19 vaccines in Oregon.
- On March 22, [KGW reported](#) that thirteen members of the Portland Trail Blazers received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- On March 22, [Oregon Live reported](#) on Portland's environmental services team's launching of a pilot program to provide pump-out sanitation for homeless people living in RVs.
- On March 22, [KTVZ reported](#) that the Portland Veterans Affairs is offering COVID-19 vaccinations next Saturday and Sunday at the Redmond VFW.
- On March 22, [KGW reported](#) on OHA's announcement that fourteen Oregon counties may begin broadening their COVID-19 vaccination access ahead of schedule.
- On March 21, [KATU reported](#) on Oregon's administration of over 1.5 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- On March 19, [Governor Kate Brown announced](#) that Oregon will accelerate its COVID-19 vaccination timeline.
- On March 19, [Oregon Live reported](#) that Oregonians aged 16 and older could get their first COVID-19 vaccine dose by the first week of June.
- On March 19, [KATU reported](#) that starting March 22, CVS pharmacies will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines.
- On March 19, [OPB shared an article](#) describing the projected supply and demand conundrum of Oregon's COVID-19 vaccines.
- On March 18, [Oregon Live shared a story](#) about travelling to Salem for a COVID-19 vaccine.

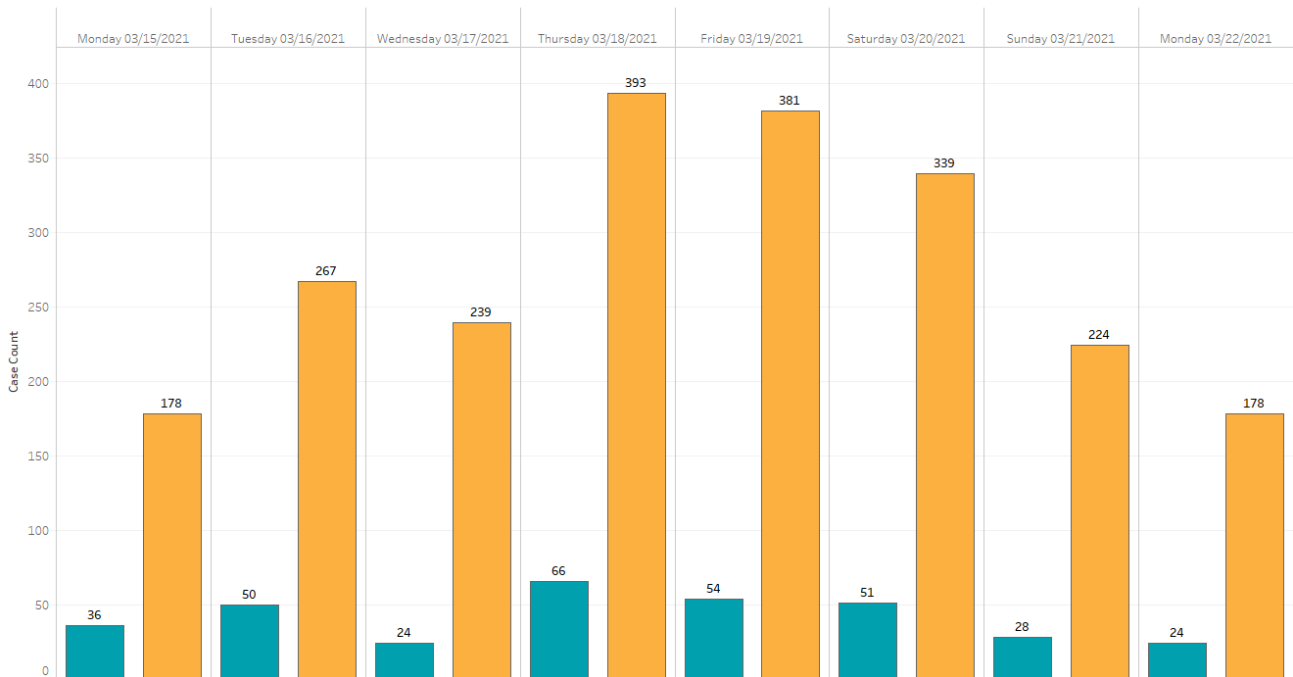
National and International Vaccine Related News

- On March 23, [CBS News reported](#) that trial mixing-and-matching COVID-19 vaccines could be a game-changer.
- On March 23, [ABC News reported](#) that you should hang on to that COVID-19 vaccination card, it's important.
- On March 22, [STAT reported](#) that AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine shows better than expected efficacy in US trial.
- On March 22, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that New York to open COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to residents aged 50 and above.
- On March 22, [The New York Times reported](#) that some nations could wait years for COVID-19 vaccinations, that's bad for everyone.
- On March 22, [ABC News reported](#) that hospital execs punished for improper Chicago COVID-19 vaccine events.

- On March 22, [Japan Today reported](#) that experts think we'll need to vaccinate children against COVID-19.
- On March 20, [The Hill reported](#) that the CDC tracker shows that one in six US adults has been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 as of Saturday March 20.
- On March 19, [The Atlantic reported](#) on vaccinated people possibly getting infected with COVID-19.

B. SITUATION SUMMARY

New Oregon and Multnomah County COVID-19 Cases per day



OVERVIEW

Significant events in this reporting period

Oregon will be accelerating its COVID-19 vaccination timeline; CDC updated their back-to-school guidance allowing for three feet distancing between students in classroom; Multnomah County announces the approval of \$14.4 million in additional rent assistance to protect renters impacted by COVID-19; Governor Brown releases 10-Point Economic Recovery Plan for Oregon.

Local and Regional News

- As of March 23, there are 109 confirmed coronavirus hospitalizations in Oregon. The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) releases these numbers daily.
- On March 23, [Governor Brown announced](#) updates to county risk levels.
- On March 23, [Governor Brown released](#) a 10-Point Economic Recovery Plan for Oregon.
- On March 22, [KGW reported](#) that eating disorders have been exacerbated by the pandemic, and that an Oregon foundation is funding treatment.
- On March 22, [KGW reported](#) on Oregon's adjustment of social distancing guidance for public school students.

- On March 22, [Multnomah County announced](#) the approval of \$14.4 million in additional rent assistance to protect renters impacted by COVID-19.
- On March 22, [Bend Bulletin reported](#) that Oregon tribes are being hit hard by COVID-19.
- On March 22, [Oregon Live reported](#) on the cancellation of several Oregon House floor sessions following a positive COVID-19 test for someone in the Capitol.
- On March 21, [Oregon Live reported](#) that, although the COVID-19 induced recession is one of Oregon's steepest and deepest, it has not been as bad as some feared.
- On March 21, [KATU reported](#) that although air travel is picking up, Portland International Airport is seeing less than half of its pre-pandemic traveling stats.
- On March 19, [KATU reported](#) that the Oregon Zoo is working to secure COVID-19 vaccines for its animals.
- On March 19, [Washington Governor, Jay Inslee announced](#) the rescission of his November 2020 Travel Advisory.
- On March 19, [KPTV updated an article](#) sharing how some doctors are explaining Oregon's uptick in COVID-19 cases and decrease in hospitalizations and deaths.
- On March 19, [KATU reported](#) on the reopening of Multnomah Falls Lodge and Restaurant.
- On March 18, [Washington Governor, Jay Inslee announced](#) the extension of Washington's eviction moratorium as well as upcoming expansions of the state's vaccine eligibility.
- On March 18, [KATU reported](#) on Portland Public Schools' approval of plans for hybrid and in-person learning.

National and International News

- On March 22, [CNBC reported](#) that COVID-19 cases rise across more than half of the US as country races to vaccinate.
- On March 22, [Axios reported](#) Germany extends COVID-19 restrictions and announces strict Easter lockdown.
- On March 22, [NBC News reported](#) that long-term COVID-19 can affect multiple organ systems, highlighting treatment challenges.
- On March 21, [CNN reported](#) that spring breakers flock to South Florida while some residents worry about another COVID-19 surge.
- On March 21, [CNN reported](#) that vaccine hesitancy may not be why people of color are getting COVID-19 shots at a lower rate.
- On March 21, [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) that some schools have been open for months, here's what they learned.
- On March 20, [CNN reported](#) that a more contagious COVID-19 variant is spreading across the US.
- On March 19, [CDC updated](#) their back to [school guidance](#) allowing for three feet distancing between students in classroom.
- On March 19, [KHON News reported](#) that if you've lost money to COVID-19 disruptions, it might not be too late to get it back.

C. PARTNER INFORMATION

STATE

Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- OHA [announced](#) changes to Oregon’s vaccine eligibility schedule based on new information about increased allocation from the federal government.
- OHA [announced](#) we launched a new page to help you get vaccinated. The new "How to Find a Vaccine" page – available in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#) – guides you through the process.
- OHA [guidance](#) on when searching for a vaccine, be wary of scams.
- [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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