
CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 2/24/2022

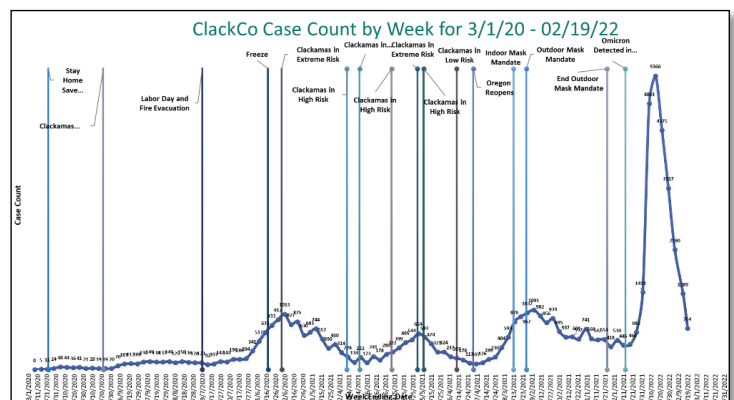
Omicron update

The U.S. is reporting significant declines in average daily COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. The total number of confirmed cases in the U.S. barely exceeded 100,000 compared to around 800,000 cases reported just five weeks ago on January 16. The nation is currently reporting a 7-day average of 121,665 new daily cases, a 43 percent decline from last week. Cases are currently declining in every U.S. state. In all but four states, reports of new infections are down by 50 percent or more in the last two weeks. COVID-19 hospitalizations are down from a national seven-day average of 146,534 on January 20 to 80,185 the week ending in February 13, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [COVID data tracker](#). The number of COVID-19 patients in intensive care units has also fallen more than 30 percent in the last two weeks. Death reports have also begun a modest downturn at around 2,300 a day, decreasing more than 10 percent since the start of the month.

Weekly COVID-19 cases in Oregon have dropped from a 7-day average of 2,445 cases to 1,635 cases, which represents a 33 percent in the last week. Hospitals remain strained in some parts of Oregon, Region 1 included, but the overall number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 is dropping quickly. The state's latest report counts 597 people in hospital beds with COVID-19, a drop of 208 patients since last Tuesday, the 15th. However, capacity remains tight, with just 12% of intensive care beds available, and 8 percent of non-ICU beds available, statewide. In Region 1, only 1.3 percent of ICU beds are available. On February 22 there were 221 hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients in Region 1. One week ago, on February 15, there were 323 hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients in Region 1. Just before the Delta variant led to a surge in hospitalizations, there were 44 hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients on July 21, and just before the Omicron variant caused a surge, there were 121 hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients in Region 1. This means Region 1 is still just under 200 patients away from reaching pre-Delta levels of hospitalizations and 100 patients away from reaching pre-Omicron levels of hospitalization.

OHA says when the state of Oregon hits 400 or fewer hospitalizations, they will [look at data](#),

"to ensure we are expected to continue a downward trajectory in daily hospitalizations, and if that is the case, whether it is safe and prudent to lift the requirement prior to that date." Peter Graven, a data scientist with OHSU, says [data from the past week](#) shows we will likely hit that 400 people hospitalized sooner than expected. Oregon is still experiencing large numbers of infections every day, and it will be important for everyone to stick with public health measures including masking over the next few weeks in order to keep case rates on the downward trend and provides relief for hospitals operating under severe strain.



New monoclonal antibody treatment approved

The US Food and Drug Administration authorized a [new monoclonal antibody treatment](#) that works against the Omicron variant of the virus that causes COVID-19. Bebtelovimab, made by Eli Lilly and Company, is a monoclonal antibody given through intravenous injection. Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins that mimic the immune system's ability to fight off harmful pathogens, such as viruses. Bebtelovimab can be used to treat people 12 and older who have mild to moderate COVID-19 and are at high risk of progressing to severe disease. It is not authorized for hospitalized patients or those who need oxygen therapy and must be administered within 7 days of infection.

The treatment is not yet available in Clackamas County. However, on Thursday, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that it had purchased 600,000 treatment courses. HHS will receive approximately 300,000 treatment courses of this monoclonal antibody in February and approximately 300,000 treatment courses in March. *This therapy can be extremely effective, but it is not a replacement for vaccination. Vaccination is the safest and most effective way to prevent COVID-19 disease, treatment is not a replacement for prevention.*

Clackamas Town Center campaign

This week, CPH posted six advertisements in the Clackamas Town Center. The ads encourage people take any vaccine questions to their doctors. They also invite people to get vaccinated in ClackCo's vaccine clinic in the mall on the second floor.

There are three ads, each posted twice. Two are in English, linking to ClackCo's vaccine page. One is in Spanish and links to OHA's Spanish-language vaccine page.



500th vaccine clinic

On Wednesday, February 23, Clackamas County Public Health (CCPH) held their 500th COVID-19 vaccine clinic. The milestone was reached at the Clackamas Town Center clinic that is open Wednesday-Saturday from 11 am – 7 pm. One special attendee to the 500th clinic was a girl celebrating her fifth birthday by getting her first vaccine dose.



COVID-19 vaccinations in Clackamas County

[Vaccination data](#) for Clackamas County.

Age Groups of people in Clackamas County who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in Oregon (per OHA)		
AGE	NUMBER VACCINATED	% SERIES COMPLETE
5 to 11	15,523	39.9%
12 to 17	23,318	71.0%
18 to 19	7,021	71.4%
20 to 49	121,808	73.5%
50 to 64	69,508	69.2%
65+	73,170	81.8%

COVID-19 cases in Clackamas County

The number of [new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases reported](#) for Clackamas County.

Week of Date	Case Count	Cases per 100k	Test Positivity
February 22 nd	754	153	7.3%
February 15 th	1,389	310	12.7%
February 5 th	2,190	484	14.3%
January 29 th	3,313	729	18.5%
January 2 nd	4,865	1,140.6	22.8%

COVID-19 hospitalizations

The number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 across Oregon is 597, which is 40 fewer than yesterday. There are 109 COVID-19 patients in intensive care unit (ICU) beds, which is six fewer than yesterday. There are 84 available adult ICU beds out of 673 total (12% availability) and 341 available adult non-ICU beds out of 4,306 (8% availability).

For more information on hospitalizations, visit the [OHA Hospitalizations Dashboards](#).

COVID-19 Deaths

There are 29 new COVID-19-related deaths in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 6,485, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported on February 22.

School Response

On March 31st, OHA will lift the K-12 mask mandates. Sticking with this date helps provide certainty and planning time for schools, gives families more time to ensure their children are vaccinated as this is the best way to limit the spread of COVID, and allows time for community transmission to continue to decline.

The Molalla River School District has decided to lift the mask mandate for its schools on March 3. The board made the decision during on Thursday, February 17th at a special school board meeting, where they voted to exercise what they call "local control."

There is a lot of guidance that is being reviewed and possibly revised by OHA and ODE regarding prevention of COVID-19 spread in K-12 schools when the universal mask mandate is lifted. For now, while we still have high rates of transmission, vaccination and universal masking are highly recommended as the most effective ways to reduce transmission and keep kids in school. As the mask mandate is lifted, CCPHD will work with schools to ensure we continue to focus on access to vaccination, screening and isolation of symptomatic individuals, increase access to testing supports and wrap around service supports for those who need them, and focus on promoting a safe environment for everyone to choose the levels of protection they find best for themselves.

Testing Response

A new drive-thru testing site in the parking lot of [Clackamas Town Center Mall](#) has opened this week provided by Covid Clinc. Non-travel PCR tests are available at no cost Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Appointments are not required, but they are the best way to ensure same day testing. Additional testing options, such as rapid PCR and rapid antigen, are available for an out-of-pocket fee. (Some insurance providers will reimburse for these types of services, but visitors should check with their provider before getting tested.) Spanish-speaking staff are available and this site is also accessible to those not using a vehicle. Additional information is available at the [Covid Clinic website](#).

The testing site at Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus is still accepting walk-ins. More information on this site is available at clackamas.us/coronavirus/testing and <https://book.curative.com/sites/34332>.

Updated county testing resources flyers are available in English and Spanish at clackamas.us/coronavirus/testing.

Disease Response

All vaccine clinics are open for walk-ins. Wednesday, February 23 at Clackamas Town Center is the 500th vaccine clinic administered through Clackamas County Public Health since January 2021, through providing vaccine, resources, or staffing. The home vaccination team and CBO Liaisons are supporting the Migrant Education Program of CESD with a vaccine clinic and resource fair at Canby Ackerman Middle School.

The COVID Investigation & Outreach unit opened 754 cases last week, an ongoing decrease from the previous week. The Outbreak investigators saw a continued decrease in open outbreaks, managing 97 open outbreaks in high-risk settings last week. The Education & Referral team welcomed a new supervisor familiar with the unit's wrap support efforts. The focus of our unit remains the provision of COVID-19 education and support to the community, and we continually look for avenues to improve our efforts.

COVID-19 Update

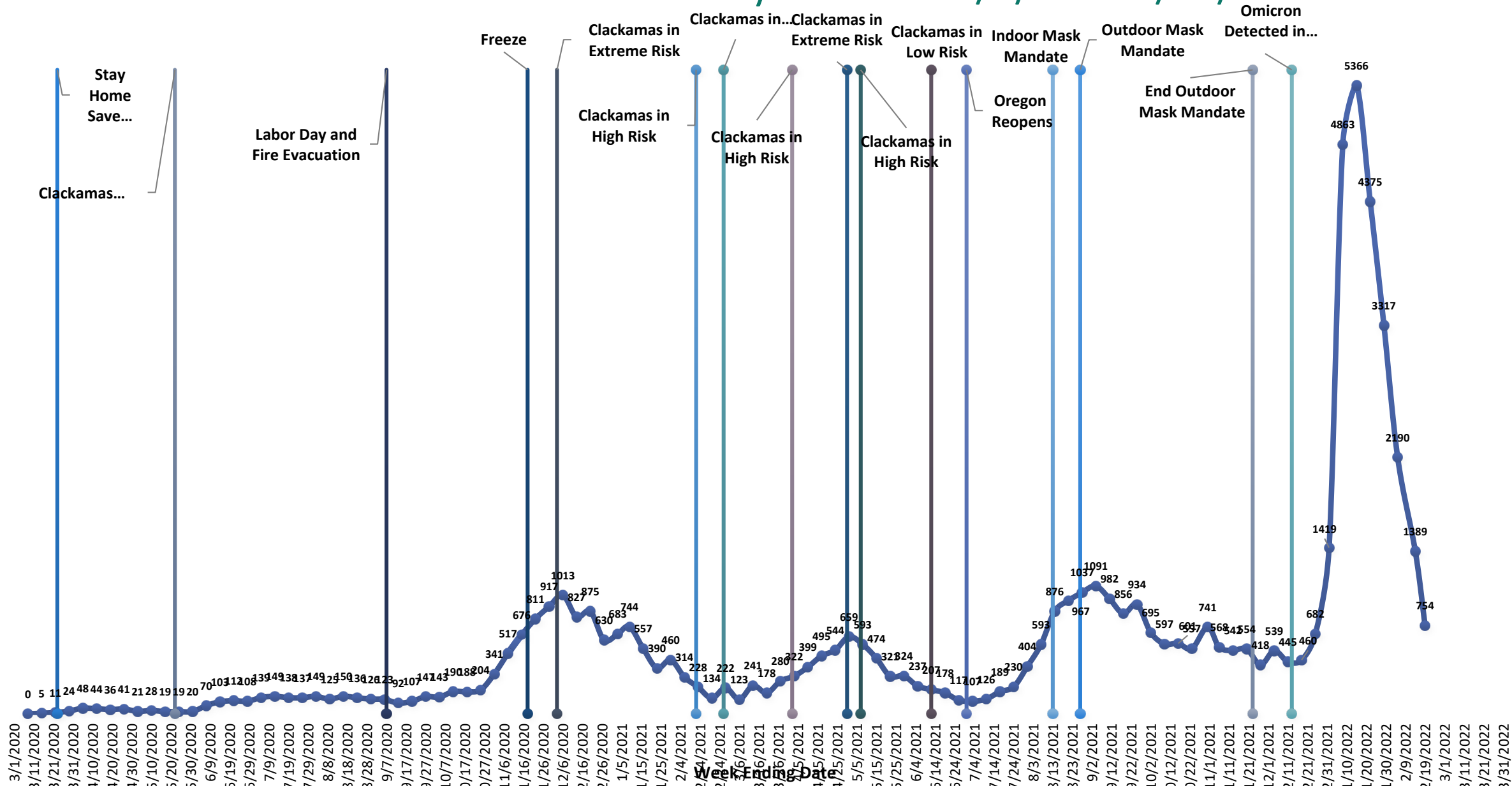
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COVID Current Case and Death Data

as of 2/18/2022	Total cases	Total deaths	Change since 2/13/2022
Clackamas County	58,446	512	Cases: +458 Deaths: +5
Multnomah County	109,428	1,018	Cases: +928 Deaths: +5
Washington County	83,057	492	Cases: +709 Deaths: +6

ClackCo Case Count by Week for 3/1/20 - 02/19/22

Case Count

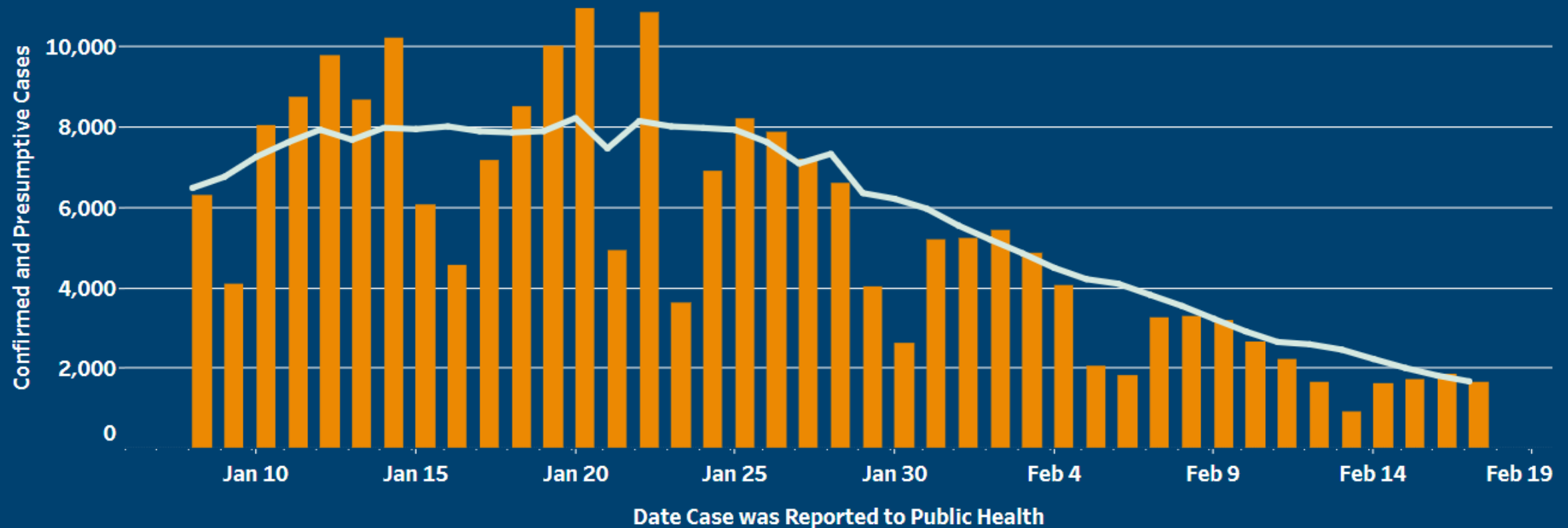


Statewide Numbers from 2/17/2022

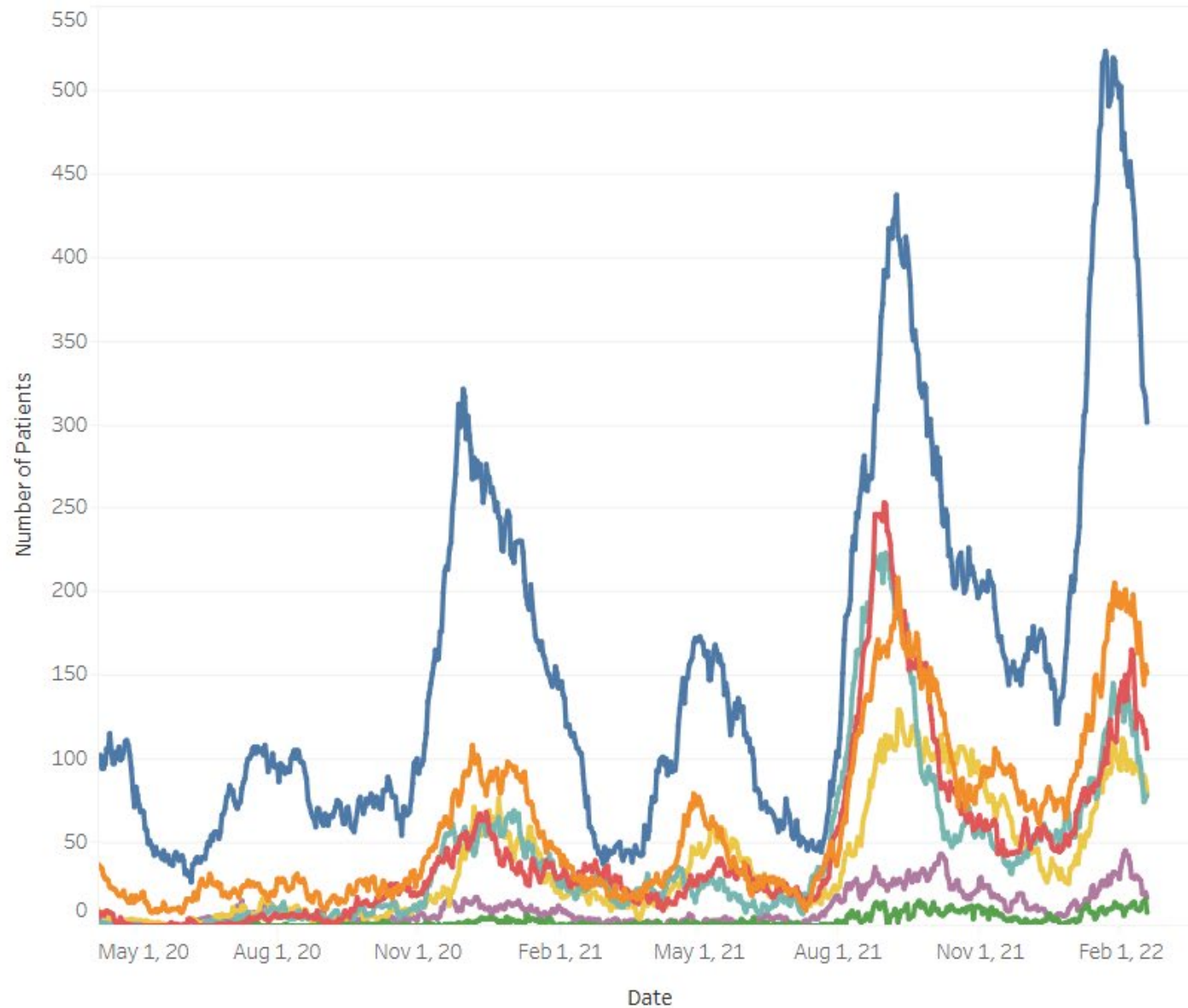
New Cases	7 Day Daily Average of Cases	Cases Per 100k in Previous 7 Days	COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized†	Tests Reported	Test Positivity	New Deaths
1,635 ▼	1,652	270.9	741 ▼	24,359	8.4%	12

Arrows indicate an increase or decrease from the previous day. †Hospitalization data from Oregon's Hospital Capacity Web System (HOSCAP).

Daily Cases and 7 Day Moving Average over the Previous Six Weeks

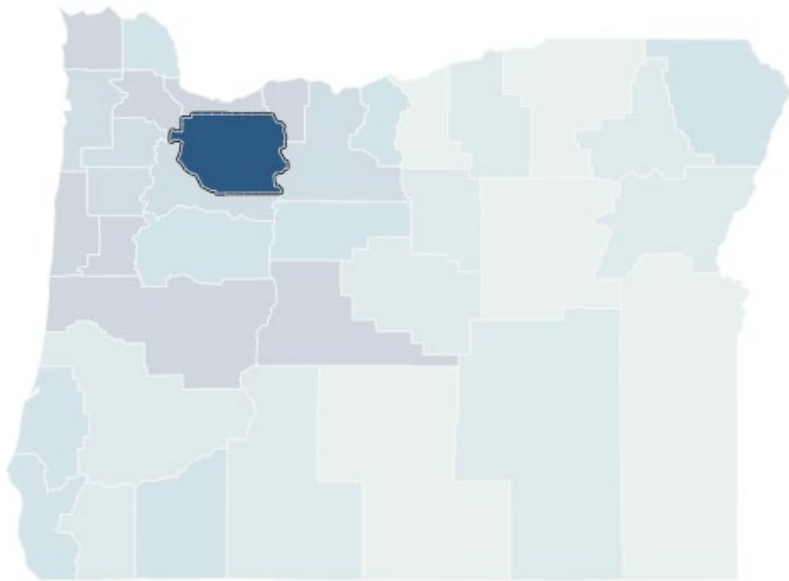


COVID-19 Positive Patients in Oregon Hospitals



Clackamas County Vaccinations

as of 2/22/2022



People ages 18 years and older living in ClackCo

80.0% have received at least one dose.

74.3% have completed their primary series.

45.6% have received an extra dose (*3rd dose or booster*)

Entire ClackCo Population

Primary Series In Progress: **22,841**

Primary Series Complete: **287,524**

740,140 doses administered in Clackamas

310,365 people vaccinated in Clackamas

Omicron Updates

- Worldwide case count dropped 12.7%
- U.S. averaging 121,665 new cases a day
- U.S. case counts dropped 43%
- Oregon averaging 1,635 cases a day
- Oregon case counts dropped 33%
- ClackCo averaging 107 cases a day
- ClackCo case counts dropped 46%



Clackamas Town Center Vaccine Campaign

**Si tiene preguntas sobre la
vacuna contra el COVID,
hay respuestas.**

Hable con su proveedor medico acerca de vacunar a su hijo.
Cuando esté listo, dirjase al segundo piso por la tienda Dick's y vacúnese.



**A COVID vaccine
helps keep your
child healthy.**

Your health care provider
has answers to your questions.

When you're ready,
head to the second floor by
Dick's and get vaccinated.



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Oregon will lift indoor mask requirements in public spaces on or before March 31.

Mask requirements for schools will be lifted on March 31.

People who are immunocompromised or at high risk of severe disease should continue to wear masks in indoor public settings while the virus is circulating in the community.



- Indoor masking requirements remain in place for now
- To be lifted no later than March 31st
- CCPH will follow the OHA's lead on mask mandates
- Masking remains a critical public health tool for preventing spread of COVID-19
- Well-fitted N95 and KN95 respirators offer the highest level of protection
- Any mask is better than no mask
- Many of Oregon's pharmacies are distributing free masks

Young Children Vaccine Authorization Delayed



- FDA postponed authorization meeting for a two-dose regimen of vaccine formulated for children ages 6 months through 4 years
- Agency needs to see data from an ongoing trial of a third vaccine dose
 - A three-dose regimen may provide a higher level of protection
- Pfizer expects to have data on three doses available in early April

Supporting Your Immune System & At-Home COVID Care Pages

Supporting Your Immune System

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to persist and other seasonal illnesses circulate through our community, there are several strategies that can help support your immune system and can help prevent COVID-19. As always, please check with your healthcare provider for specific advice, dosing and insight.



Eat a healthy, balanced diet

A healthy diet that is high in fruits and vegetables and low in processed foods is vital for a strong immune system. The vitamins and minerals within your food play a large role in immune function. No single food or nutrient will prevent illness. Learn more about [eating a healthy diet](#).



Get enough sleep

Your body needs rest to recover from everyday stress and lack of high-quality sleep negatively affects the immune system. Try to establish a sleep routine by going to bed and waking up at the same time every day and getting at least seven hours of sleep each night.

[Tips for better sleep.](#)



Exercise regularly

Exercise improves cardiovascular health, lowers blood pressure, helps control body weight and contributes to a healthy immune system. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise each week, or 30 minutes a day for 5 days a week. Remember that some activity each day is much better than none. [How much physical activity is needed for adults?](#)

At-Home Care

If you, or someone in your care, has COVID-19, it's important to know how to care of yourself and others while at home. Most people with COVID-19 have mild illness and can recover at home without medical care. Follow the steps below if you or someone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19.

• Stay home.

Most people with COVID-19 have mild illness and can recover at home without medical care. Do not leave your home, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.

• Take care of yourself.

Get rest and stay hydrated. Take over-the-counter medicines, such as acetaminophen, to help you feel better.

• Connect with your healthcare provider or a nurse consulting line if needed.

This is especially important if the sick person is at high risk for severe illness due to older age or underlying medical conditions. Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you have trouble breathing, or have any other [emergency warning signs](#), or if you think it is an [emergency](#).

• Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

If you have a [pulse oximeter](#), a device that measures the oxygen saturation level of your blood in a non-invasive way, [learn how to use it](#).

Pay attention to the symptoms. If the symptoms get worse or the symptoms are concerning to you, call a healthcare provider for guidance.

Need help finding a doctor or getting health insurance? Call 211 or visit [211info.org](#) or the [Oregon Health Plan \(OHP\)](#).

Watch for emergency signs

Call 911 if the sick person has:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone



Free Tests


Free At-Home Tests

- Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests
- Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days
- Order your tests today at covidtests.gov



Free Drive-Through Tests

- Weekly at Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus in Milwaukie
- Tuesday-Saturday, 8 a.m. -3 p.m.
- Schedule an appointment cur.tv/milwaukie

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COVID-19 Testing

No out of pocket costs

Self-collected, shallow nasal PCR test

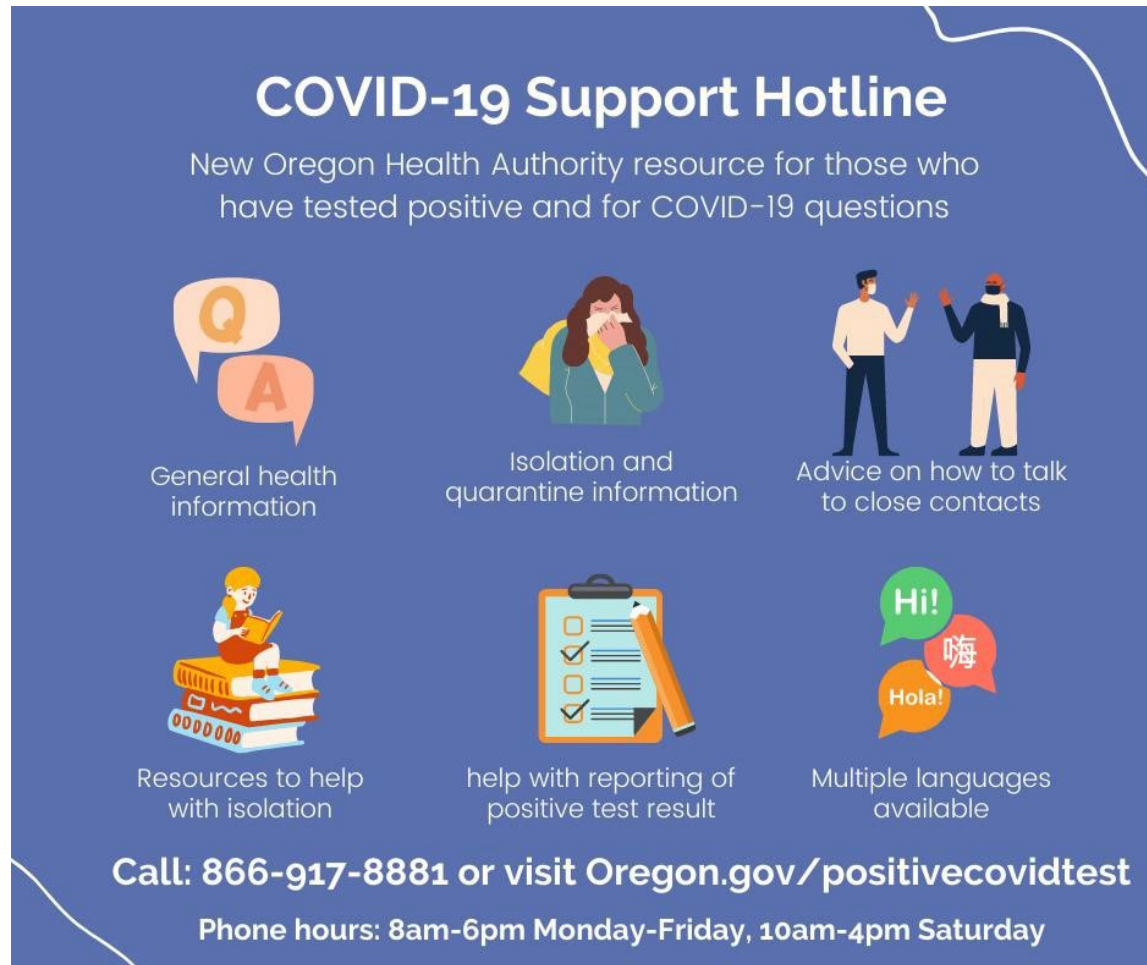
Results within 1-2 days from receipt of the sample at the lab

Schedule an appointment at cur.tv/canby

OHA COVID-19 Hotline and Website

COVID-19 Support Hotline

New Oregon Health Authority resource for those who have tested positive and for COVID-19 questions



The infographic is a blue rectangular card with white text and colorful illustrations. It lists six services offered by the COVID-19 Support Hotline, arranged in two rows of three. Each service is accompanied by a small illustration: a speech bubble with 'Q' and 'A' for general health information; a person in a green jacket covering their mouth for isolation and quarantine information; two people talking for advice on how to talk to close contacts; a person reading a book for resources to help with isolation; a clipboard with a checklist and a pencil for help with reporting of positive test result; and three speech bubbles with 'Hi!', '嗨', and 'Hola!' for multiple languages available.

- General health information
- Isolation and quarantine information
- Advice on how to talk to close contacts
- Resources to help with isolation
- help with reporting of positive test result
- Multiple languages available

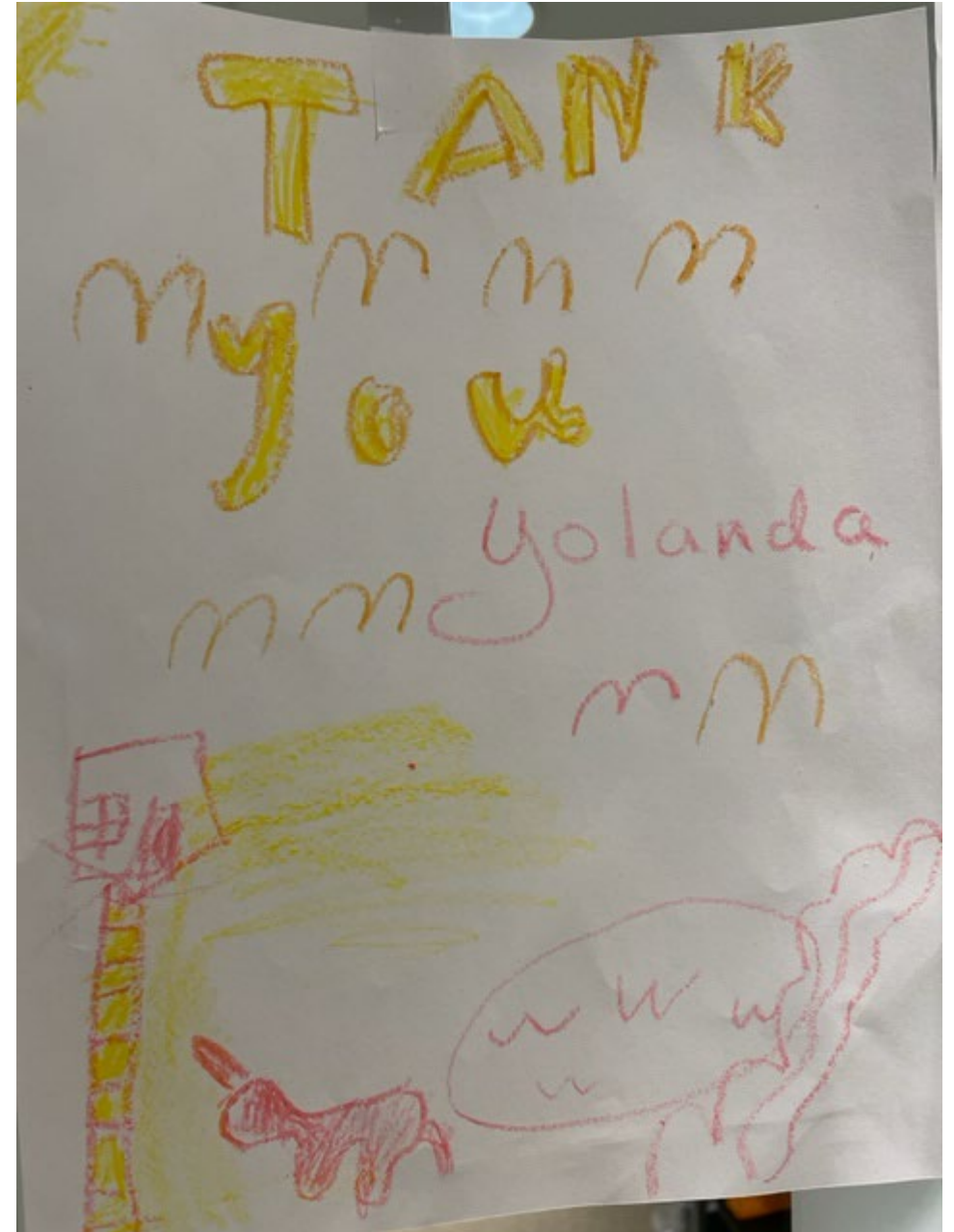
Call: 866-917-8881 or visit Oregon.gov/positivecovidtest

Phone hours: 8am-6pm Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm Saturday

- Report positive at-home or testing provider COVID-19 tests
- Take a 20-45 minute online survey
- Get information about what to do if you test positive

Boost Up, Clackamas!

- Primary series **plus a booster** dose gives over 70% protection against omicron
- Anyone age 12+ can get a booster dose
- Wait five months after second dose of a Pfizer vaccine or Moderna vaccine
- 12-17 year olds are only eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine
- Anyone 18 and older should get a booster dose two months after a Johnson & Johnson dose



Vaccine Clinics Through March 2022

Walk-ins available, while vaccine supplies last, and within 30-minutes of clinic closing time.

Date	Location
Monday 2pm – 7pm	Molalla United Methodist Church 111 S. Mathias Rd, Molalla
Tuesday 2pm – 8pm	Canby Foursquare Church 2350 SE Territorial Rd, Canby
Wednesday - Saturdays 11am – 7pm	Clackamas Town Center 12000 SE 82 nd Ave, Happy Valley (2 nd floor next to LensCrafters)
Thursday 3pm – 7pm	Providence Willamette Falls Community Center 519 15 th St, Oregon City
Friday 2pm – 5pm	Sandy Community/Senior Center 38348 Pioneer Blvd, Sandy

VACCINE SCHEDULING



Local opportunities in ClackCo:
clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine

Schedule via Email:
COVIDvaccine@clackamas.us

Schedule via Phone:
[\(503\) 655-8224](tel:5036558224) *(Mon-Fri. from 8am-5pm)*

Register to receive notification for when an appointment is available:
GetVaccinated.oregon.gov

COVID-19 Wraparound Services

Available Resources

- Rent, Mortgage, Utilities, Food, Emergency Shelter, Financial Assistance

How to Refer Someone for Assistance

- Email EOCCBO_Coordinator@Clackamas.us with the client's full name, date of birth, address, and what their current needs are
- Direct them to call the PIC line to be connected with one of our referral coordinators: 503-655-8224

Eligibility

- Clients are eligible for wrap-around support if they have tested positive for COVID-19, meet presumptive criteria, or are a confirmed close contact

What can you do for vaccine safety?

- Report adverse events following vaccination to VAERS even if you aren't sure if the vaccination caused the adverse event
- Enroll yourself in v-safe
- Healthcare providers, encourage your patients to enroll in v-safe
- Parents and guardians, you can enroll your children in v-safe



VAERS

Vaccine Adverse Event
Reporting System

<http://vaers.hhs.gov>



vsafe.cdc.gov/en/

Please get involved, your participation matters



County Resources

Help protect yourself and others by staying home if you are sick. Visit our webpage for more resources:

www.clackamas.us/coronavirus

