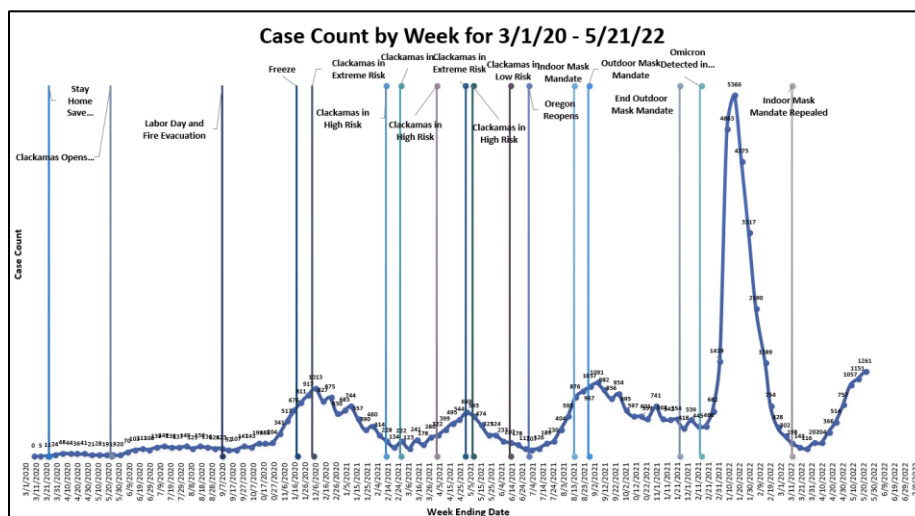

CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 5/26/2022

Omicron update

Clackamas County cases increased by 9.6 percent from the previous week. The county is now averaging 180 cases a day, up from last week's average of 164. Test positivity increased again, from 12.5 percent to 13.9 percent. Clackamas County remains in the CDC Community Levels "Medium" COVID-19 risk category. Multnomah County and Washington County are both in the "Medium" risk category as well. We expect that all three counties could be in the "High" risk category soon. Clackamas County Public Health highly recommends that people at risk of severe illness or individuals who interact with high-risk people wear a mask in indoor settings.



Case growth in Oregon has picked up again and the state is now averaging 1,685 cases a day, up from last week's average daily case count of 1,350. Nearly 12,000 new cases were reported last week, among the highest reported caseloads since the pandemic began. This marks the eighth consecutive week of case counts increasing. However, test positivity increased to 12.3 percent, a slight increase from last week's test positivity of 11.4 percent. Hospitalizations in Oregon continue a mixed trend, with 295 total hospitalizations, 27 ICU and 3 ventilator patients. Many of these hospitalizations are presumed to be people who happened to test positive for COVID-19 while getting treatment for something else. The 14-day average for deaths decreased slightly to 4.1 per week.

The United States is currently averaging more than 100,000 known cases per day for the first time since February. Cases are rising in nearly every state, and since many cases go uncounted in official reports, the true toll is likely even higher than these figures suggest. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention warned on Wednesday that one third of Americans now live in areas with "medium to high" levels of virus transmission.

Hospitalizations are increasing in all but five states and territories. Though the number of coronavirus patients hospitalized nationwide remains far below peak levels, it has increased by 29 percent in recent weeks, to an average of more than 23,000 per day. Daily rates of new deaths are declining nationwide. Fewer than 350 fatalities are announced each day, a decrease of 17 percent in the past two weeks.

Boosters for 5-11

The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup has authorized a single booster dose of the pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 through 11. The group's decision follows recommendations from the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and authorization from the FDA.

The decision states:

- Children ages 5 through 11 who are not immunocompromised should get a booster dose at least five months after receiving the second dose in their primary vaccine series.
- Children ages 5 through 11 who are immunocompromised (and who have received a third primary series dose) should get a booster dose at least three months after receiving the third dose in their primary vaccine series.

Boosters are especially likely to benefit children who are at high risk for severe disease. Boosters may also prevent children from spreading the virus to loved ones who are at high risk.

Boosters for 5-11 year olds are available at CCPH clinics, as well as local pharmacies and healthcare settings across the region where COVID-19 vaccinations are available.

Changes to second booster guidelines

This week the CDC also strengthened its guidelines for getting a second COVID-19 booster dose.

- People age 12 and up who are moderately to severely immunocompromised **should** receive a second booster dose at least four months after their first booster dose.
- Adults age 50 and up **should** receive a second booster dose at least four months after their first booster dose.

When the CDC initially approved a second booster dose for the above groups, the agency said people "may" choose to get a second booster dose. Now the agency says people in the above groups "should" get a second booster dose. The agency cited rising case numbers and a substantial increase in COVID-19-related hospitalizations for older Americans in this change.

Completing a primary series is the best way to prevent severe outcomes from COVID-19. Booster doses can enhance protection against infection, and are most important for those at risk of severe outcomes.

Monkey pox concerns

Public Health officials are investigating a confirmed case and six suspect cases of [monkeypox in the United States](#). Seattle & King County are investigating a presumptive case of monkeypox virus infection. Cases of monkeypox have previously been identified in travelers from, or residents of, West African or Central African countries where monkeypox is considered to be endemic.

Monkeypox is a rare viral illness that is uncommon in the U.S. The illness can begin with flu-like symptoms and swelling of the lymph nodes followed by a rash- usually raised lesions like chicken-pox or other viral illnesses. Monkeypox is primarily transmitted through close (usually skin-to-skin) prolonged exposure to someone who has the illness. Monkeypox spreads [much less easily](#) than COVID-19. Scientists have been studying monkeypox since it was first discovered in humans over 50 years ago.

While a viral illness spreading in multiple countries may make people concerned about this similarities with COVID-19, this is a very different virus, and is not expected to have the same level of spread or impact across all communities. The United States is early in its response and we should expect more cases.

COVID-19 Vaccinations in Clackamas County

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

Test results can be reported Monday through Friday, 8:30-5, through the OHA Hotline: [866-917-8881](tel:866-917-8881)

Week of Date	Case Count	Cases per 100k	Test Positivity
May 20 th	1262	305.3	13.9%
May 14 th	1151	262.1	12.5%
May 9 th	1057	212.9	11.3%
April 30 th	757	174.0	11.2%

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	16,360	44.1%
12 to 17	23,621	72.3%
18 to 19	7,140	72.5%
20 to 49	122,958	74.3%
50 to 64	69,985	69.9%
65+	73,847	83.2%

Testing Response

No-Cost COVID-19 Testing

[Curative](#) testing site at Harmony Campus in Milwaukie operates 7 days a week with expanded afternoon hours on weekdays. The site also offers **free** rapid molecular testing with results available in about an hour. Appointments are not required.

[PCR Testing](#) (Results usually within 48-72 hours)

Monday - Friday, 8:00a - 5:00p

Saturday - 8:00a - 3:00p

[Rapid Molecular Testing](#) (Results usually within an hour)

Monday - Friday, 9:00a - 4:30p

Saturday 8:30a – 2:30p

At-Home Tests Available at No Cost to Medicare Part B Recipients

Medicare Part B recipients, including those enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, can receive up to eight at-home tests per calendar month at no cost. Recipients can request tests at any participating pharmacy or healthcare provider. For more information visit cms.gov/newsroom.

COVID-19 Test to Treat Locator Available Online

Test to Treat, a federal initiative launched in March, offers a new opportunity for testing and treating COVID-19. At select locations across the country, individuals can get tested and, if they are positive and treatments are appropriate for them, can get a prescription and have their medication filled all at one location.

In Oregon, the test to treat sites are currently located at five Walgreens and two HRSA-supported Health Centers. This includes the Walgreens on Sunnyside in Happy Valley for the general public, and Neighborhood Health Centers and Clackamas County Health Centers for established patients.

A tool to find Test to Treat locations as well as more information on the program is available at aspr.hhs.gov/TestToTreat. Prescriptions are currently being offered to those that are at high risk of becoming very sick. New Test to Treat locations will be added as the program expands.

Raising Awareness of Counterfeit COVID-19 At-Home Test Kits

Avoiding counterfeit at-home COVID-19 tests

The FDA has identified two counterfeit tests that are **made to look like** Flowflex COVID-19 Test Kits and iHealth Antigen Rapid Test Kits.

If you have either of these tests, **look for these signs that they may be counterfeit**. Note: iHealth tests distributed by OHA are **not** counterfeit.

- ✗ **Poor print quality** of text or images
- ✗ **Missing information** on the outside box label, such as lot number, expiration date, barcode or QR code
- ✗ **Grammar or spelling errors** on the product label
- ✗ **Kit components** don't match box description

Oregon Health

Community members should be aware of counterfeit COVID-19 at-home test kits that have made their way into the U.S. market. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has identified that counterfeit versions of Flowflex COVID-19 Test Kits and iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kits are being circulated. The FDA has provided information [on its website](#) on how to identify counterfeit test kits. As the iHealth test kits received by Public Health were distributed directly by the manufacturer (via an arrangement with the Oregon Health Authority), there is no reason to believe that the division has received any counterfeit tests. Public Health will update its COVID-19 testing webpage to provide information on how community members can identify counterfeit test kits.

Disease Response

Boosters for 5-11 years of age are now being administered at all regularly scheduled vaccine clinics, available for walk-ins and scheduled appointments. There is increased interest from migrant seasonal farms and long-term care facilities for more onsite mobile vaccine clinics.

The COVID-19 Investigation & Outreach unit opened 1261 cases and managed 76 active outbreaks last week. The unit is reviewing a draft of the first investigative guideline update from OHA for COVID-19 since March 2022. This document will guide our work as we transition to new formations in July 2022. The unit is working collaboratively to ensure a smooth transition of its remaining staff to the COVID Systems and Infectious Disease Control and Prevention programs, while continuing to serve and support Clackamas County residents experiencing COVID-19.

COVID-19 Update

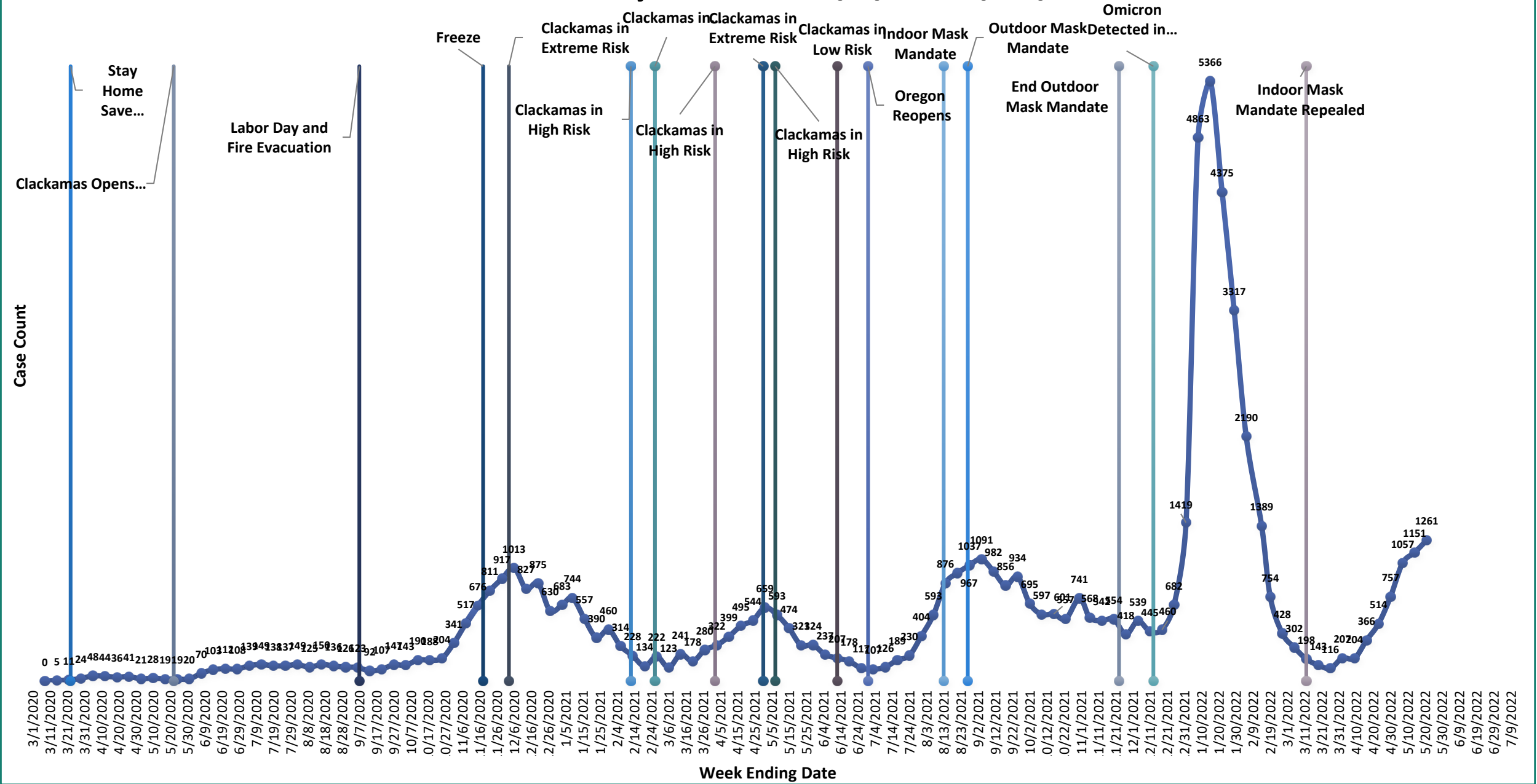
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COVID Current Case and Death Data

as of 5/22/2022	Total cases	Total deaths	Change since 5/15/2022
Clackamas County	65,484	634	Cases: +1,298 Deaths: --
Multnomah County	127,883	1,211	Cases: +3,111 Deaths: +3
Washington County	93,900	596	Cases: +2,161 Deaths: +2

Case Count by Week for 3/1/20 - 5/21/22



Statewide Numbers from May 23, 2022

CASES — Statewide

Data Current as of 12:01am 5/23/2022

New cases

3,875

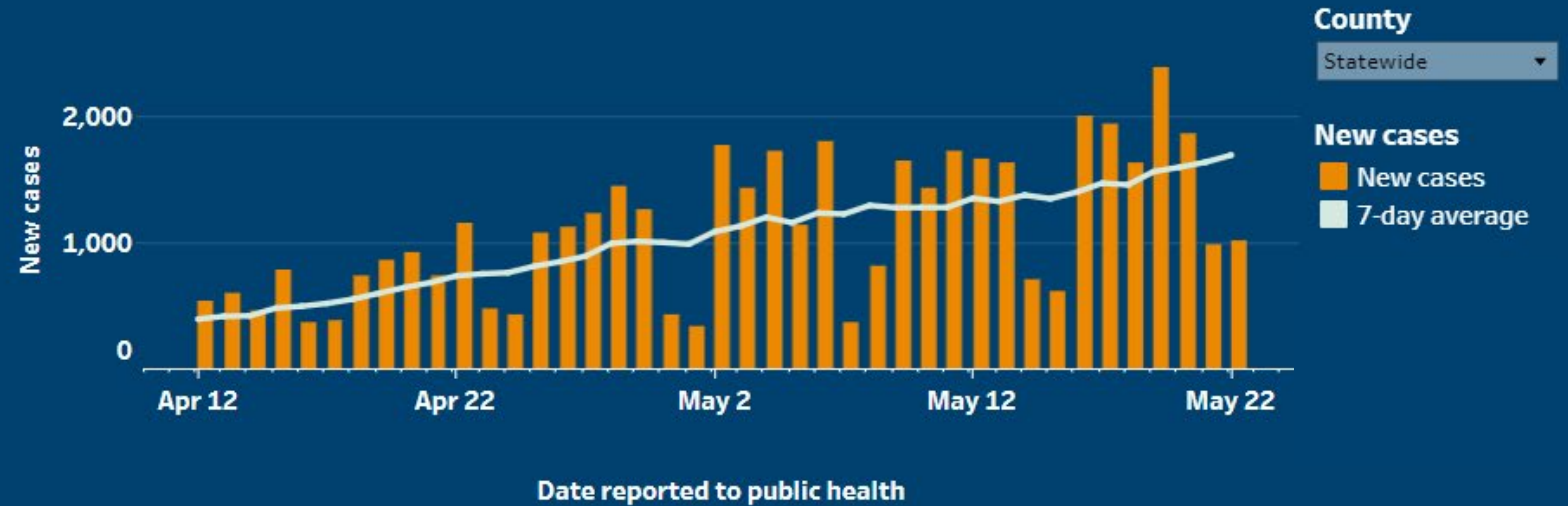
7-day average

1,692.4

Total cases

753,576

Source: Opera



Newly reported deaths with
COVID-19

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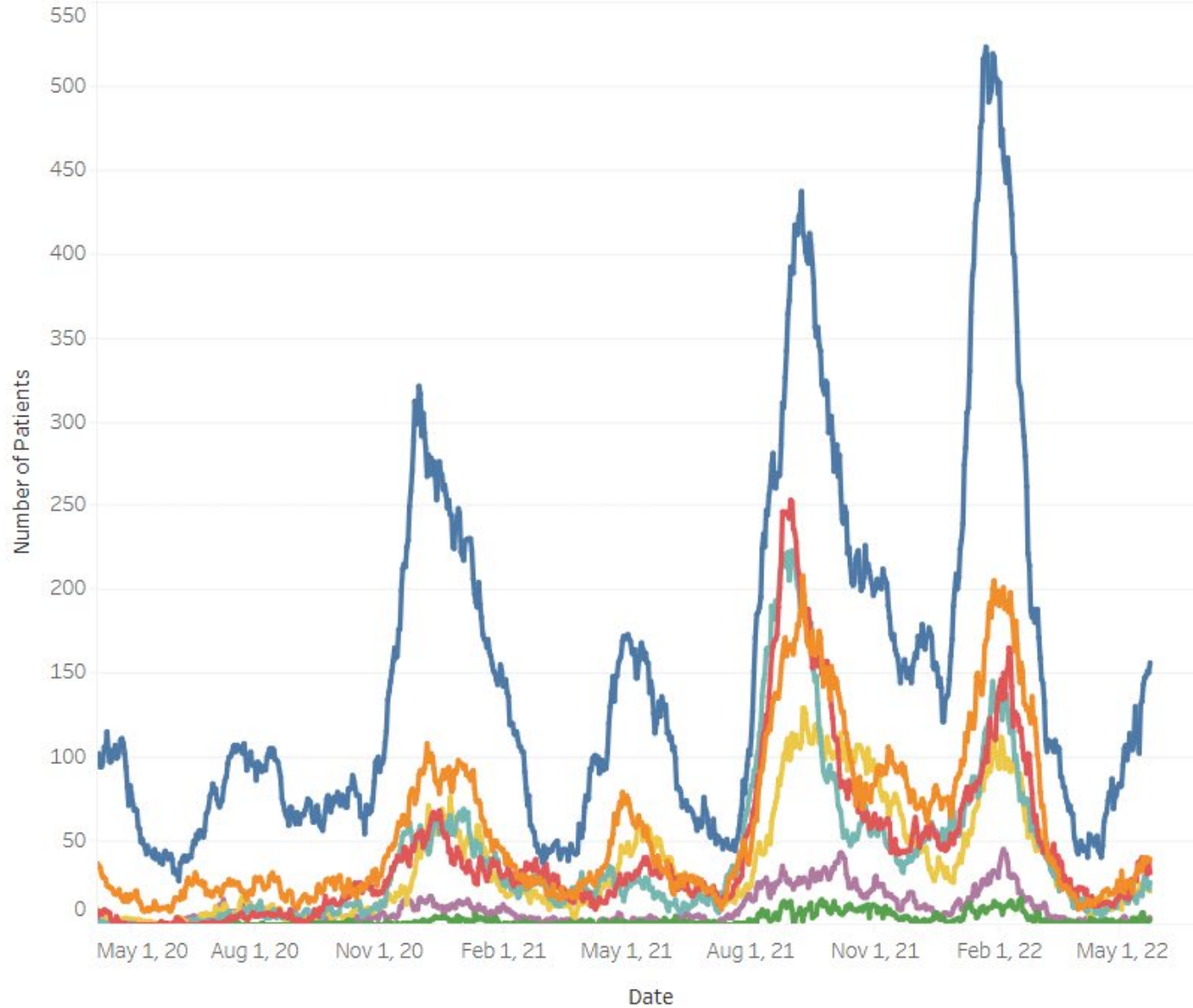
Total deaths

7,591

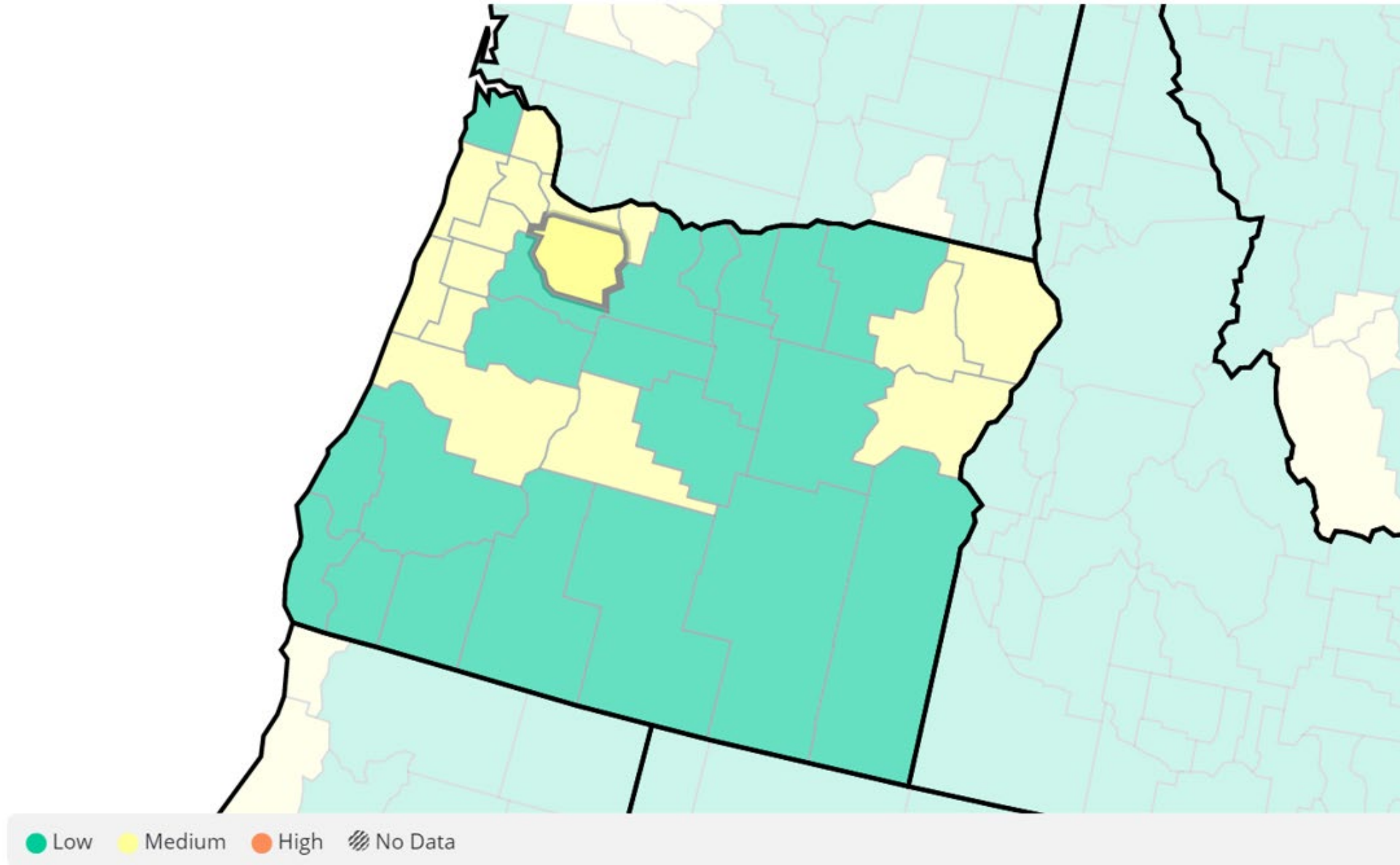
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COVID-19 Positive Patients in Oregon Hospitals

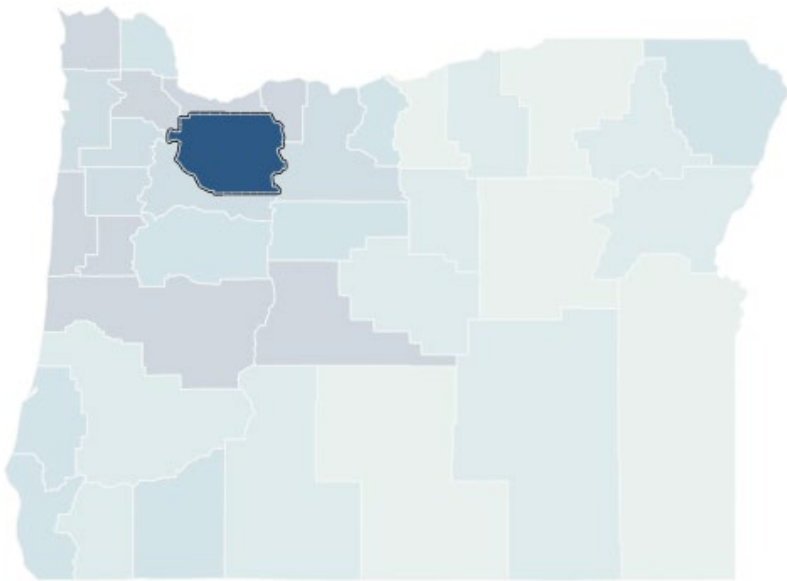


Oregon's COVID-19 Community Risk Level



Clackamas County Vaccinations

as of 5/24/2022



People ages 18 years and older living in ClackCo

80.7% have received at least one dose.

75.2% have completed their primary series.

47.5% have received an extra dose (*3rd dose or booster*)

Entire ClackCo Population

Primary Series In Progress: **21,477**

Primary Series Complete: **292,548**

788,648 doses administered in Clackamas

313,935 people vaccinated in Clackamas

Omicron Updates

- Worldwide case count dropped 12.55%
- U.S. averaging new cases a day 85,143
- U.S. case counts increased 18.8%
- Oregon averaging 1,685 cases a day
- Oregon case counts increased 26%
- ClackCo averaging 180 cases a day
- ClackCo case counts increased 9.6%



Boosters for 5-11 Year Olds

- FDA authorized booster shots for the Pfizer vaccine for children 5 to 11
- Children can get a booster at least 5 months after their primary series
- Same strength as the first two shots, 10 micrograms
- Produces a strong immune response to protect against coronavirus variants
- No new safety signals were observed
- Available at CCPH clinics

FREE Tests

CCPH At-Home Tests

- Local governments and municipalities can request test kits
- Small businesses and organizations serving vulnerable populations can request test kits
- Available at all vaccine clinics
- Organizations interested in requesting kits should visit

<https://www.clackamas.us/coronavirus/testkits>

Federal At-Home Tests

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




Drive-Through Tests


- Weekly at Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus
- Now open 7 days a week
- PCR Testing:
Monday - Friday, 8:00a - 5:00p,
Saturday - 8:00a - 3:00p
- Rapid Molecular Testing:
Monday - Friday, 9:00a - 4:30p,
Saturday 8:30a – 2:30p
- Schedule an appointment cur.tv/milwaukie

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




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
- Also supporting school-related questions

Supporting Mental Health and Emotional Health

As masks start to come off, it is normal that we may experience some feeling of fear and anxiety. You might find that going mask-less in public and transitioning back to “normal” makes you feel out of place or worried. Here are a few tips you can use to manage your mental health during this time.

- Focus on things you can control; i.e. when you are comfortable taking your mask off in public
- Fuel your body by eating a healthy diet and drinking plenty of water
- Spend time outside
- Take deep breaths and stretch often
- Stay connected to your support systems
- Use kindness and support each other through this phase of recovery
- Connect with someone who will listen at safestrong@Clackamas.us or call 503-655-8585

Masks are Welcome Here

We support your choice
to wear a mask



Vaccine Clinics

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

Date	Location
Monday 3pm – 7pm	Molalla United Methodist Church 111 S. Mathias Rd, Molalla
Tuesday 3pm – 7pm	Canby Foursquare Church 2350 SE Territorial Rd, Canby
Wednesday - Saturday 11am – 7pm	Clackamas Town Center 12000 SE 82 nd Ave, Suite 274, Happy Valley (2 nd floor next to LensCrafters)
May 26, June 9, June 23 (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

