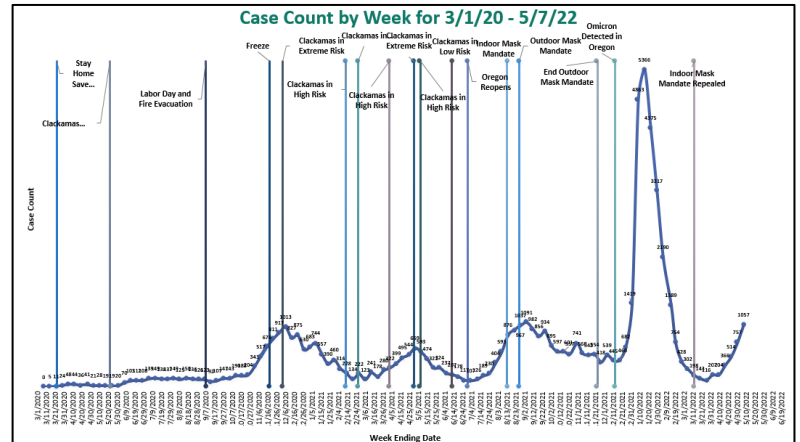

CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 5/12/2022

Omicron update

Clackamas County cases are steadily increase, with 1,507 this past week. This marks a 39.6% increase from the previous week. Test positivity increased slightly, from 11.2 percent to 11.3 percent. Clackamas County is now in the CDC Community Levels “Medium” COVID-10 risk category. People at risk of severe illness should talk with their doctor about wearing a mask and taking other steps to protect themselves. CCPH highly recommends that people at risk of severe illness or individuals who interact with high-risk people wear a mask in indoor settings.



Weekly coronavirus cases in Oregon continue to increase, for the sixth consecutive week. The state is now averaging 1,164 cases a day, up from last week’s average daily case count of 992. This marks a 31 percent increase from the week prior. The cases levels are as high as last winter’s surge and approaching the levels from the Delta surge. The most recent complete week, April 24 through April 30, had a test positivity of 8.4 percent, marking the sixth consecutive week of increasing test positivity. Despite the rise in case counts across the state, the number of infected individuals needing medical attention has been limited as a result of high immunity from both vaccination and natural infection.

As of May 4, 181 people are hospitalized with COVID-19 in Oregon and 5% of occupied ICU beds are filled with COVID patients, a slight increase from 3 percent two weeks ago. Most regions are seeing mild increases in hospitalized patients, but at levels well below Delta and Omicron peaks. The most recent [Oregon Health and Science University forecast](#) shows a slight increase in hospitalized patients as the impacts of BA.2 and reduced COVID restrictions are experienced. The forecast now predicts a peak of 321 hospitalized patients on June 10, far below hospitalization levels seen in January. Still, researchers at OHSU are optimistic that Oregon will not see the kind of surges in hospitalized patients that were seen with Omicron and Delta.

Reports of new coronavirus cases nationwide have doubled in the past month as Omicron subvariants have spread across the country. As of May 4, 2022, the current 7-day moving average of daily new cases (64,781) increased 21.4% compared with the previous 7-day moving average (53,362). Cases are increasing in all but seven states and territories, and in more than a dozen, the daily case average is twice as high today as it was two weeks ago.

Hospitalizations are also on the rise, driven primarily by increases on the East Coast. Just over 18,000 people are in American hospitals with the coronavirus each day, an increase of 20 percent from two weeks ago. The full impact of this surge is believed to be even greater than these numbers suggest. Since many infections go unreported, the 68,000 cases currently documented each day likely capture only a portion of the true impact of spread. Fewer than 400 deaths are being announced each day on average, down from more than 2,600 a day at the height of the Omicron surge.

One million COVID deaths

The U.S. death toll from the COVID-19 pandemic will hit one million this week, reflecting the devastating impact this virus has had on Americans. The death toll is likely significantly higher than the official 1 million, the National Center for Health Statistics reports.

COVID quickly became the third-biggest killer of Americans, behind only heart disease and cancer. Americans have died of COVID at a higher rate than in any other major industrialized country, and life expectancy for Americans has fallen over the past two years at the sharpest rate since World War I and the 1918 flu pandemic.

As the country marks the million milestone, we mourn each loss and extend our condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

FDA further limits J&J vaccine

For several months the Food and Drug Administration has advised Americans to receive either the Pfizer or Moderna series of COVID vaccines over the Johnson & Johnson single-shot vaccine. On May 5, the FDA announced that it would impose [strict limits](#) on who can receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine amid ongoing concerns about a rare but serious side effect that could cause life-threatening blood clots, a condition called thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS), in patients who receive the shot.

Specific Americans can still receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. According to the FDA, these groups can still receive the single-dose shot series:

- Individuals who experienced an anaphylactic reaction after receiving the Pfizer or Moderna COVID vaccine.
- Individuals who have personal or religious concerns about receiving mRNA vaccines.
- Individuals who would remain unvaccinated for COVID-19 due to limited access to mRNA vaccines.

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 9 th | 1057 | 212.9 | 11.3% |
| April 30 th | 757 | 174.0 | 11.2% |
| April 23 rd | 514 | 120.3 | 8.2% |
| April 16 th | 366 | 87.7 | 6.7% |
| April 9 th | 204 | 49.5 | 4.3% |

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 | 16,292 | 43.8% |
| 12 to 17 | 23,578 | 72.1% |
| 18 to 19 | 7,110 | 72.2% |
| 20 to 49 | 122,784 | 74.2% |
| 50 to 64 | 69,882 | 69.7% |
| 65+ | 73,704 | 83.0% |

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

Sun, Closed

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

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

Saturday 8:30a – 2:30p

Sun, Closed

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.

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.

Story from the field

Beginning in early 2020, the COVID Investigation and Outreach team expanded by bringing on a group of case investigators and contact tracers to track and manage cases in the county in order to keep the community as safe as possible. One team member details their fulfilling experience as a contact investigator here:

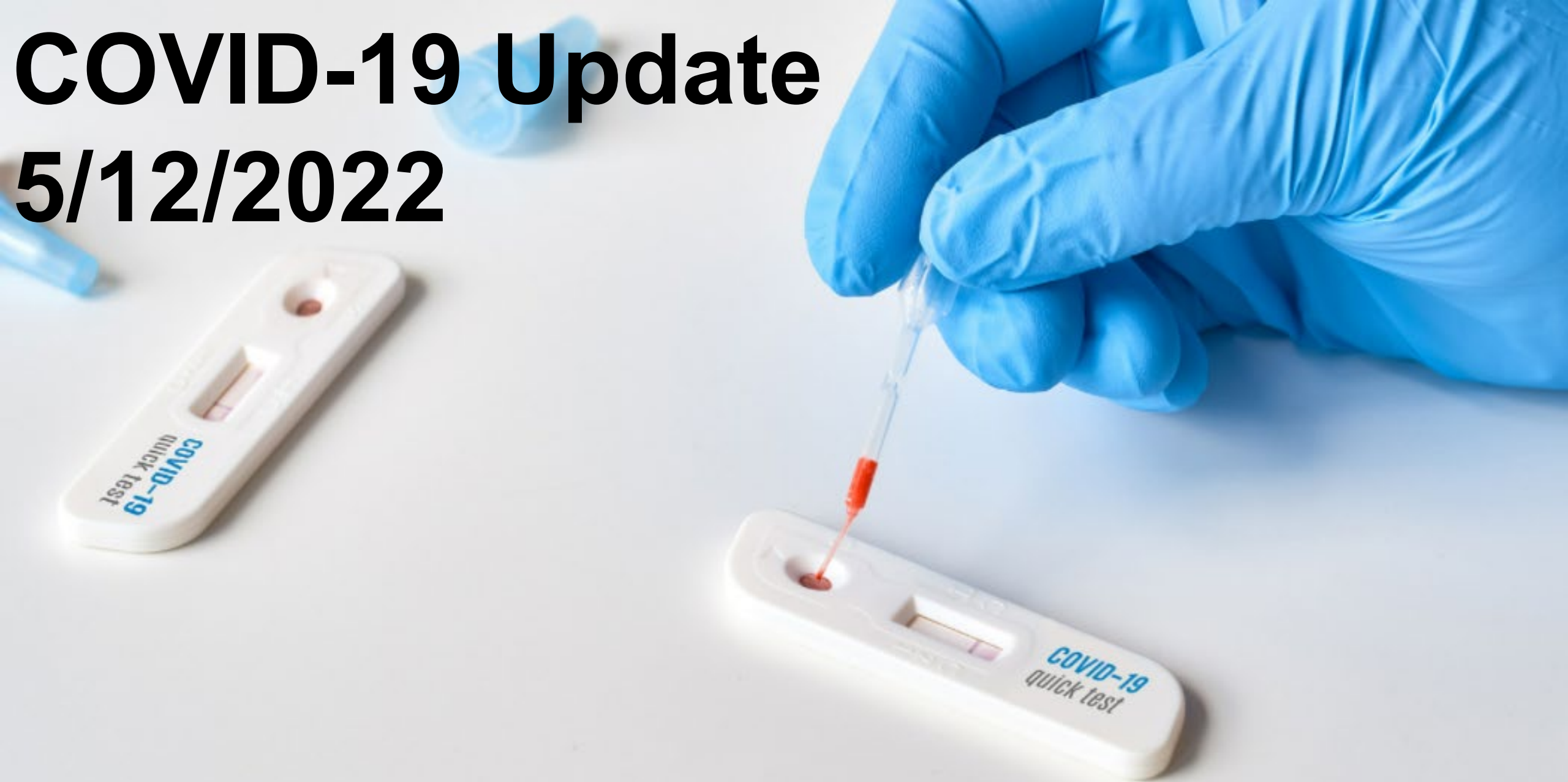
To say the least would be to say that being a representative of public health has been challenging work. There have been plenty of moments where I questioned my work and my purpose in the local pandemic response, but there have also been a number of other experiences where I felt I was able to support our community partners and to carry out my expected role.

I think the most fulfilling part of this job has been the opportunity to be a part of the process of shaping the role of public health pandemic response. Every day I ask myself what my purpose is in this position, and if I am serving the objectives of community relationship building, health equity, and infectious disease control and prevention. There have been many days where the answer to that question has not been clear or satisfying. But as I look back on the last year and a half, I am proud of the effort my teammates and I have put into aligning our day-to-day work with our goals.

There is still a ton of work to do to manage the spread of COVID-19. For now, I am happy to have had the opportunity to play my part in the creation of a modern pandemic response unit.

COVID-19 Update

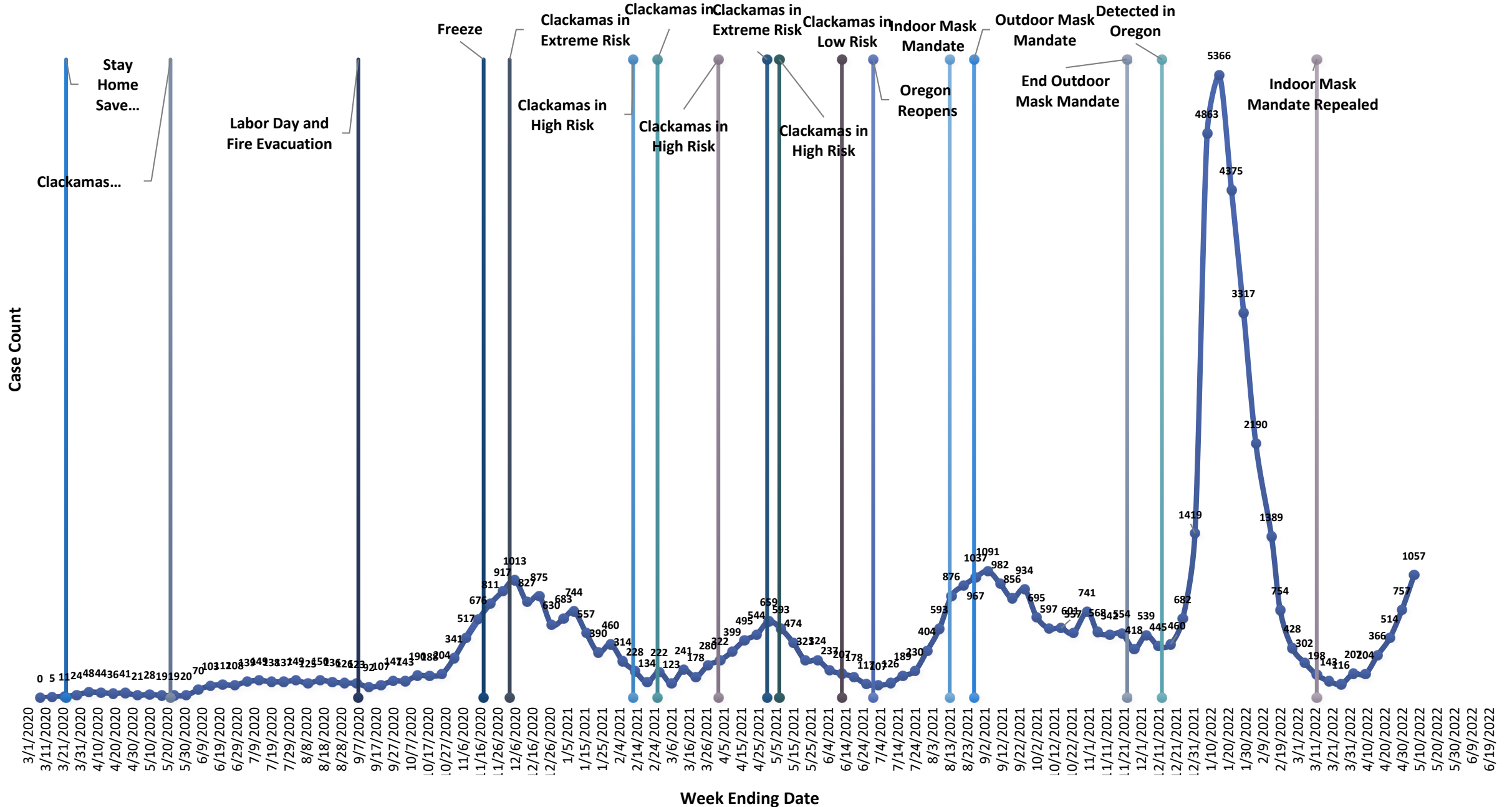
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COVID Current Case and Death Data

| as of 5/12/2022 | Total cases | Total deaths | Change since 5/2/2022 |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Clackamas County | 63,071 | 630 | Cases: +1,178 Deaths: +1 |
| Multnomah County | 122,257 | 1,203 | Cases: +2,619 Deaths: +8 |
| Washington County | 89,883 | 593 | Cases: +1,652 Deaths: +5 |

Case Count by Week for 3/1/20 - 5/7/22



Statewide Numbers from May 9, 2022

CASES — Statewide

Data Current as of 12:01am 5/9/2022

New cases

3,002

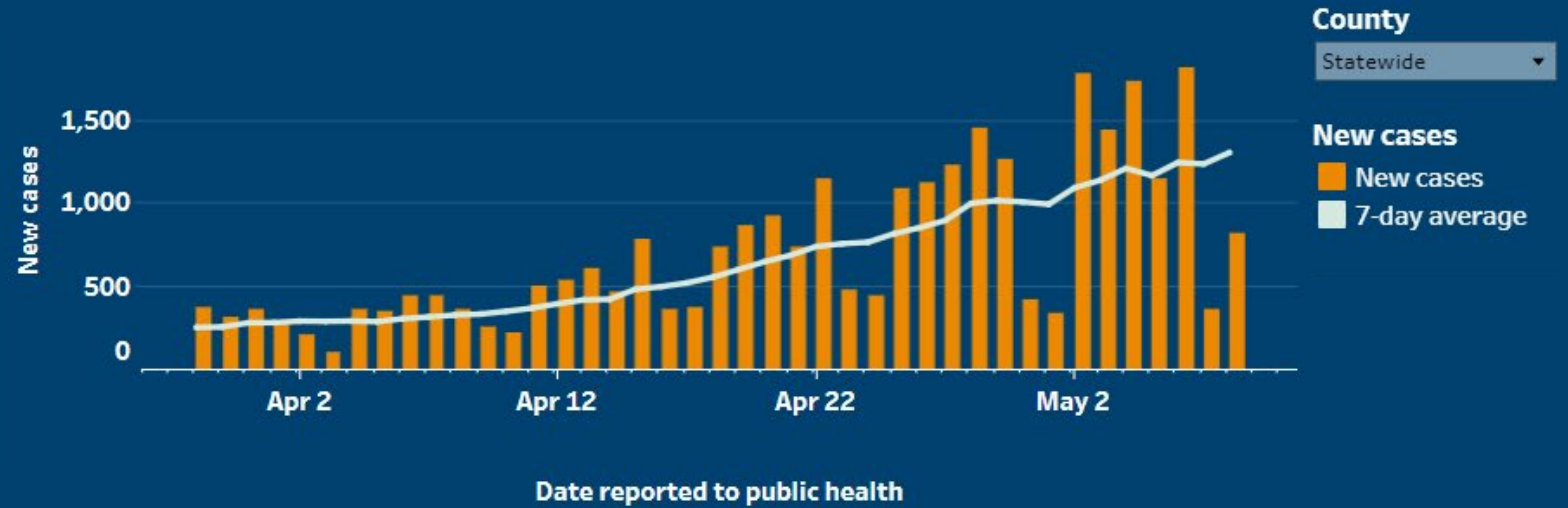
7-day average

1,299.6

Total cases

732,382

Source: Opera



Newly reported deaths with
COVID-19

13

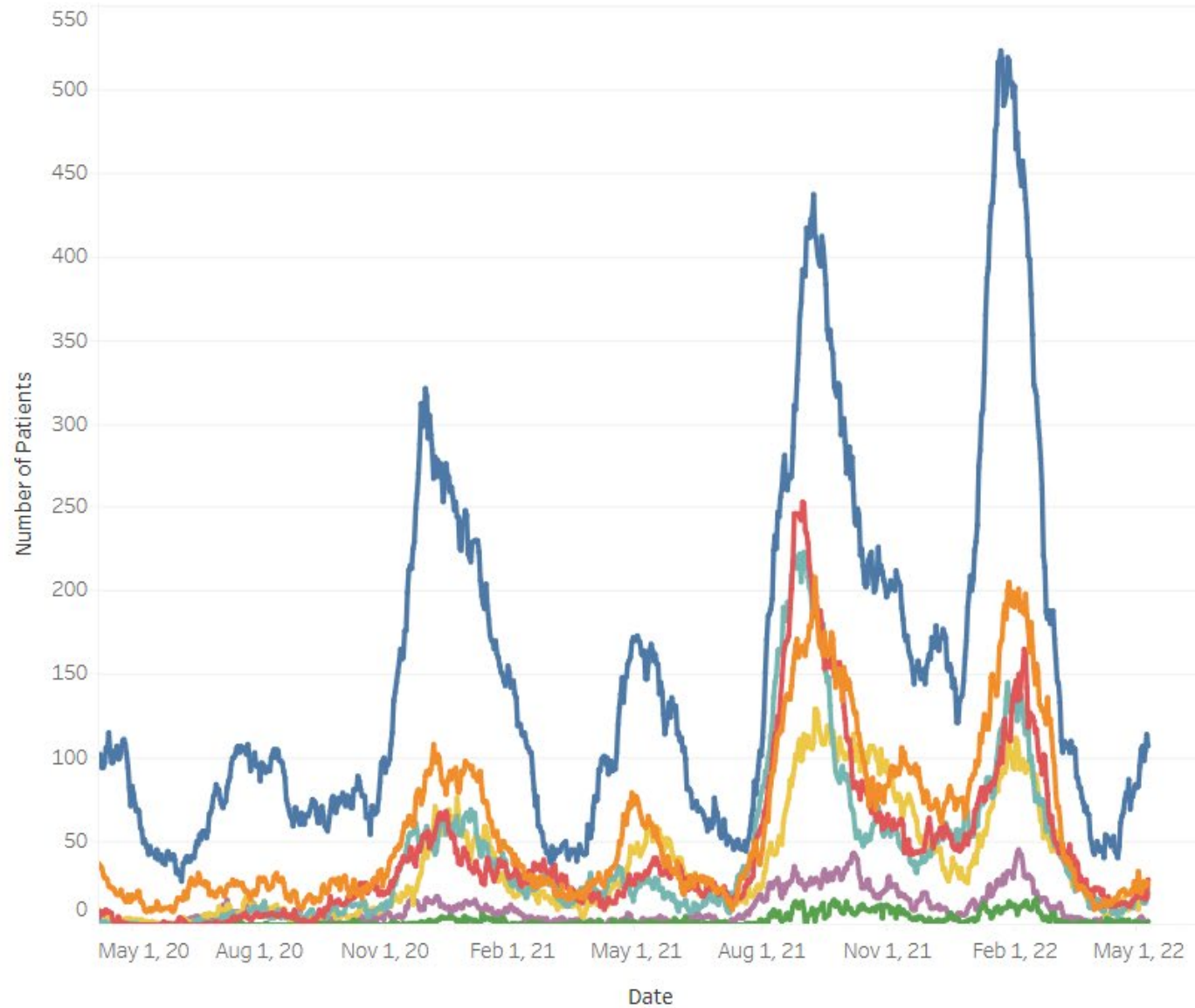
Total deaths

7,541

Source: Opera

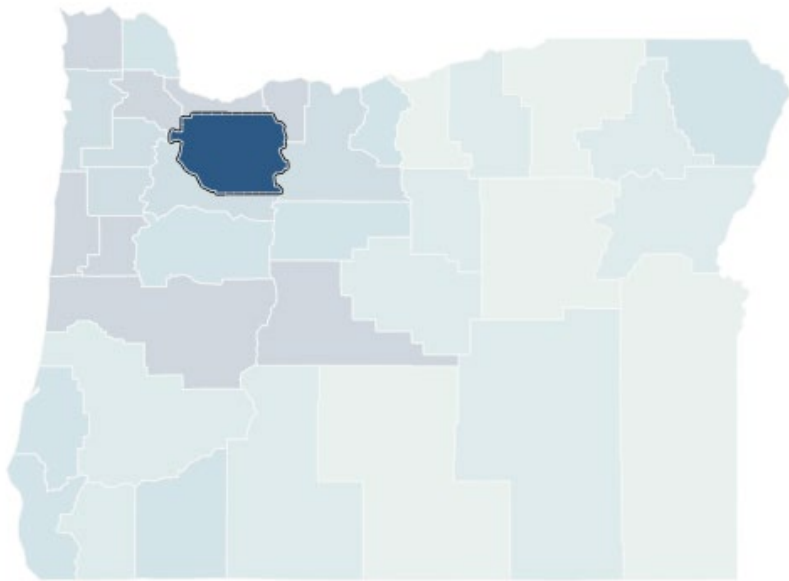


COVID-19 Positive Patients in Oregon Hospitals



Clackamas County Vaccinations

as of 5/9/2022



People ages 18 years and older living in ClackCo

80.5% have received at least one dose.

75.0% have completed their primary series.

47.1% have received an extra dose (*3rd dose or booster*)

Entire ClackCo Population

Primary Series In Progress: **21,622**

Primary Series Complete: **291,751**

778,691 doses administered in Clackamas

313,373 people vaccinated in Clackamas

Omicron Updates

- Worldwide case count dropped 14.55%
- U.S. averaging new cases a day 64,781
- U.S. case counts increased 21.4%
- Oregon averaging 1,164 cases a day
- Oregon case counts increased 31%
- ClackCo averaging 215 cases a day
- ClackCo case counts increased 39.6%



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 12, 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

