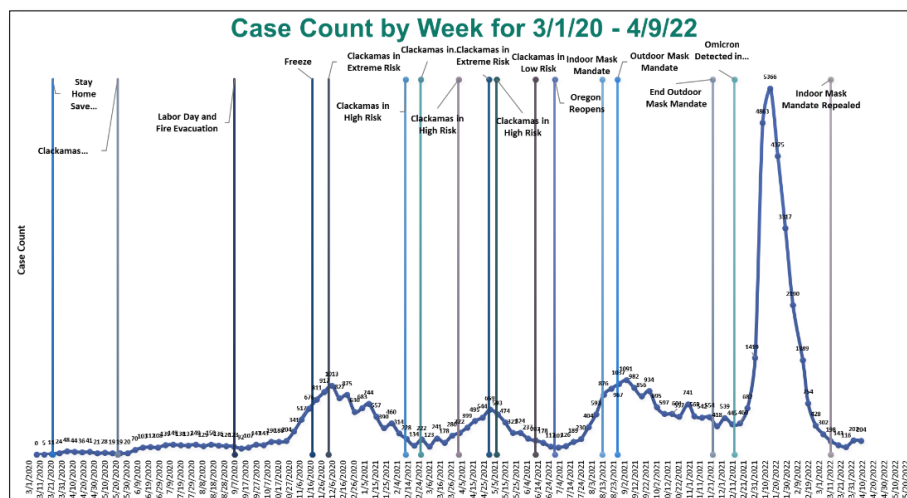

CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 4/14/2022

Omicron update

Clackamas County saw case counts held steady at 204 this week, and active outbreaks decreased 52.9 percent. Still, test positivity increased from 3.3 percent to 4.3 percent and 16 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported in the last week in Clackamas County. Oregon is now one of 26 states with rising cases. Nearly 2,400 Oregonians tested positive for the coronavirus or were diagnosed with COVID-19 over the last week, a 20 percent increase from the previous week, state data show. The percentage of positive test results has also increased, from 2.9 percent on April 3 to 4.6 percent on Sunday April 10. This is the second week of increased case counts after nine weeks of decline. The slight increase in cases we are seeing both locally and nationwide is tied to the impacts of the highly transmissible BA.2 and reduced COVID-19 restrictions. 100% of cases sequenced in Oregon in the last week were found to be BA.2, which is even more transmissible than the original Omicron variant. However, due to current immunity from vaccines and recent infections, a major surge is unlikely.



Hospitalizations across Oregon remain stable, with total patients at 107, with 23 in ICU and 5 ventilator patients. A slight increase in hospitalizations appears to be beginning in the Northeast and is expected for Oregon as well. Under [OHSU projections](#), hospitalizations are expected to peak on June 10 at 220 occupied beds. About half of those people would be at the hospital receiving treatment primarily for something besides COVID-19.

Outlook across the United States is mixed. The Northeast is seeing some higher levels of cases per capita. So far it has represented a 50% increase cases but from historically low levels per day. Only Vermont is seeing an increase in hospitalization. However, cases have decreased in the other half of the states. Even as case reports have leveled off some, coronavirus hospitalizations across the country have continued to decrease. Hospitalizations have fallen to an average of roughly 15,000 per day in the past two weeks, the lowest they have been since the first weeks of the coronavirus pandemic. Deaths also remain on the decline. Around 600 deaths from COVID are being reported each day, a decrease of more than 75 percent from the peak in February amid the Omicron surge.

Low risk of myopericarditis after COVID vaccine

Two large studies recently added further support to the evidence that the risk of developing inflammatory heart conditions after COVID-19 vaccination is very low. Myocarditis or pericarditis are much more likely to follow infection with SARS-CoV2 compared with COVID-19 vaccinations. Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart muscle, and pericarditis is inflammation of the tissue that encases the heart.

One study, an analysis of 22 previous studies, found that the risk of the conditions including myocarditis in people who received a COVID-19 vaccine wasn't significantly different from that for non-COVID-19 vaccines such as those against flu, polio and measles. And the heart risk associated with COVID-19 shots was lower than the risk after smallpox vaccination. [The Lancet Respiratory Medicine](#) published the results of the analysis, which included data on the effects of more than 400 million doses of various vaccines, on April 11.

Another [analysis](#) published April 1 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the risk of cardiac complications including myocarditis, an inflammation of heart muscle, was significantly higher in people after COVID-19 infections than after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

If you don't get vaccinated and do get infected, the risk of cardiac complications is higher. Find a [vaccine clinic here](#) and book your vaccine or booster appointment today.

CDC extends travel mask requirement

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has extended the [federal transportation mask mandate](#) until at least May 3 when flying commercially and in other transportation settings, including on buses, ferries and subways. The decision comes at a time when case counts have begun to rise in the Northeast as BA.2 takes hold and local mask mandates have been rolled back. The announcement also comes as airlines are seeing a surge in spring travel — one the industry anticipates will extend through the summer and beyond. The CDC will continue to monitor the BA.2 subvariant while it determines whether to extend the rule yet again

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	16,070	43.0%
12 to 17	23,478	71.8%
18 to 19	7,085	72.0%
20 to 49	122,481	74.0%
50 to 64	69,705	69.4%
65+	73,283	82.1%

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
April 9 th	204	49.5	4.3%
April 2 nd	207	29	3.3%
March 26 th	116	26	2.2%
March 19 th	143	25	1.3%
March 12 th	198	53	2.9%

Testing Response

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.

K-12 Schools in Clackamas County Eligible to Request At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits

Clackamas County Public Health (CCPH) is making test kits available for request via the [online portal](#). The available tests are iHealth rapid antigen tests are appropriate for use in those ages 2+. Schools are welcome to keep a supply of tests on hand to distribute to students and families as needed. Distribution should focus on those that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and/or have had difficulty accessing testing.

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 & Sunday, 8:00a - 12:00p

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

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

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00a - 11:30a

Federally-Provided Tests

Households that have already received an order of free at-home test kits via covidtests.gov may submit a second order. Orders can be placed [online](#) or by calling [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233).

Disease Response

All regularly scheduled vaccine clinics remain open to walk-ins as well as scheduled appointments. Walk-ins for 2nd booster doses for people aged 50+ account for the highest vaccine numbers in all clinics. In-home vaccines of 2nd dose boosters for homebound and people with mobility issues have increased and schedules for the in-home nurse team are full again. Leadership is addressing the future of COVID response and staffing. Plans for the next organizational structure focus on leading with equity.

The COVID-19 Investigation & Outreach unit opened 204 cases and managed 8 active outbreaks last week. This represents a very slight decrease in cases from the previous week, but a significant decrease in active outbreaks. Last week, and in the weeks ahead, the unit has been and will be contributing to the conversation between OHA and local public health authorities on how to manage COVID-19 in our communities and in various outbreak settings moving forward. The unit also continues to offer information, education and support to our community members and outbreak sites in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Vaccination remains our best and safest prevention of spread of COVID-19 variant.

COVID-19 Update

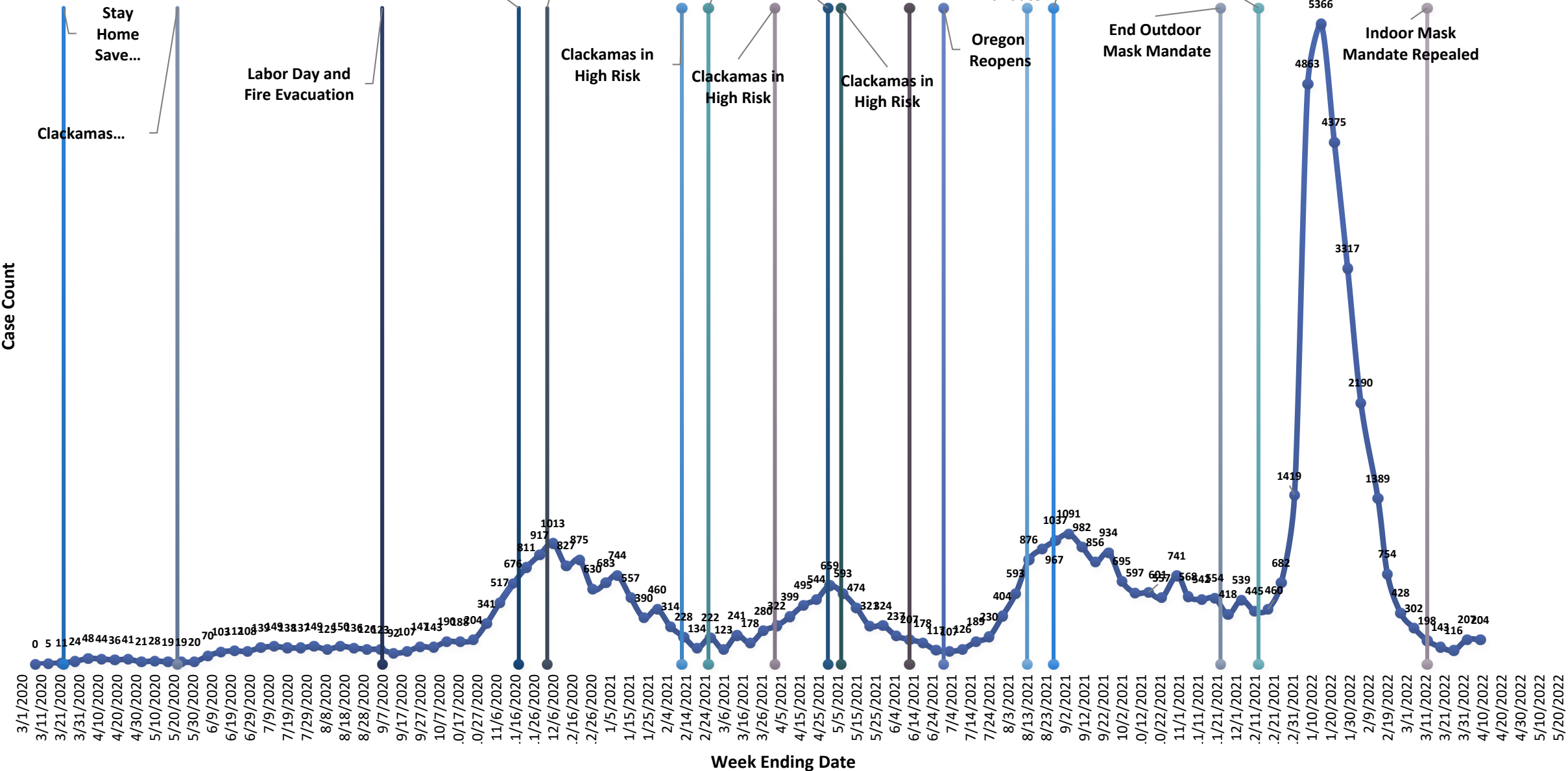
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COVID Current Case and Death Data

as of 4/12/2022	Total cases	Total deaths	Change since 4/4/2022
Clackamas County	60,255	605	Cases: +221 Deaths: +16
Multnomah County	114,232	1,172	Cases: +844 Deaths: +23
Washington County	85,513	571	Cases: +331 Deaths: +10

Case Count by Week for 3/1/20 - 4/9/22



Statewide Numbers from April 4, 2022

Oregon's COVID-19 Update 4/8/2022 to 4/10/2022

CASES — Statewide

Data Current as of 12:01am 4/11/2022

New cases	7-day average
840	350.0
Total cases	
707,512	

Source: Opera

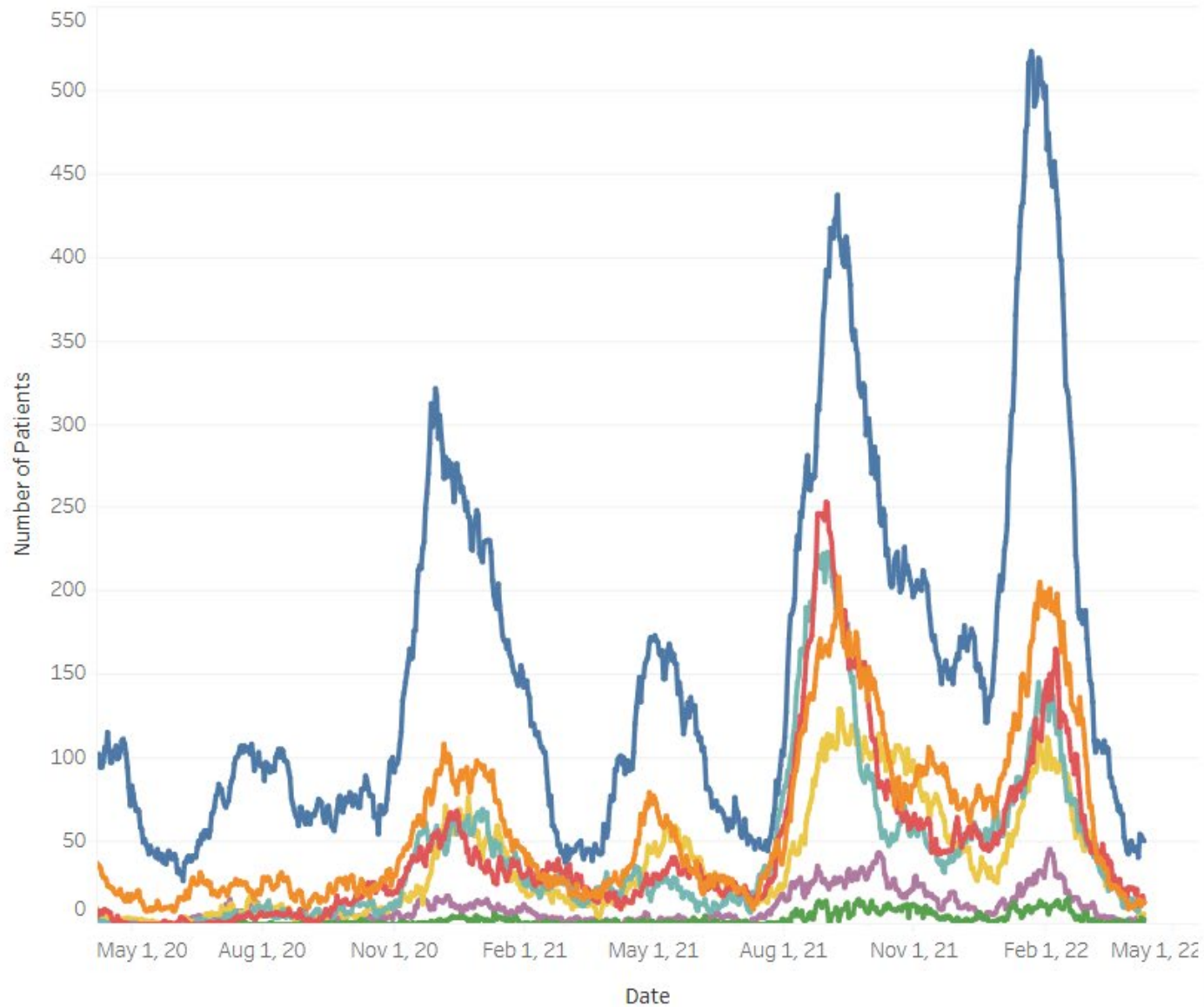


Newly reported deaths with COVID-19
19
Total deaths
7,315

Source: Opera

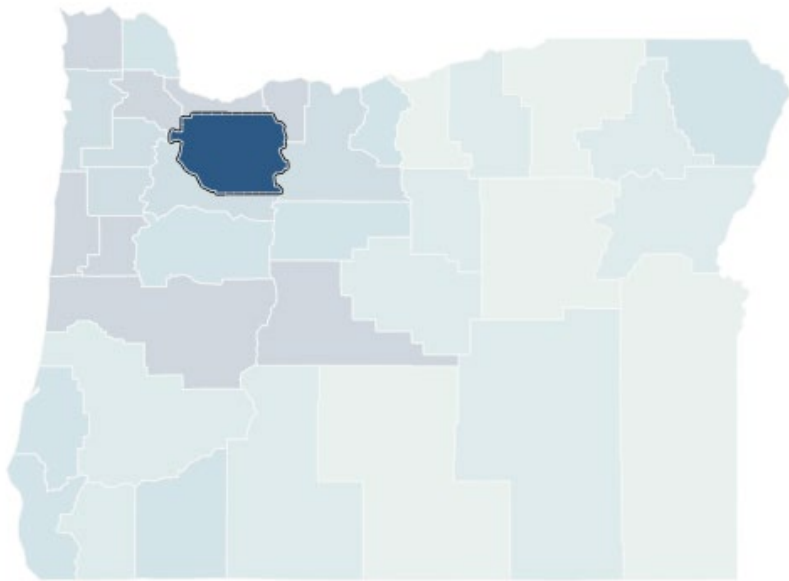


COVID-19 Positive Patients in Oregon Hospitals



Clackamas County Vaccinations

as of 4/12/2022



People ages 18 years and older living in ClackCo

80.3% have received at least one dose.

74.7% have completed their primary series.

46.3% have received an extra dose (*3rd dose or booster*)

Entire ClackCo Population

Primary Series In Progress: **22,058**

Primary Series Complete: **290,149**

753,822 doses administered in Clackamas

312,207 people vaccinated in Clackamas

Omicron Updates

- Worldwide case count dropped 17.1%
- U.S. averaging 26,596 new cases a day
- U.S. case counts increased 4.9%
- Oregon averaging 367 cases a day
- Oregon case counts increased 20%
- ClackCo averaging 29 cases a day
- ClackCo case counts decreased 1.4%



FREE Tests

CCPH At-Home Tests

- Local governments and municipalities can request test kits
- Small businesses and a variety of organizations serving vulnerable populations can also 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:
M-F, 8:00a - 5:00p, Sat-Sun, 8:00a - 12:00p
- Rapid Molecular Testing:
M-F, 9:00a - 4:30p, Sat-Sun, 9:00a - 11:30a
- 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)
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

