
CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

MONTHLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 09/07/2022

Coronavirus update

Clackamas County remains in low risk for community spread of COVID-19 according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Neighboring counties, Multnomah, Washington, Marion, Polk, and Yamhill have also dropped into low risk for community spread. Cases in Clackamas County have decreased by 13.8% in the past week. The percentage of positive test results have decreased slightly over the past several weeks, from 10.4% to 8.6%.

Clackamas County Public Health encourages everyone get boosters up to date at a [vaccine clinic](#) to strengthen your protection against COVID-19.

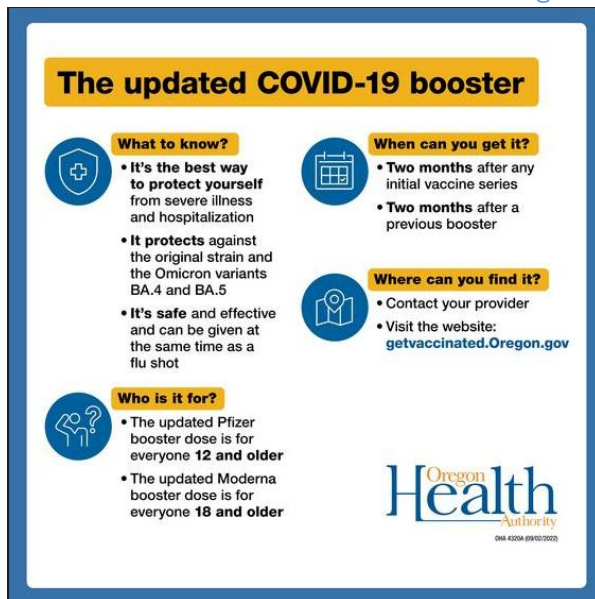
Oregon's case levels have been relatively flat since the middle of May. Cases in Oregon have decreased in the past weeks recording a total of 1,395 new cases this past week. The number of deaths across the state increased from August 11th by 208, reaching a total of 8,427 deaths. Hospitalizations as of September 1st are 268, with 35 patients in ICU beds. Many Oregon hospitals are still reaching capacity and available ICU beds are dwindling—statewide, the number of available beds remains low at 307. [Wastewater monitoring](#) indicates that most regions have shown declines or plateaus. Although health systems have fewer COVID-19 patients than during infection surges, they still have too few staff members to meet demand.

Known daily case counts in the U.S. continue to fall across the country with more than 30 states seeing declines in the past two weeks. The count of known cases now sits around 90,000 per day, down from more than 130,000 per day recorded in mid-July. After increasing steadily from April through July, the number of Americans hospitalized with coronavirus has decreased slightly to fewer than 40,000. If that trend holds, the decline suggests that conditions may be improving. Deaths have increased modestly in recent weeks, but they remain lower than they have been at most points in the pandemic. 489 deaths are currently announced each day, down from more than 2,600 per day at the height of the Omicron surge.

Anticipated surge in fall

While cases in Oregon have continued to decrease along with hospitalizations, a new wave in fall is predicted, brought on by waning immunity from current vaccinations. Weekly news forecast from [Oregon Health & Science University](#) acknowledges this fall wave may be mitigated by updated vaccine boosters.

Bivalent boosters at ClackCo clinics beginning September 8th



On September 1st the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed a recommendation by its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and approved both the Pfizer and Moderna bivalent boosters for use. The new [bivalent boosters](#) include an mRNA component of the original strain and an Omicron BA.4/5 spike protein component designed to prevent severe illness and hospitalization from a broader range of viral strains. The updated boosters are a single dose that can be administered at least two months after completing the primary series of any approved COVID-19 vaccine, or 2 months after your last booster. The boosters can be administered regardless of which vaccine series a person received. The Moderna bivalent booster is authorized only for persons 18 years of age and older; the Pfizer booster can be given to persons at least 12 years or older.

The new boosters began arriving in Oregon on September 1st with more shipments anticipated over the next few weeks. With the arrival of new bivalent booster, the original booster doses are no longer approved.

Starting Thursday September 8th, Clackamas County Public Health Department will offer bivalent booster vaccines at the following clinics: Clackamas Town Center, Canby, Sandy, and Molalla. Schedule your appointment [today](#).

CDC releases new guidance for COVID-19

The CDC has streamlined [COVID-19 guidance](#) with more relaxed language surrounding isolation guidance for those who are infected. The CDC has reiterated preventing severe illness from COVID-19 is the new primary goal. Regardless of vaccination status, individuals should stay home for 5 days if they are sick. If symptoms are resolving after 5 days (fever free for 24 hrs or more without fever reducing medication), isolation may end. Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. Testing to exit isolation is not required but may be used to remove a mask sooner. For those exposed and unvaccinated, instead of quarantining, wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5. Recommending screening testing of asymptomatic people without known exposures will no longer be recommended in most community settings.

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
September 7 th	332	90.3	8.6%
August 7 th	694	157.5	10.4%
July 24 th	697	169.3	10.0%
July 9 th	1024	210.0	13.6%
June 25 th	1083	276.5	13.0%

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
0 to 4	2,585	7.5%
5 to 11	16,666	41.8%
12 to 17	22,703	65.5%
18 to 19	7,699	85.1%
20 to 49	122,557	70.5%
50 to 64	69,427	79.1%
65+	77,946	88.5%

Testing and Antiviral Response

Symptomatic but Testing Negative?

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), a negative test means that the virus was not detected, but it does not rule out a COVID-19 infection.

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, continue to stay away from others and if you must be around other people, wear a well-fitting mask. False negative test results are common. Consider retesting if symptoms do not improve or worsen. Some self-tests are designed to be used in a series (also known as serial testing). Consider repeating the test 24 to 48 hours later.
- Follow all instructions from your health care provider.
- Continue everyday measures to protect yourself and others.
- If you are sick and not getting better, talk to your doctor or clinic. You might be sick with something other than COVID-19.

No-Cost COVID-19 Testing

[Curative](#) testing site at Harmony Campus in Milwaukie operates 6 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.

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

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

Saturday 8:30a – 2:30p

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.

Federal Covid-19 test program ended September 2

The federal government ended its free at-home Covid-19 test program last week, citing a lack of funding and efforts to preserve supply ahead of an anticipated fall surge in cases. Organizations serving communities in Clackamas County are still able to request test kits via <https://www.clackamas.us/coronavirus/testkits>.

COVID-19 Update

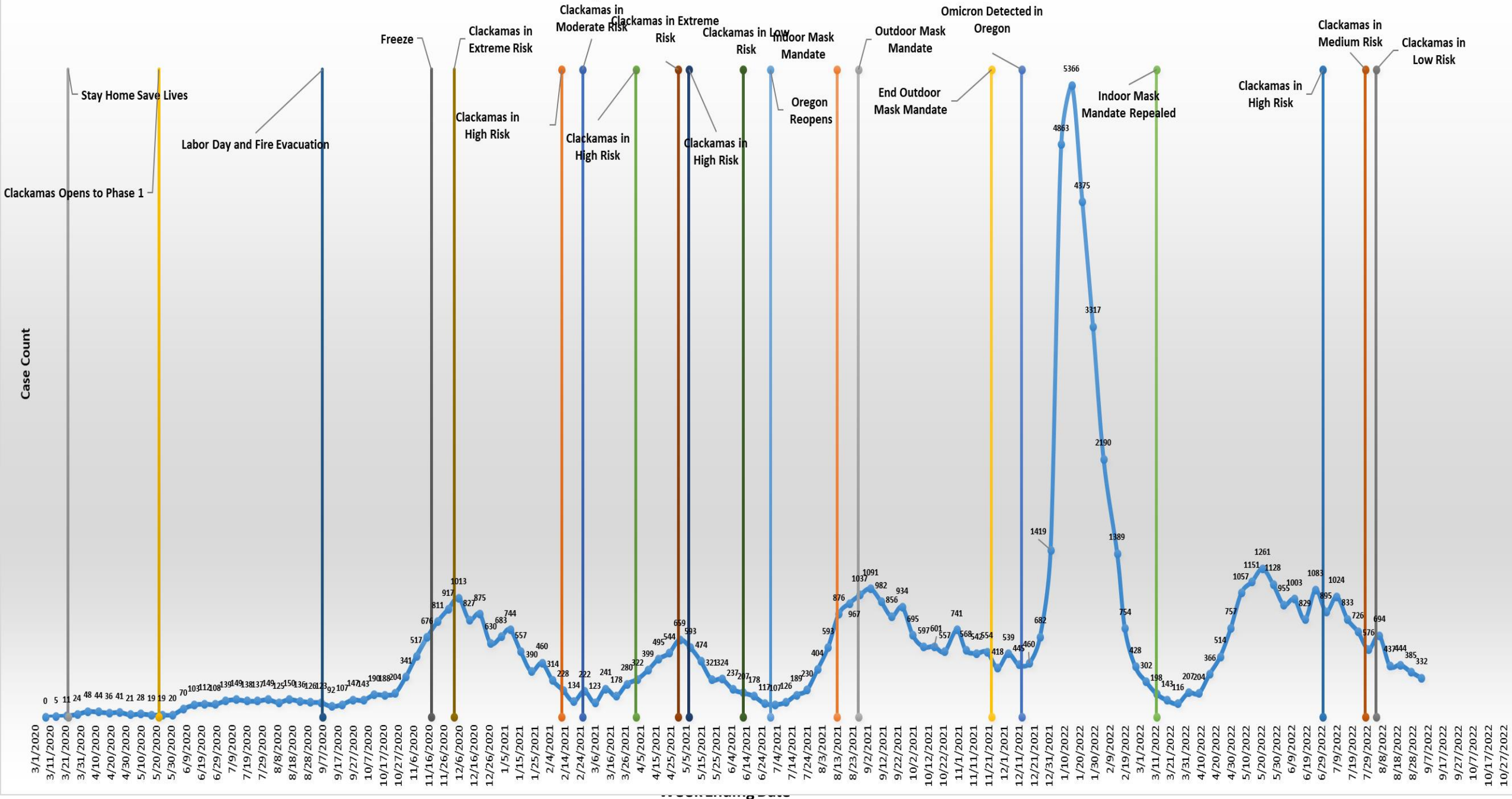
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COVID Current Case and Death Data

as of 9/1/2022	Total cases	Total deaths	Change since 8/9/2022
Clackamas County	76,620	718	Cases: +1,523 Deaths: +16
Multnomah County	154,759	1,368	Cases: +3,533 Deaths: +40
Washington County	111,701	691	Cases: +2,422 Deaths: +21

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



Statewide Numbers from September 6, 2022

Oregon's COVID-19 Update 9/2/2022 to 9/5/2022

CASES — Statewide

Data Current as of 12:01am 9/6/2022

New cases

1,395

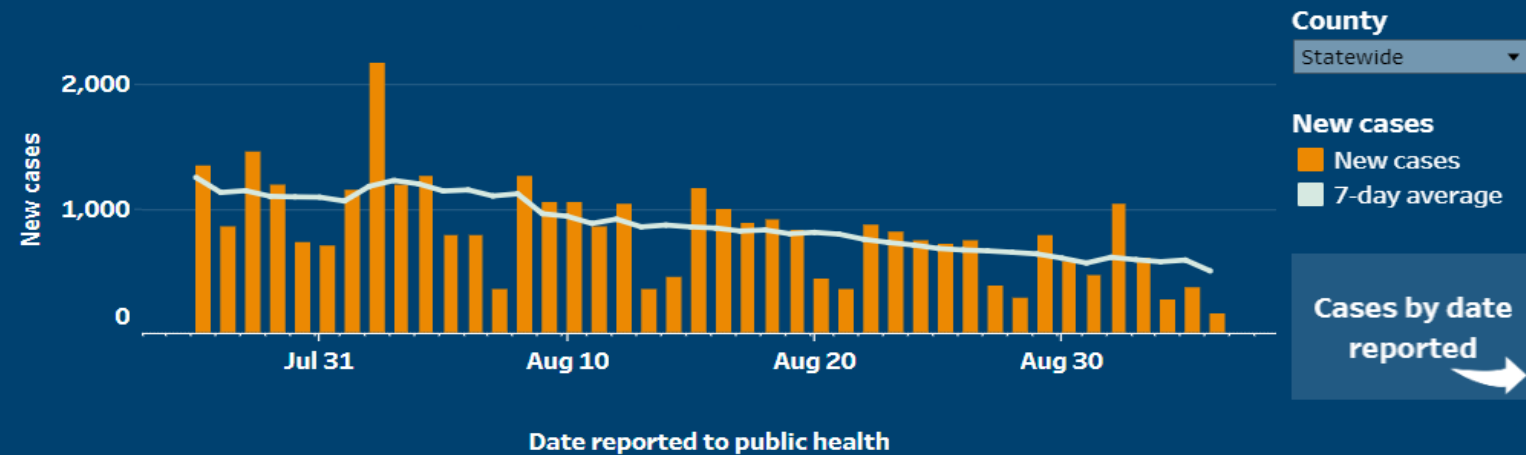
7-day average

495.6

Total cases

881,022

Source: Opera



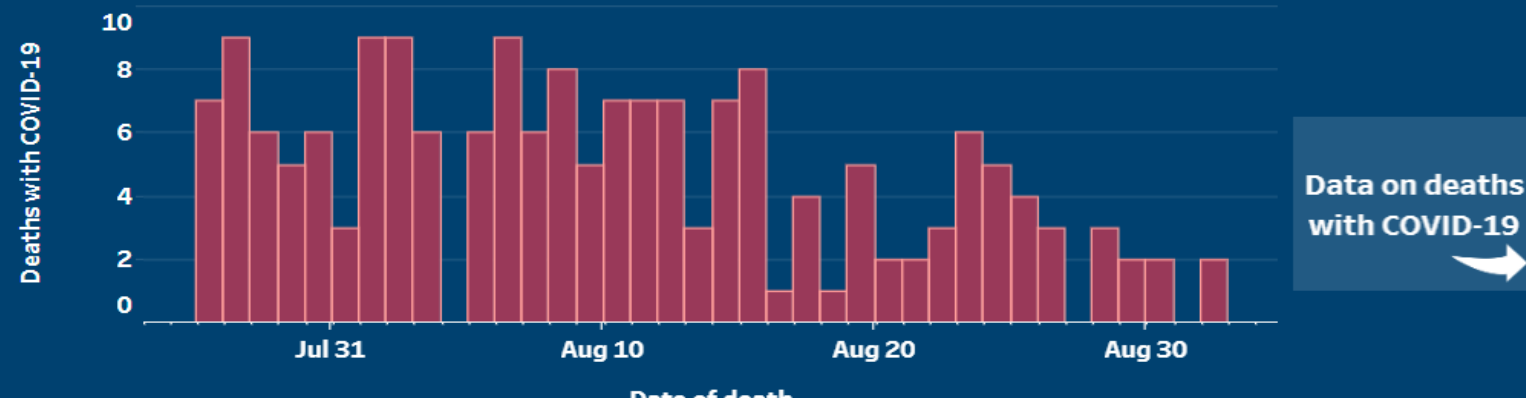
Newly reported deaths with COVID-19

14

Total deaths

8,441

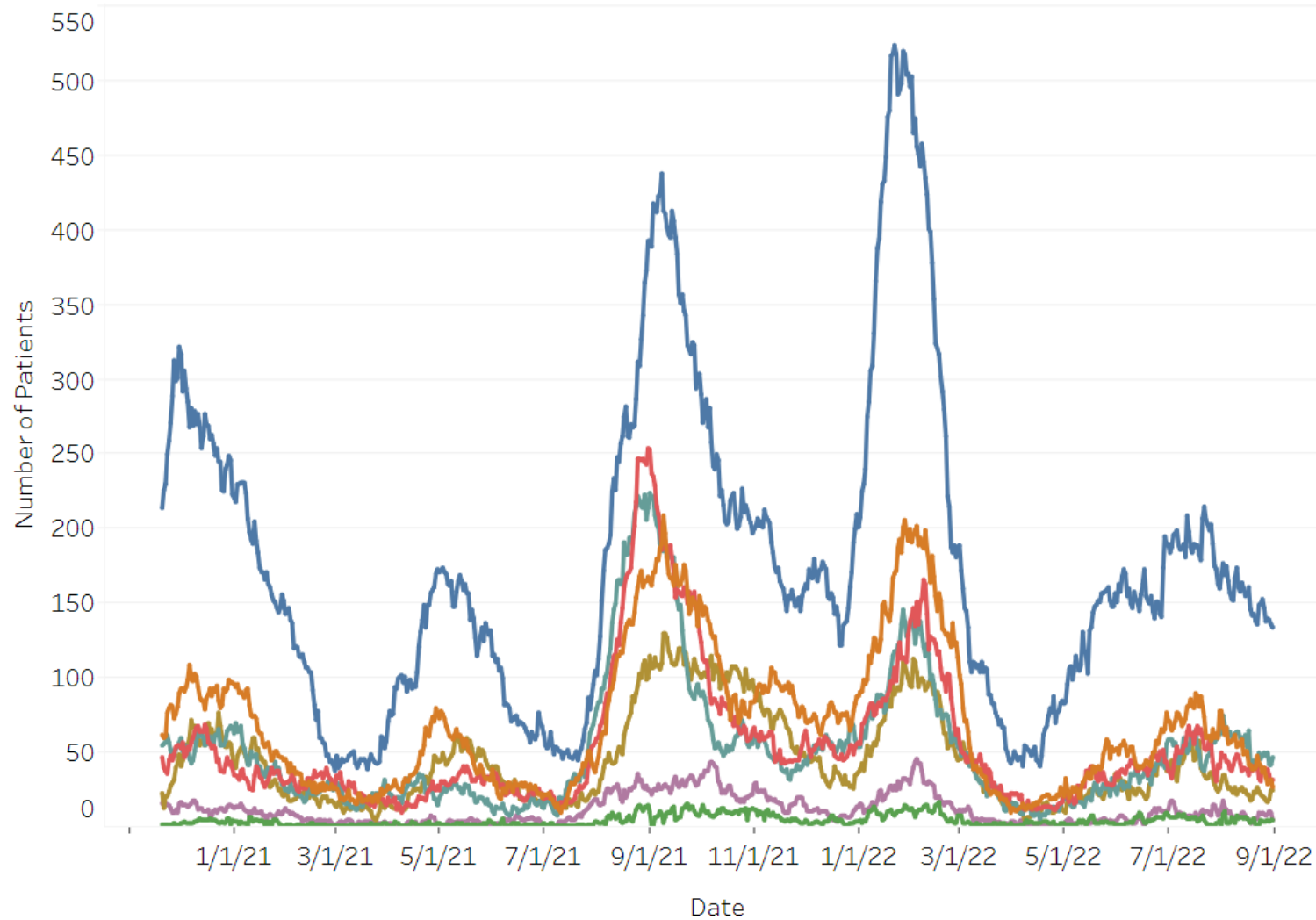
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COVID-19 Positive Patients in Oregon Hospitals

COVID-19 positive patients in Oregon Hospitals

This line graph shows the number of hospitalized patients by region. Data for each region corresponds to a different color.

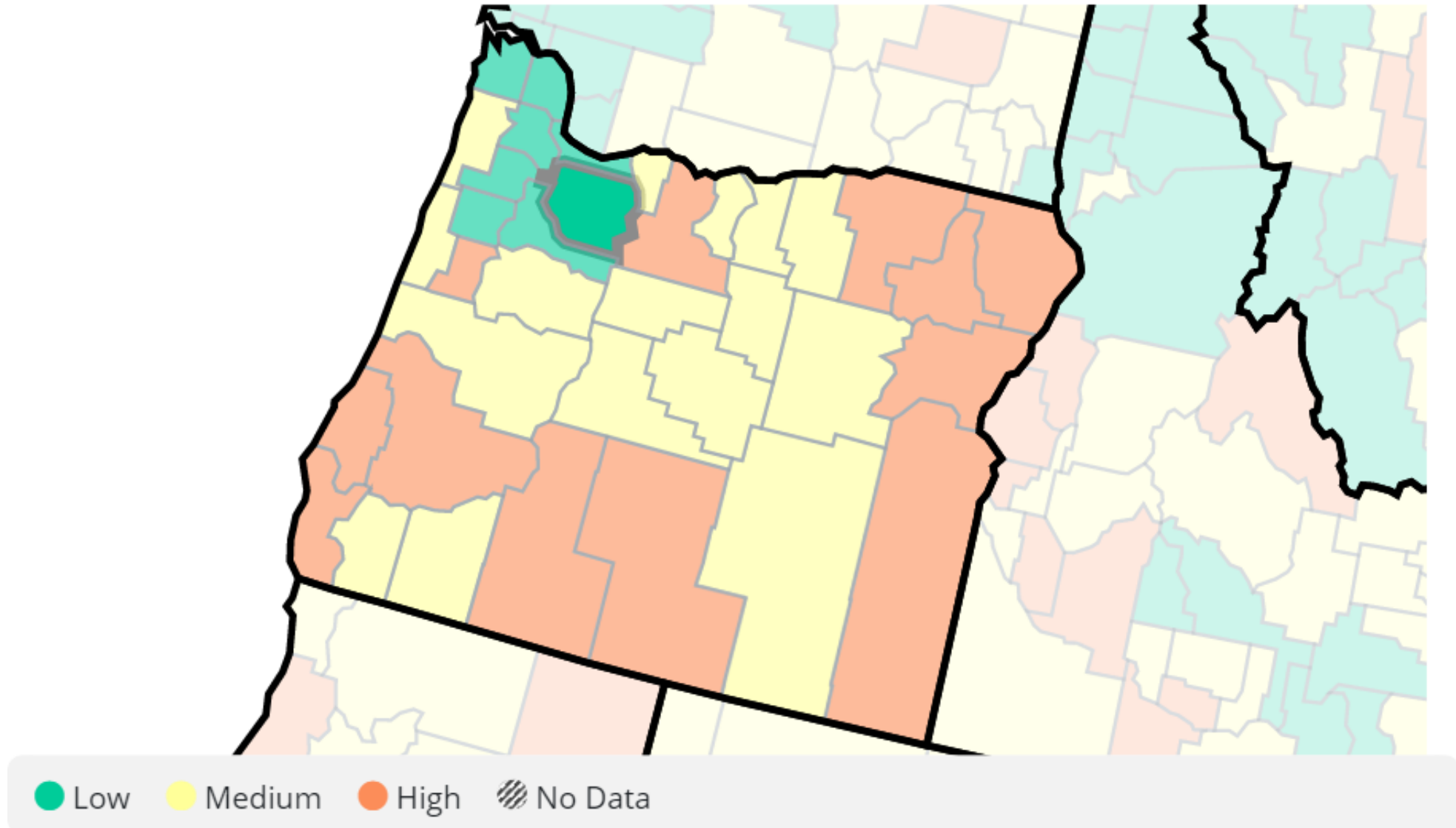


Regional Map

Select a region on the map to filter (ctrl+click to select multiple regions).

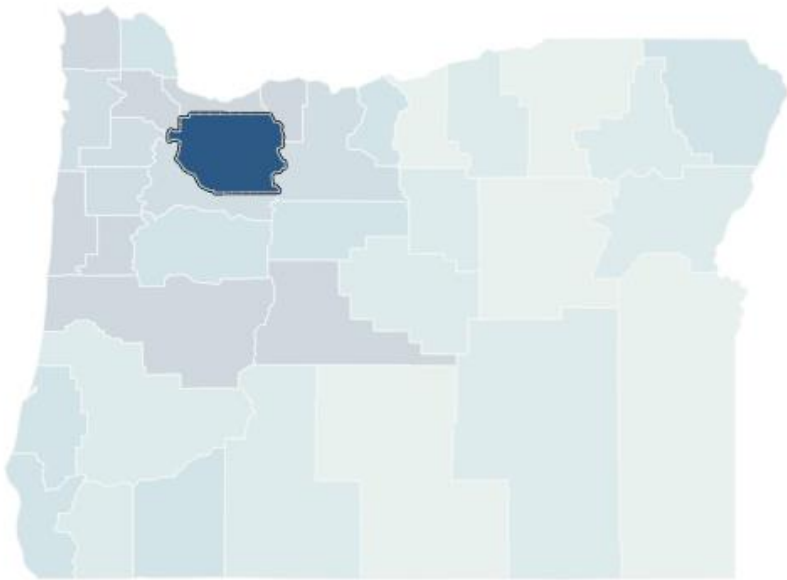


Oregon's COVID-19 Community Risk Level



Clackamas County Vaccinations

as of 9/5/2022



People of all ages living in ClackCo

75.1% have received at least one dose.

69.9% have completed their primary series.

42.9% have received an extra dose (*3rd dose or booster*)

Entire ClackCo Population

Primary Series In Progress: **22,264**

Primary Series Complete: **297,583**

832,439 doses administered in Clackamas

319,847 people vaccinated in Clackamas

COVID Updates

- Globally there are now 603,164,436 confirmed cases
- U.S. averaging 90,000 new cases a day
- U.S. case counts decreased 6.7%
- Oregon averaging 1,395 cases a day
- ClackCo had 689 new cases in the two last weeks
- ClackCo case count total now 76,753



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>.



The FDA has provided information [on its website](#) on how to identify counterfeit test kits.

Drive-Through Tests

- Weekly at Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus
- PCR Testing:
Monday - Friday, 8:00a - 5:00p,
Saturday - 8:00a - 3:00p
- Rapid Molecular Testing:
Monday - Friday, 8:30a - 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



The infographic is a blue rectangular card with white and orange text and illustrations. It lists six services: General health information (with a Q and A speech bubble icon), Isolation and quarantine information (with an icon of a person in a yellow jacket), Advice on how to talk to close contacts (with an icon of two people), Resources to help with isolation (with an icon of a person reading on books), help with reporting of positive test result (with a clipboard icon), and Multiple languages available (with speech bubbles saying 'Hi!', '嗨', and 'Hola!'). At the bottom, it provides the phone number 866-917-8881 and the website Oregon.gov/positivecovidtest, along with phone hours: 8am-6pm Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm Saturday.

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
Second Monday of the Month (9/12, 10/10) 3pm – 7pm	Molalla United Methodist Church 111 S. Mathias Rd, Molalla
Every other Tuesday 3pm – 7pm	Canby Foursquare Church 2350 SE Territorial Rd, Canby
Thursday – Saturday 11am – 7pm	Clackamas Town Center 12000 SE 82 nd Ave, Suite 274, Happy Valley (2 nd floor next to LensCrafters)
Every other Thursday (9/15, 9/29) 3pm – 7pm	Providence Willamette Falls Community Center 519 15 th St, Oregon City
Every other Friday (9/10, 9/24) 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

