
CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 8/11/2022

Coronavirus update

Clackamas County has dropped down to low risk for community spread of COVID-19 according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). This change comes as new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 dropped below 10 to 9.8. Neighboring counties, Multnomah, Washington, Marion, Polk, and Yamhill have also dropped into low risk for community spread. Still, 28 counties in the state are in the medium or high-transmission level as the number of new cases and newly admitted patients with confirmed COVID-19 remain high. Despite dropping into the “low” risk category for community spread, cases in Clackamas County increase, with 694 total reported cases this past week, marking a 20.5 percent increase from the previous week. The percentage of positive test results increased slightly over the past two weeks, from 10.0 percent to 10.4 percent.

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

Oregon’s cases levels have been relatively flat since the middle of May. Cases in Oregon have increased 5.5 percent in the past week, recording a total of 8,439 cases. The previous week had 8,001 cases. Weekly case counts rose in 18 counties from the previous week. On July 21, the number of deaths across the state passed 8,000. Since then, 219 more people have died. Hospitalizations as of August 9 is 398, with 51 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 311. [Wastewater monitoring](#) indicates that most regions have stopped increasing in viral concentrations and are flat or declining.

Known daily case counts in the U.S. have begun to tick downward in recent days, accompanied by similar declines in test positivity and hospitalizations so far this month. Still, coronavirus is infecting around 120,000 people each day, a higher level than was reported for much of the spring and summer of 2022. Cases have decreased since mid-July in more than half of all states, and in the states where cases are increasing, the changes are relatively small. Only a few states have seen cases increase by 20 percent or more in the past two weeks. After increasing steadily from April through July, the number of Americans hospitalized with coronavirus has decreased slightly throughout this week. 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. Fewer than 500 deaths are currently announced each day, down from more than 2,600 per day at the height of the Omicron surge.

Back-to-school – get your child vaccinated

As the school year approaches, many children are headed back inside classrooms where viruses have more opportunities to spread. COVID-19 is now more transmissible with increased immune escape, which means that our children have a good chance of encountering the virus at school. Fortunately, vaccines and boosters are available for every school-aged child. The best way to make sure things aren’t more disrupted is to get your child vaccinated.

Students of all ages can receive their COVID-19 vaccines, which are safe and effective for children 6 months and older, at the same time as other routine vaccines. Schedule your child’s appointment [here](#).

Novavax at ClackCo clinics beginning August 10

Novavax is the fourth vaccine authorized in the U.S. to protect against COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup recommended the vaccine on July 19. The [Novavax vaccine](#) uses a traditional technology to deliver the COVID-19 virus's "spike protein" to the body. The spike protein is paired with a plant-derived immune system stimulator. When the vaccine is administered, the body identifies the spike protein as foreign and generates an immune response. The spike protein in the Novavax vaccine cannot cause an infection and does not carry genetic material. Novavax is a two dose series available for individuals ages 18+ who have not received COVID-19 vaccine previously.

Starting Wednesday August 10, Clackamas County Public Health Department will offer Novavax vaccines at the following clinics: Clackamas Town Center, Canby, Sandy, and Molalla. Schedule your appointment [today](#).

COVID-19 Vaccinations in Clackamas County Symptomatic but Testing Negative?

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

Week of Date	Case Count	Cases per 100k	Test Positivity
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	1,964	3.3%
5 to 11	16,508	41.3%
12 to 17	22,649	65.3%
18 to 19	7,614	84.1%
20 to 49	122,364	70.4%
50 to 64	69,364	79.1%
65+	77,777	88.2%

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.

[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

Additional iHealth Kit Distribution

Oregon Health Authority recently announced that it will make additional iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests available to local public health authorities across the state. Clackamas County Public Health now has access to an additional inventory of 47,610 test kits for distribution to service providers, community-based organizations, adult foster homes, community corrections, small businesses, and other organizations. Since February, Clackamas County Public Health has distributed over 33,000 iHealth test kits to the community. Organizations can [request kits here](#).

iHealth Kit Expiration Extension

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) earlier this month granted an additional extension to the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests distributed by Clackamas County Public Health. All tests now have a 12 month shelf life if properly stored between 36–86°F. This means that the expiration date printed on the back of the test kit box is now extended by 6 months. iHealth Labs has created an expiration date checker available on its website at ihealthlabs.com. Expiration date extensions for these types of products are only granted after studies are performed and submitted for review by the FDA. The approval letter released by the FDA is available at clackamas.us/coronavirus/testing. Our website also provides links to more information on how and why the FDA extends expiration dates.

No-Cost Testing Resources

New, no-cost community testing resources are now available at the Hi-School Pharmacy in Estacada and West Linn as well as Orchid Health Wade Creek Clinic in Estacada. Detailed information is available at clackamas.us/coronavirus/testing.

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.

COVID-19 Update

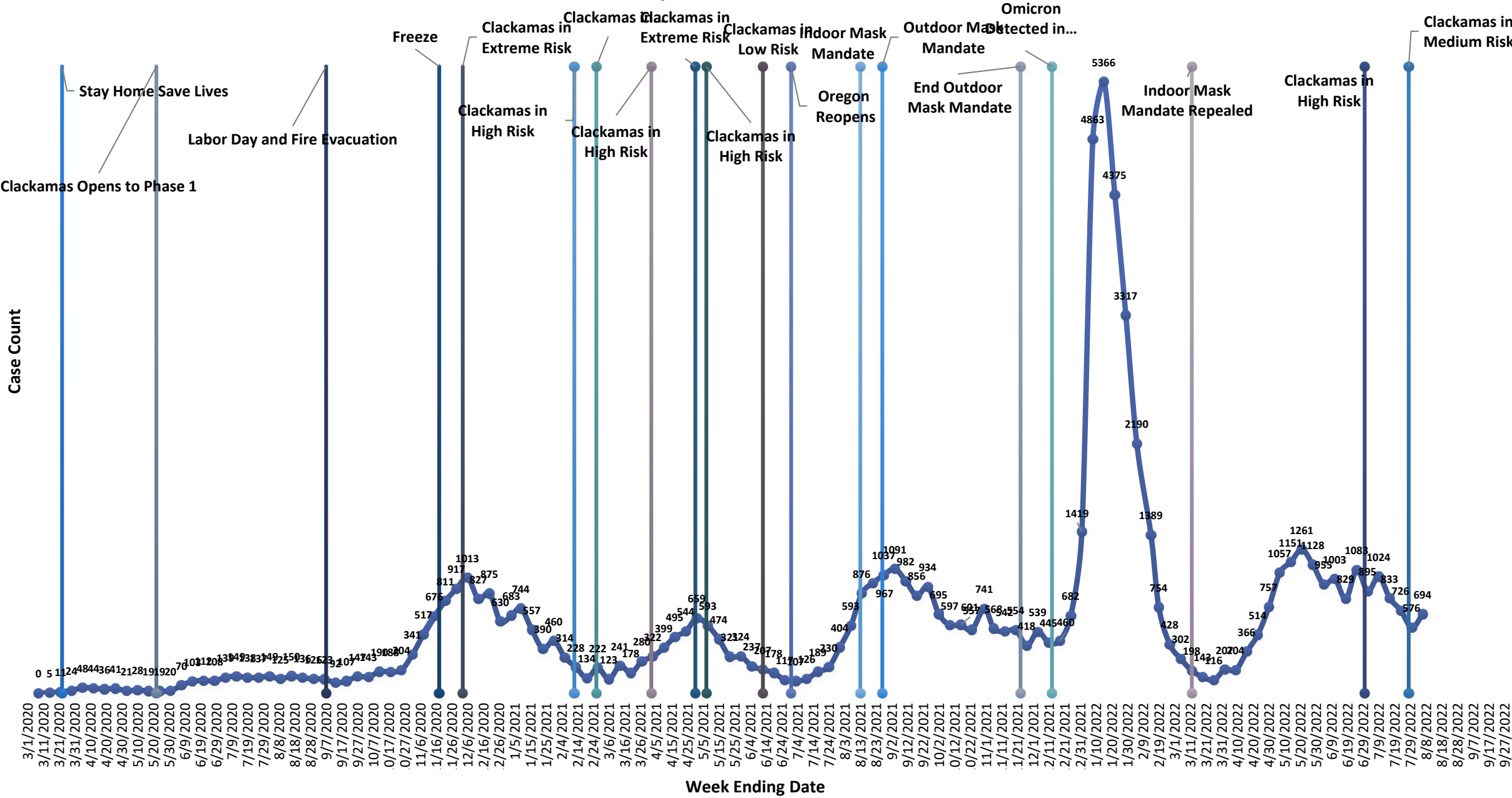
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COVID Current Case and Death Data

as of 8/9/2022	Total cases	Total deaths	Change since 7/24/2022
Clackamas County	75,097	702	Cases: +1,226 Deaths: +19
Multnomah County	151,237	1,328	Cases: +2,895 Deaths: +40
Washington County	109,279	670	Cases: +1,900 Deaths: +21

Case Count by Week for 3/1/20 - 8/6/22



Statewide Numbers from August 8, 2022

CASES — Statewide

Data Current as of 12:01am 8/8/2022

New cases

1,944

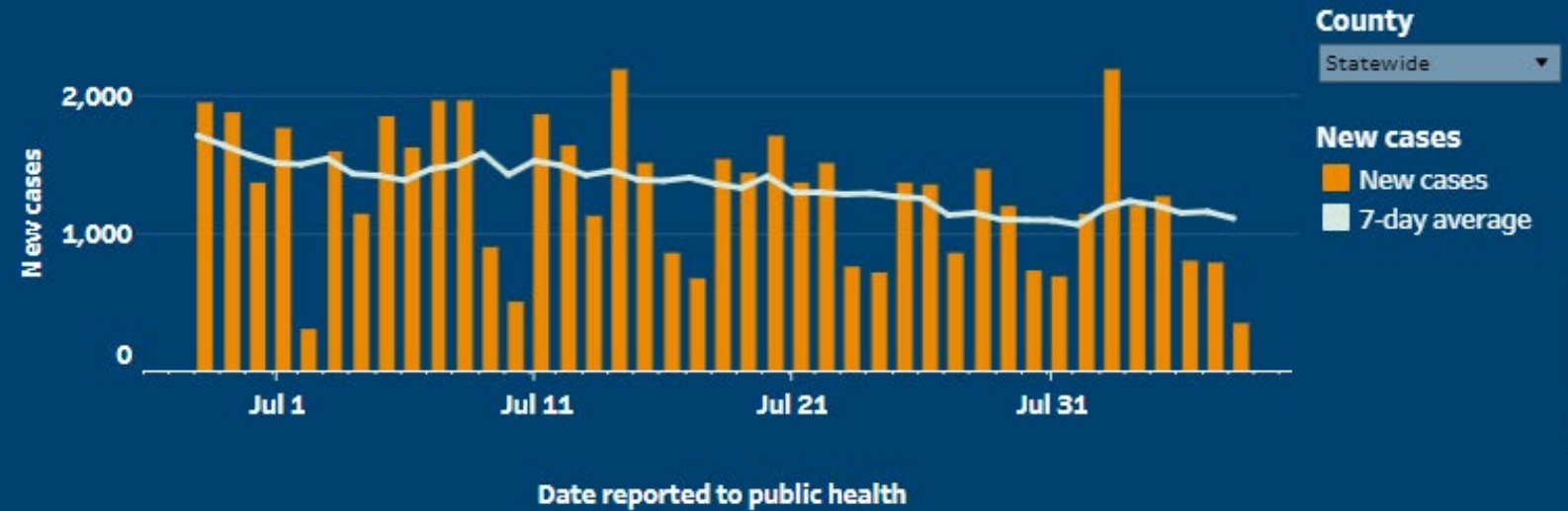
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1,104.3

Total cases

860,734

Source: Opera



Newly reported deaths with
COVID-19

8

Total deaths

8,219

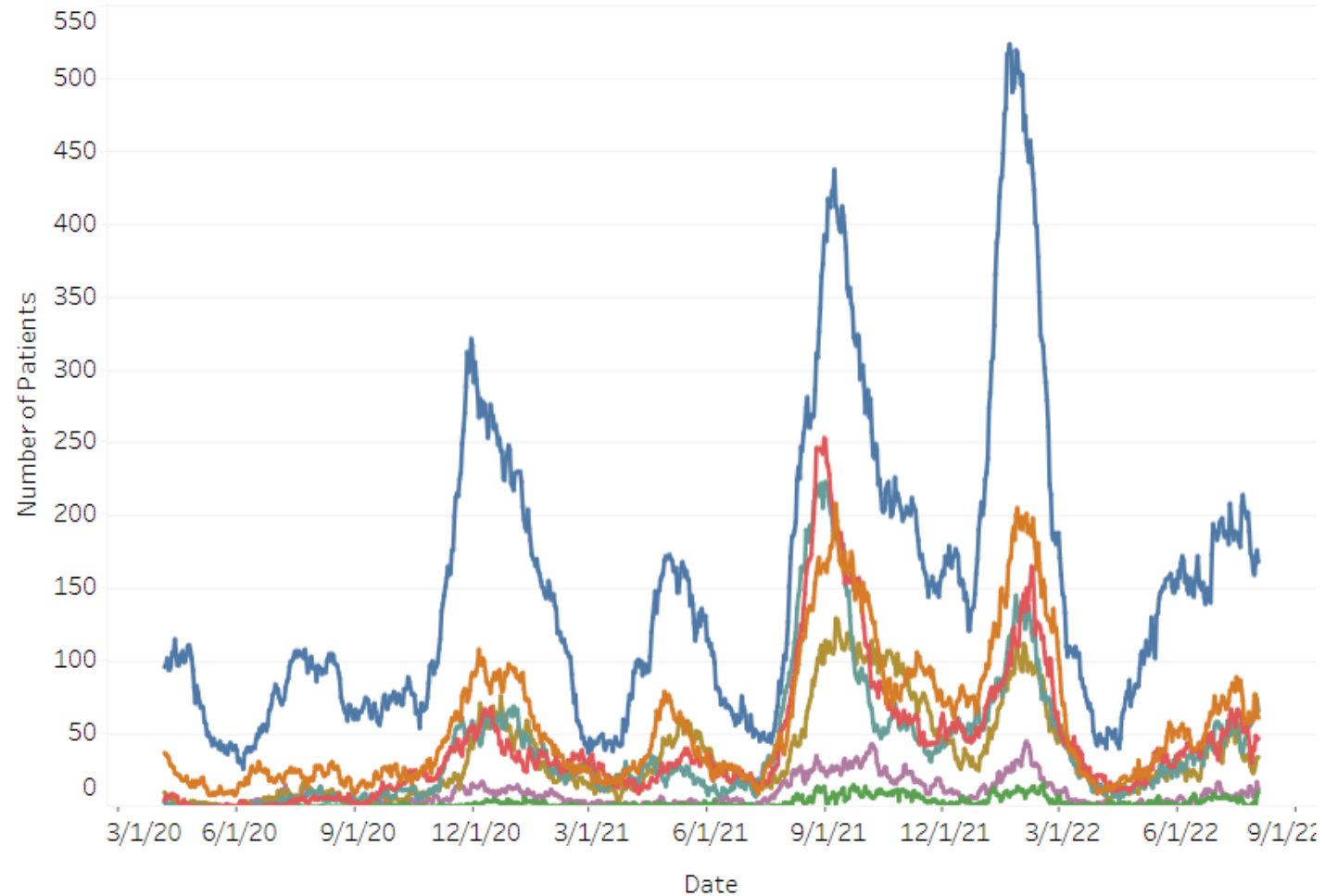
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COVID-19 Positive Patients in Oregon Hospitals

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.

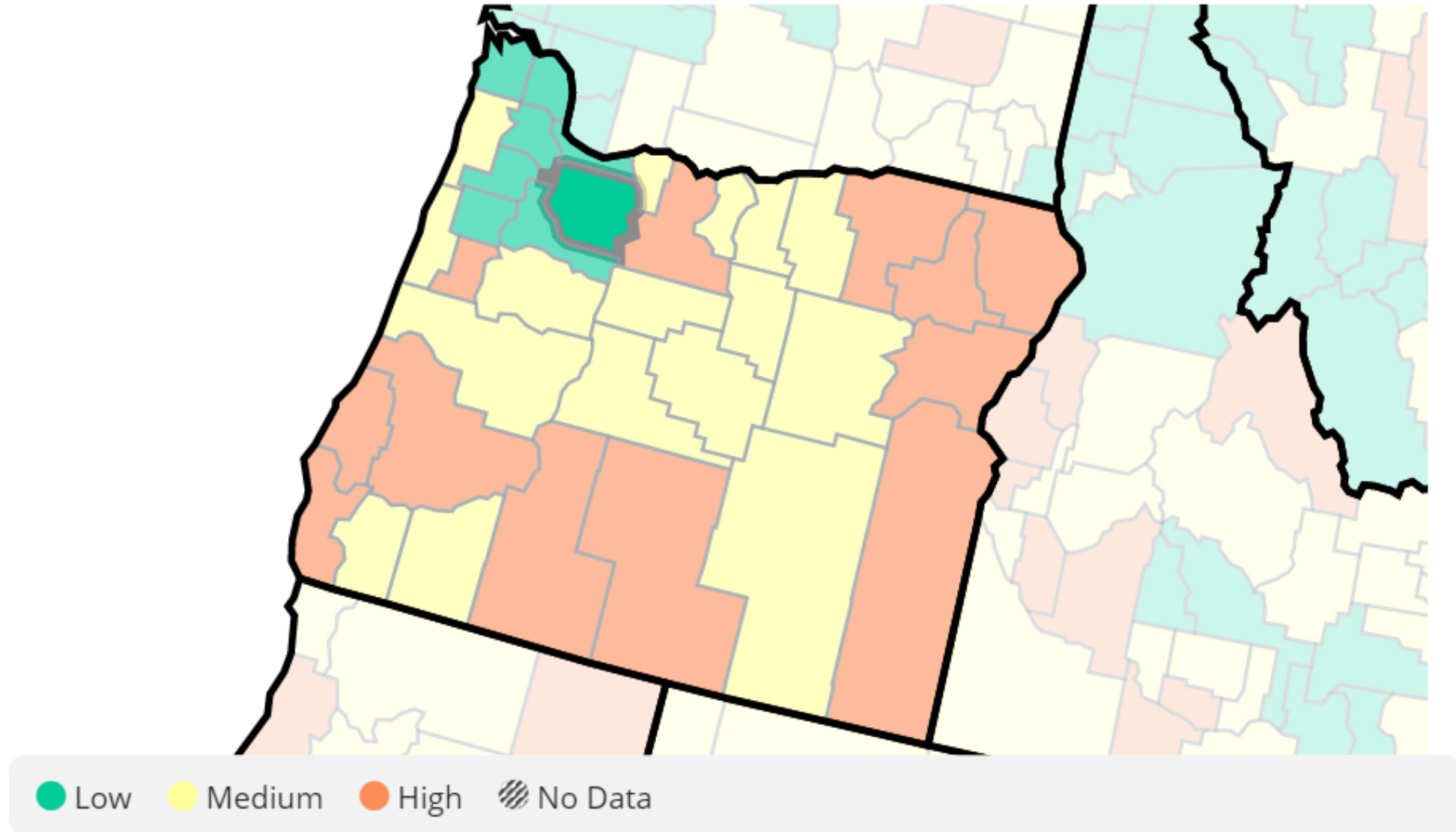


Regional Map

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



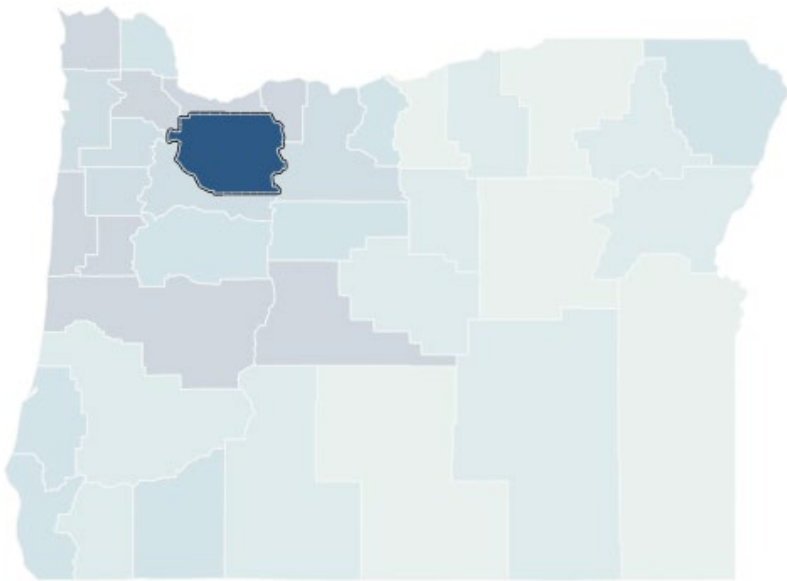
Oregon's COVID-19 Community Risk Level



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Clackamas County Vaccinations

as of 8/9/2022



People of all ages living in ClackCo

74.8% have received at least one dose.

69.5 have completed their primary series.

42.4% have received an extra dose (*3rd dose or booster*)

Entire ClackCo Population

Primary Series In Progress: **22,640**

Primary Series Complete: **295,600**

823,391 doses administered in Clackamas

318,240 people vaccinated in Clackamas

Omicron Updates

- Worldwide case count increased 3.6%
- U.S. averaging 117,351 new cases a day
- U.S. case counts decreased 7.3%
- Oregon averaging 1,104 cases a day
- Oregon case counts increased 5.5%
- ClackCo averaging 99 cases a day
- ClackCo case counts increased 20.5%



Novavax at CCPHD Clinics - August 10

- Uses a traditional technology to deliver the COVID-19 virus's "spike protein" to the body
- 2 dose series (given 3 weeks apart) for individuals ages 18+ who have not received COVID-19 vaccine previously
- Considered a primary series and cannot be used as a booster for people who received a different COVID-19 vaccine
- **Clinics with Novavax:** Clackamas Town Center, Canby, Sandy, Molalla
- Schedule your vaccine appointment [here](#)

Pediatric Vaccines Available in CCPHD Clinics

- COVID vaccines for 6 months up to 5 years of age available at clinics starting June 29
- Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are available and will be administered by medical professionals trained in pediatric vaccine administration
- If you have questions, talk to a pediatrician or another trusted healthcare provider
- [Schedule an appointment](#) for your convenience. Walk-ins available, while supplies last

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 place up to 3 orders of free tests
- Order your tests today at covidtests.gov




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




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
First Monday of the Month (8/8) 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)
Every other Thursday (8/18, 9/1) 3pm – 7pm	Providence Willamette Falls Community Center 519 15 th St, Oregon City
Every other Friday (8/12, 8/26) 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

