

CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 7/29/2021

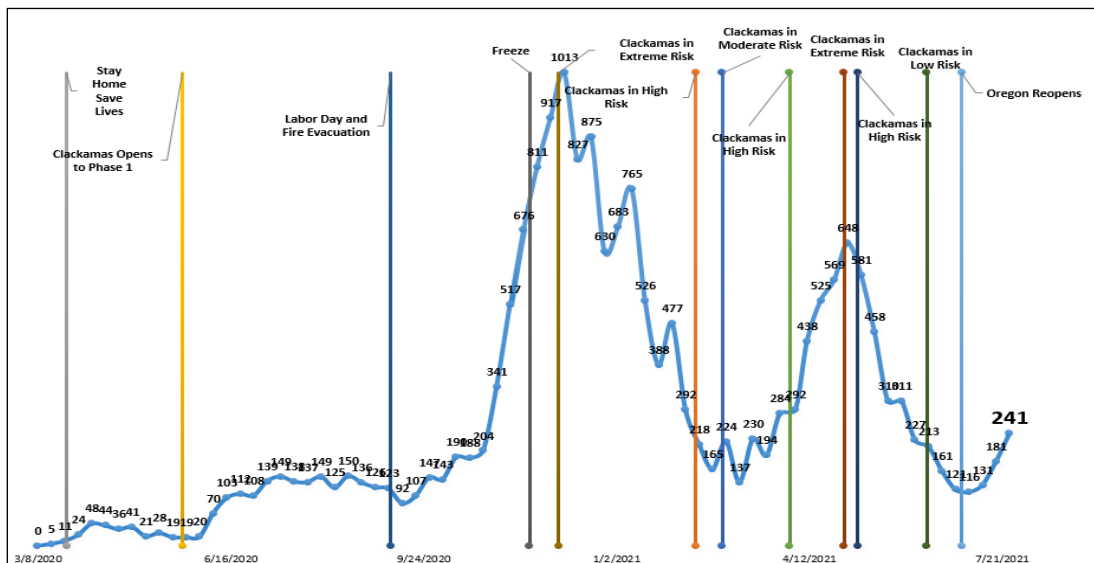
There has been a jump in cases and hospitalizations in recent weeks, both on a local and national scale, likely due to the spread of the highly transmissible Delta variant. In accordance with the new CDC mask guidance, the Oregon Health Authority is recommending universal mask use in public indoor settings throughout the state to protect Oregonians from COVID-19.

While masks are an important tool, vaccines are the most effective public health intervention in controlling further spread of the Delta variant. The vast majority of disease transmission occurs among unvaccinated people; vaccinating more people will help us stay ahead of changes in the virus.

Clackamas County Public Health Division (CCPHD) is tabling at farmers markets, city libraries, the Clackamas Town Center, and other public venues such as the upcoming Clackamas County Fair to provide vaccine information and enhance vaccine confidence and awareness. OHA efforts are underway for door-to-door vaccine education across the state. This includes training on how to effectively provide vaccine educational information to the public and safety while conducting outreach activities.

Clackamas County weekly case counts are increasing.

Week	Case Count	Cases per 100k	Test Positivity
7/11-7/24	419	98.2	4%
7/4-7/17	315	73.9	3.5%
6/27-7/10	234	54.9	3%



Disease Surveillance & Response

CCPHD's contact tracing and outbreak team are hard at work. The team is managing 16 open outbreaks and contact tracers are conducting interviews with an average of 30+ cases each day to identify contacts and review isolation guidance. Case interviews commonly result in a workplace notification and education call with many worksites continually impacted by employee absenteeism due to COVID-19 isolation and quarantine requirements.

CCPHD is also supporting testing in long-term care facilities (LTCF) and adult foster homes experiencing outbreaks. Staff are exploring and implementing processes to continue supporting testing requests even after OHA testing support decreases on 7/29/21.

CCPHD continues to coordinate with partners to create critical vaccine access by providing weekly, walk-in vaccine [clinics](#) in Canby, Happy Valley, Oregon City, Molalla, and Sandy. The CCPHD mobile vaccine team is working with businesses to provide [on-site vaccination clinics](#). The home visiting team continues to vaccinate homebound individuals and we are collaborating with local organizations to assist in community vaccination events held at local venues.

In Clackamas County, 65.7% of people age 18+ have been fully vaccinated (State of Oregon = 64%). The overall vaccination rate fails to depict the persistent disparity in [vaccination rates](#) within rural and BIPOC communities. CCPHD has made [grant funding](#) available for community partners to support efforts to build vaccine confidence, connect individuals with vaccine opportunities, and increase access to COVID-19 vaccines through community-based and customized distribution. Funding provided by the Oregon Health Authority focuses on Black, Indigenous, Latinx and other communities of color, low-income, houseless, people with disabilities, and rural communities.

CCPHD continues to collaborate with school districts and private schools regarding Ready School, Safe Learners. CCPHD is also planning 'back to school' vaccination events for COVID-19 vaccines in addition to childhood vaccines required for school attendance.

Weekly Vaccinations in Clackamas County (per OHA)	
7/20-7/26	2,771
7/13-7/19	2,837

COVID-19 hospitalizations

Across Oregon, there are 247 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 and that number has been growing. Eighty-six of those patients are being cared for in the intensive care unit (ICU). The total number of patients in hospital beds fluctuates between report times and does not reflect daily admissions or the length of hospital stay. The data do not capture staffing shortages that likely further limit hospital bed capacity. CCPHD leadership, along with Washington and Multnomah County Public Health, are meeting regularly with the region's hospital chief medical officers to monitor hospital capacity and proactively plan.

[More information about hospital capacity can be found here.](#)

COVID-19 Update

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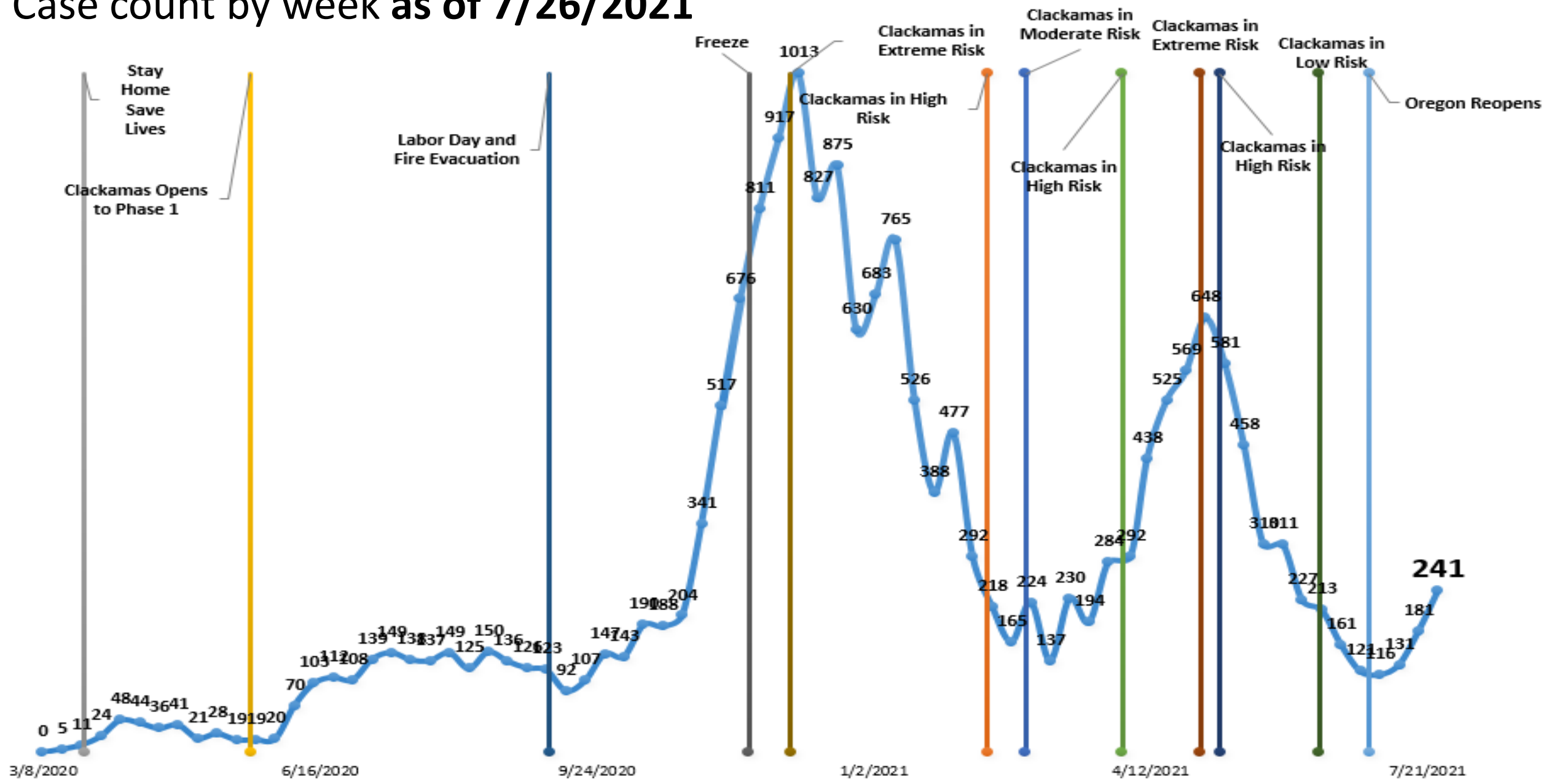
COVID current case/death data

as of 7/27/2021	Total cases	Total deaths
Clackamas County	19,775	241
Multnomah County	41,554	618
Washington County	27,645	257



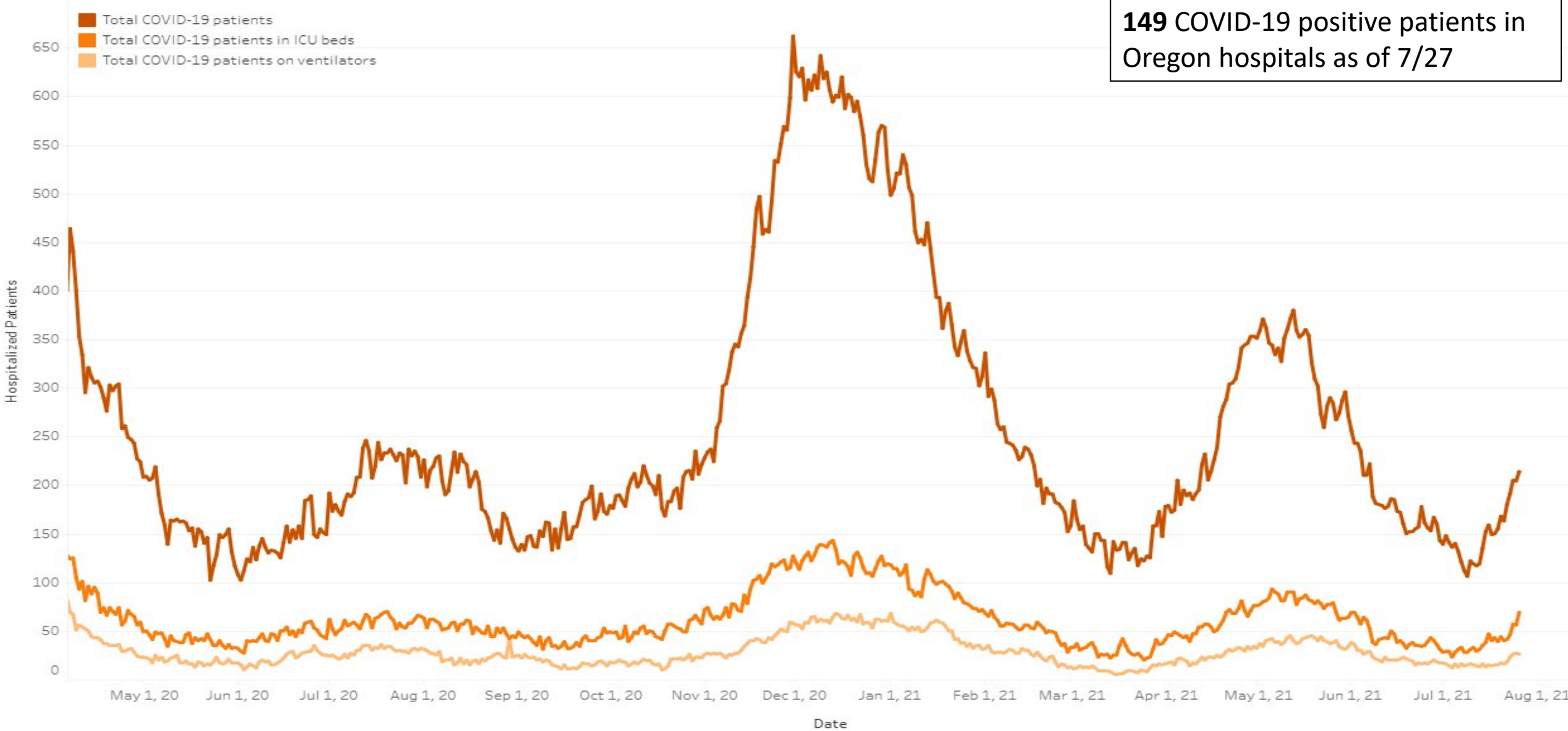
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Case count by week as of 7/26/2021



Statewide COVID-19 Patients

149 COVID-19 positive patients in Oregon hospitals as of 7/27



Clackamas County Vaccinations

as of 7/27

Clackamas County vaccination
rate (18+; fully vaccinated) –
65.7%

State of Oregon vaccination
rate (18+; fully vaccinated) –
64%

248,550 people vaccinated in Clackamas

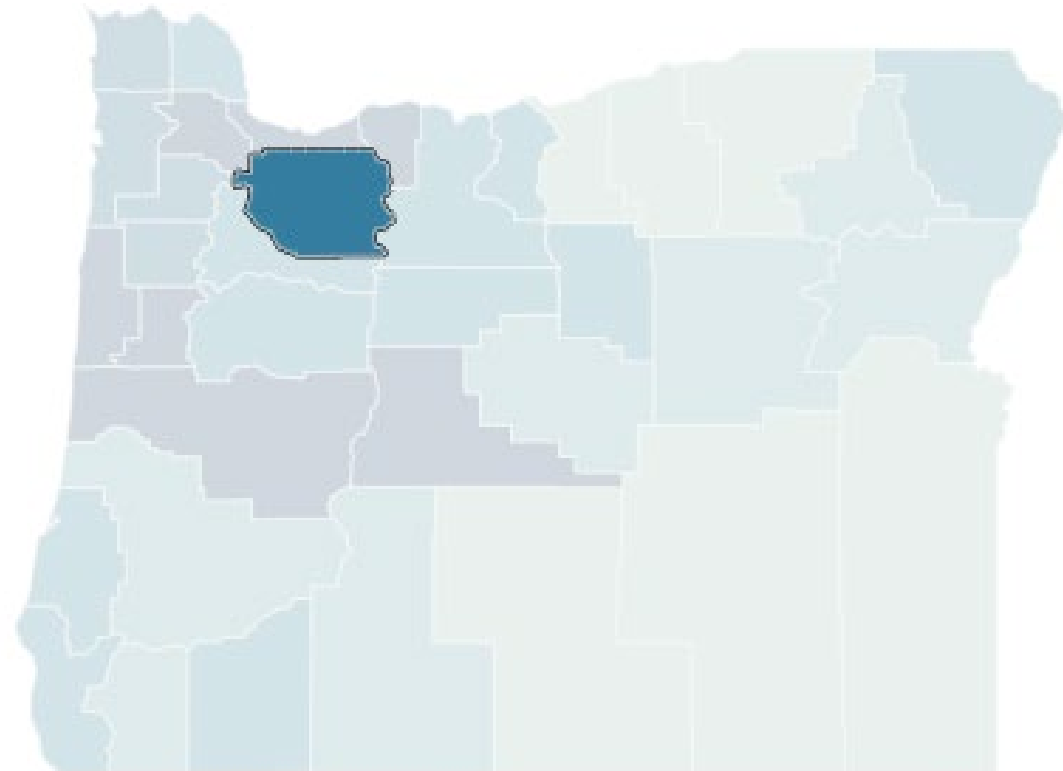
14,599

Series In Progress

233,951

Series Complete†

Note: 86,004 people
vaccinated have an
address on file that is
outside of Oregon.



Clackamas County Vaccinations

People Vaccinated	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Total	244,512	232,363
% of Total Population	58.5%	55.6%
Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	243,554	231,680
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	67.4%	64.1%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	226,224	216,315
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	68.7%	65.7%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	63,415	62,294
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	80.8%	79.4%

CDC Transmission Categories

Indicator (If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected)	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9.99	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of tests that are positive during the past 7 days	0-4.99%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%

Clackamas County 7 day Case Rate: 50.46 per 100k

New CDC Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

- Wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission
 - **Clackamas County is currently a substantial transmission area**
- Get tested for COVID-19 if experiencing symptoms
- Get tested for COVID-19 3-5 days after a known exposure and wear a mask in indoor public spaces for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result
- Follow isolation guidelines after a positive COVID-19 test or if experiencing symptoms

*At this time the CDC is recommending universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and school visitors regardless of their vaccination status

Breakthrough Cases

- Emergence of Delta variance has caused more breakthrough cases among vaccinated individuals
 - 23% of Clackamas County's new cases over the last week were in vaccinated individuals
- Breakthrough cases are typically mild
- The vaccine continues to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death
- CDC new recommendations stress the importance of mask wearing among vaccinated individuals to prevent disease transmission due in part to the uptick in breakthrough cases

Delta Variant (B.1.617.2)

- Originated in India
- CDC declared it a Variant of Concern on June 15
- Evidence from the UK shows the variant to be 60% more transmissible than the Alpha variant (B.1.1.7)
- Delta cases increasing in many US states including Missouri and California
- Anticipated to be the dominant variant in the US by August 2021, with cases rising fastest in areas with limited full vaccine coverage

Oregon Health Authority variant dashboard –

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19/viz/GISAIDVariantDashboardUpdated/OregonVariantDashboard>

Recurring Vaccine Events

Canby	Happy Valley	Molalla	Oregon City	Sandy
<p>Canby Foursquare Church <i>Every Tuesday</i> 4–8 p.m. 2350 SE Territorial Road Canby map</p>	<p>Clackamas Town Center <i>Every Thursday and Friday</i> 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. 12000 SE 82nd Avenue Happy Valley 97086 map</p>	<p>Providence Medical Clinic <i>Every Friday</i> 4–7 p.m. 110 Center Ave. Molalla map</p>	<p>Providence Willamette Falls Community Center <i>Every Thursday</i> 3–7 p.m. 519 15th St. Oregon City map</p>	<p>Sandy Health Center <i>Every Friday</i> 3–6 p.m. 38872 Proctor Blvd. Sandy 97055 map</p> <p>Community Church of Sandy <i>Every 2nd and 4th Thursday</i> 3–5 p.m. 39290 Scenic St. Sandy map</p>

Vaccine Scheduling

Local opportunities in Clackamas County

- Those with any barriers or access concerns:
 - Call for assistance at **503-655-8224** (Mon-Fri. from 8am-5pm)
- Appointments / walk-in options available in your community!

clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine

Email COVIDvaccine@clackamas.us to schedule an on-site mobile team to provide COVID-19 vaccines at your workplace or event this summer!