
CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

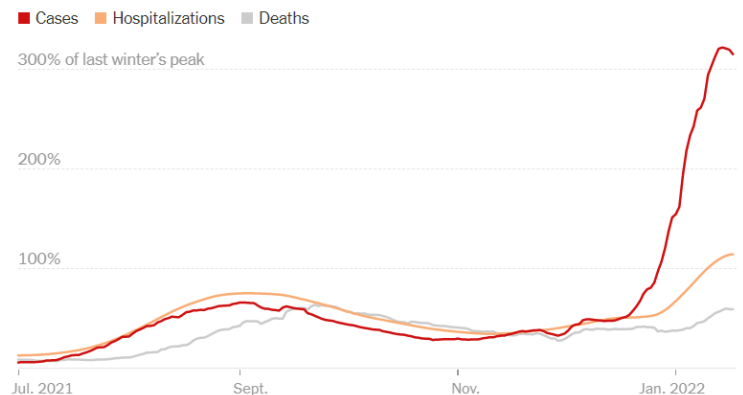
WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 1/20/2022

Omicron update

The number of Americans hospitalized with Covid-19 has surpassed last winter's peak. As of January 16, 142,388 people with the virus were [hospitalized nationwide](#), surpassing the single-day peak of 142,315 reported on January 14 of last year. The seven-day average of daily hospitalizations was 132,086, an increase of 83 percent from two weeks ago.

Although Oregonians are taking steps to reduce the spread of the omicron variant, the number of people hospitalized for COVID-19 will still severely strain Oregon hospitals. The new [Oregon Health and Sciences University forecast](#) predicts a peak of about 1,650 people hospitalized as of January 28.

Because the omicron variant is spreading so rapidly, it will increase the proportion of COVID-positive patients who are in the hospital primarily for other reasons: Heart attacks, cancer treatment, and other conditions that require care in a hospital. These incidental cases still increase the burden on health care resources.



Hospitalizations are expected to decrease sharply by the end of this month as the virus finds fewer susceptible hosts. This decrease would mirror trends seen in Europe and South Africa, where the omicron variant was first identified in late November. The OHSU forecast also reveals that the peak hospitalization rate would have been higher were it not for the fact that Oregonians are taking actions to reduce the spread: minimizing indoor gatherings, getting vaccinated and boosting, and maintaining a relatively high rate of masking.

U.S. website for free at-home tests is live

The federal website to order free rapid coronavirus tests went live on January 18 and is already taking orders. Visitors to [covidtests.gov](#) can click through to a Postal Service webpage, where they can order four tests per household, free of charge. Orders will usually ship in 7 to 12 days, the website says. If you don't have internet access, or for those who need additional support to get tests, there will be a free call line accepting phone-in orders. The number for the call line was not included in the White House statement on the program's launch.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends using an at-home test if you have a fever, sore throat, runny nose, or loss of taste or smell. The agency also recommends people take a test at least five days within having come into contact with someone with COVID-19 and before gathering with a group of people, especially those at risk for getting seriously sick. If a household requires more tests, people can buy them and get reimbursed by their private insurance carriers. Private insurance carriers are required to [reimburse the cost of up to eight tests per month](#).

Reduced reporting requirements in K-12 settings

Under updated guidelines, Oregon will no longer consider masked contact in K-12 settings, including school buses, to be an exposure, regardless of distancing. The updated guidance strongly advises students and staff to maintain physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. The new recommendations are based on accumulated evidence that layered mitigation efforts in K-12 schools have worked well to minimize transmission and that the vast majority of transmission has occurred following indoor unmasked contact.

Schools that employed universal masking in K-12 settings will continue to perform contact tracing for exposures that occur during unmasked lunchroom encounters, as well as unmasked extracurricular encounters. Exposed, fully vaccinated children and adults who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccination series are not subject to quarantine and may continue to attend school. In addition, support for members of school communities who test positive for COVID-19 can be accessed through the COVID-19 Case Support Hotline, 866-917-8881, or [Positive COVID Test website](#). OHA is also identifying resources to add a school-specific support team to the hotline.

State to reopen the portal for the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) will begin accepting new applications again for the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP) starting on Wed., Jan. 26, 2022. The state paused accepting new applications in early December due to dwindling funding and the need to make system improvements. This will be a limited reopening for three to five weeks, depending on availability of funds. The agency estimates to have sufficient funding to pay between 6,700-9,300 additional applications. Households with the [most need will have priority](#) in accessing these resources, not a first-come, first-served basis.

COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough report

Oregon Health Authority released a new COVID-19 vaccine [breakthrough report](#) on January 13. Of the 45,335 cases of COVID-19 during the week of January 2 to January 8, 33,363 or 73.6% were unvaccinated people and 11,971 or 26.4% were vaccine breakthrough cases. The report shows that the rate of COVID-19 in unvaccinated people is more than five times higher than in vaccinated people.

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	13,370	31.2%
12 to 17	22,683	68.9%
18 to 19	6,955	70.7%
20 to 49	119,481	72.3%
50 to 64	68,798	68.5%
65+	72,775	81.4%

COVID-19 cases among people under age 18

The population of ages 0-17 in Clackamas County is 86,962. The number of pediatric cases in Clackamas County the week of January 20 is 7,143. The pediatric case rate in Clackamas County the week of January 20 is 8,214 per 100,000. For more information on pediatrics, visit the [OHA Pediatric Dashboards](#).

COVID-19 hospitalizations

The [number of hospitalized patients](#) with COVID-19 across Oregon is 911, which is 51 more than yesterday (1/17). There are 152 COVID-19 patients in intensive care unit (ICU) beds, which is four more than yesterday. There are 62 available adult ICU beds out of 662 total (9% availability) and 250 available adult non-ICU beds out of 4,107 (6% availability).

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
January 2 nd	4,865	1,140.6	22.8%
December 26 th	1,418	332.5	17.2%
December 19 th	680	159.4	8.0%
December 12 th	460	107.9	4.7%
December 5 th	445	104.3	4.8%

Testing Response

Clackamas County Public Health is expecting to receive 48,000 at-homes tests from OHA to be distributed for free to the community. These are rapid antigen tests that require a shallow swabbing of the nostrils and produce results in 15 minutes. We do not expect that all 48,000 of these tests will be available to us immediately, but we do know that shipments will start arriving at OHA's warehouse in Oregon this week. OHA has a separate allocation for community-based organizations, Federally-recognized Tribes and NARA (Urban Indian Program), migrant and seasonal farmworkers, the Early Learning Division, homeless services sites, hospital/healthcare workers, and an expansion of the K-12 Testing Program.

The testing site at [Clackamas Community College's Harmony Campus](#) in Milwaukie is open Tuesday-Saturday, 8 a.m. -3 p.m. Appointments for its first week went extremely quickly, so the team is working with the college and the testing provider, Curative, to quickly explore options for expanding services at the site.

At-home or self-tests are available at physical and online retailers, but they can often be hard to find or cost-prohibitive. A new self-test was just released in November, and it is possibly the cheapest on the market at \$13.98 MSRP per two-pack. These can be ordered online at [ihealthlabs.com](#).

Folks can find information on where to access testing [here](#) or order 4 free tests at [covidtests.gov](#).

Disease Response

The demand for vaccines is beginning to level off at some of the standing clinics with an increased rate of no-shows. Staff are starting to fill these appointments times with walk-in requests. The team is working with CBO partners to promote the availability of walk-in vaccines and make vaccines more accessible for people without internet access or those experiencing online scheduling difficulties. In particular at Clackamas Town Center, Wednesday-Saturdays.

The FEMA mobile vaccine van is open January 18-29, 10am-5pm at the Wilsonville Transit Center, 9699 SW Barber Street, as a drive-through site. The home vaccination team is incorporating in-home testing services along with vaccines for homebound, adult foster homes, and I/DD.

The investigation team opened 5,366 cases last week, a little more than a 10% increase over previous week, and managed 100 open outbreaks. Omicron continues to cause a significant increase in COVID-19 cases. The team is settling into its reconfigured state after transitioning approximately 20 teammates to the vaccine team in response to the Governor's ask to bolster vaccine administration and outreach efforts. The focus of the contact tracing unit is completing our transition while providing continued education and support to the community.

COVID-19 Update

1/20/2022

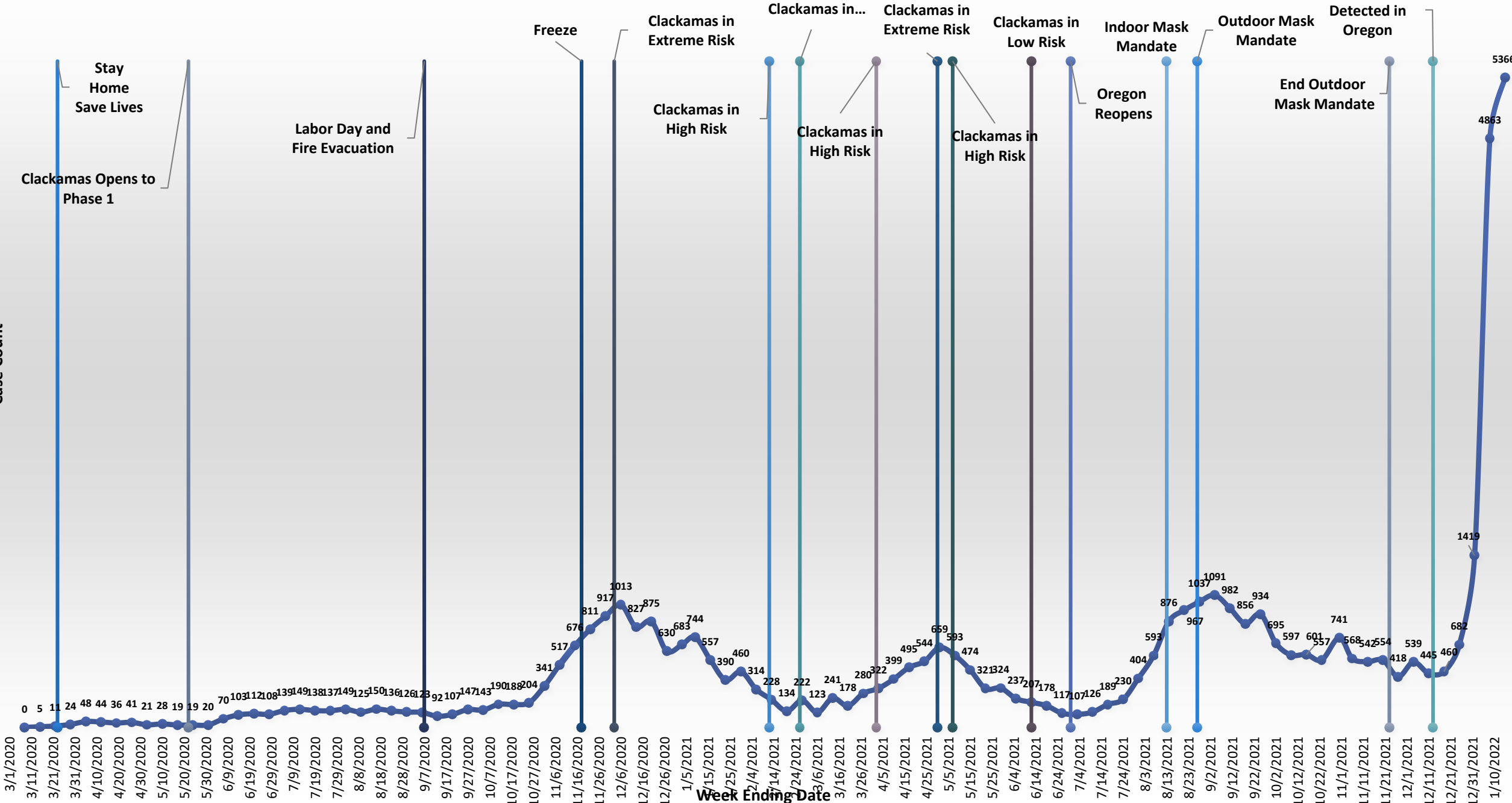


COVID Current Case and Death Data

as of 1/20/2022	Total cases	Total deaths	Change since 1/11/2022
Clackamas County	47,536	458	Cases: +5,119 Deaths: +13
Multnomah County	90,126	934	Cases: +9,984 Deaths: +9
Washington County	65,280	460	Cases: +7,949 Deaths: +1

Case Count by Week for 3/1/20 - 01/15/22

Case Count

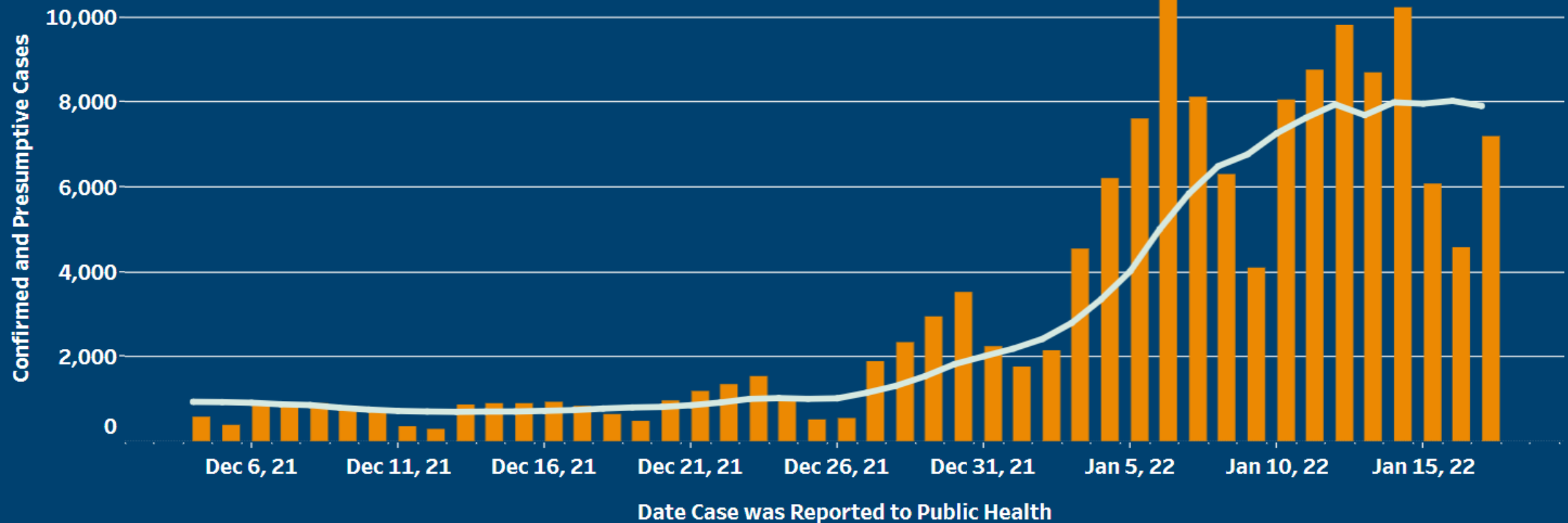


Statewide Numbers from 1/14/2022 to 1/17/2022

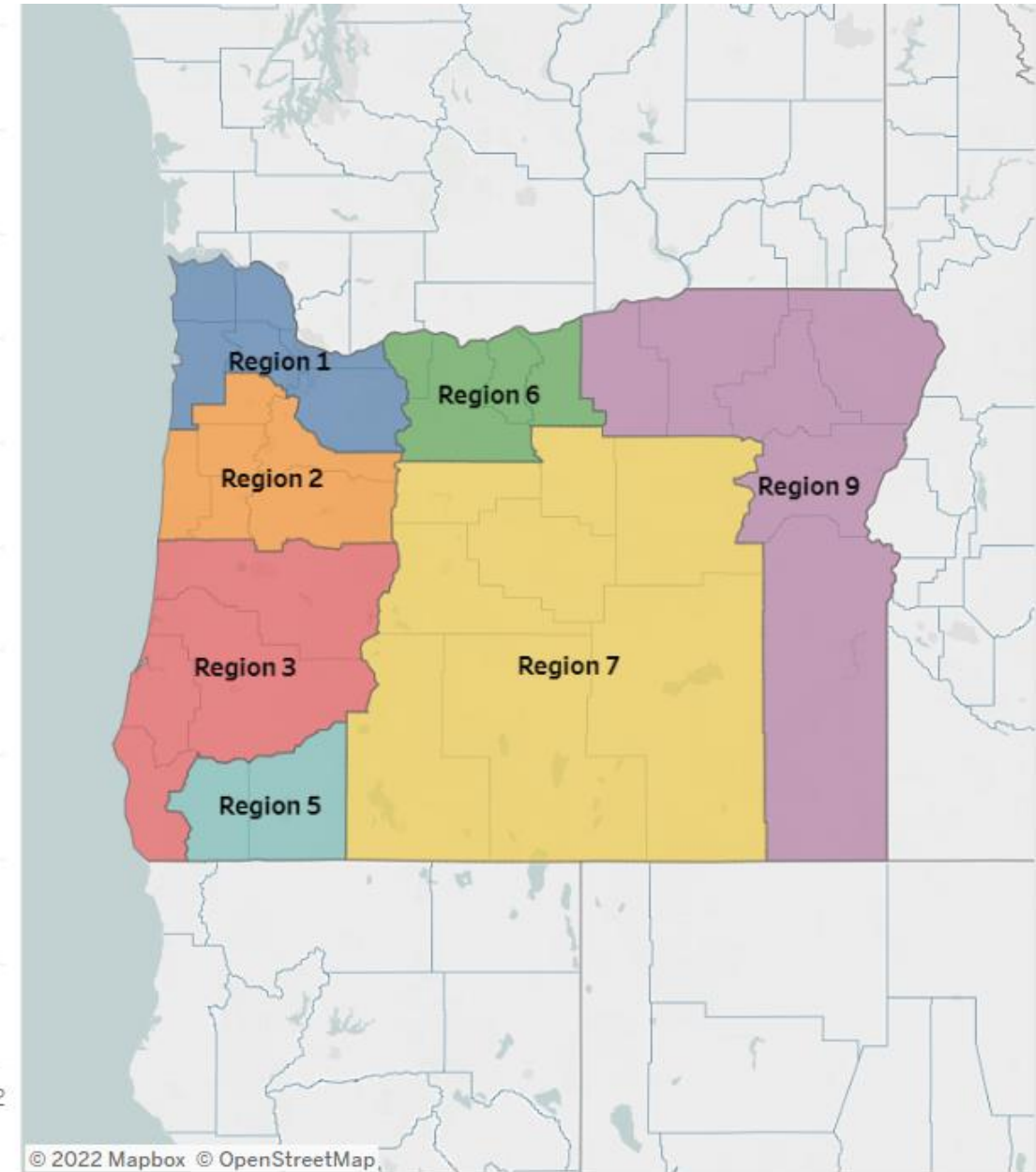
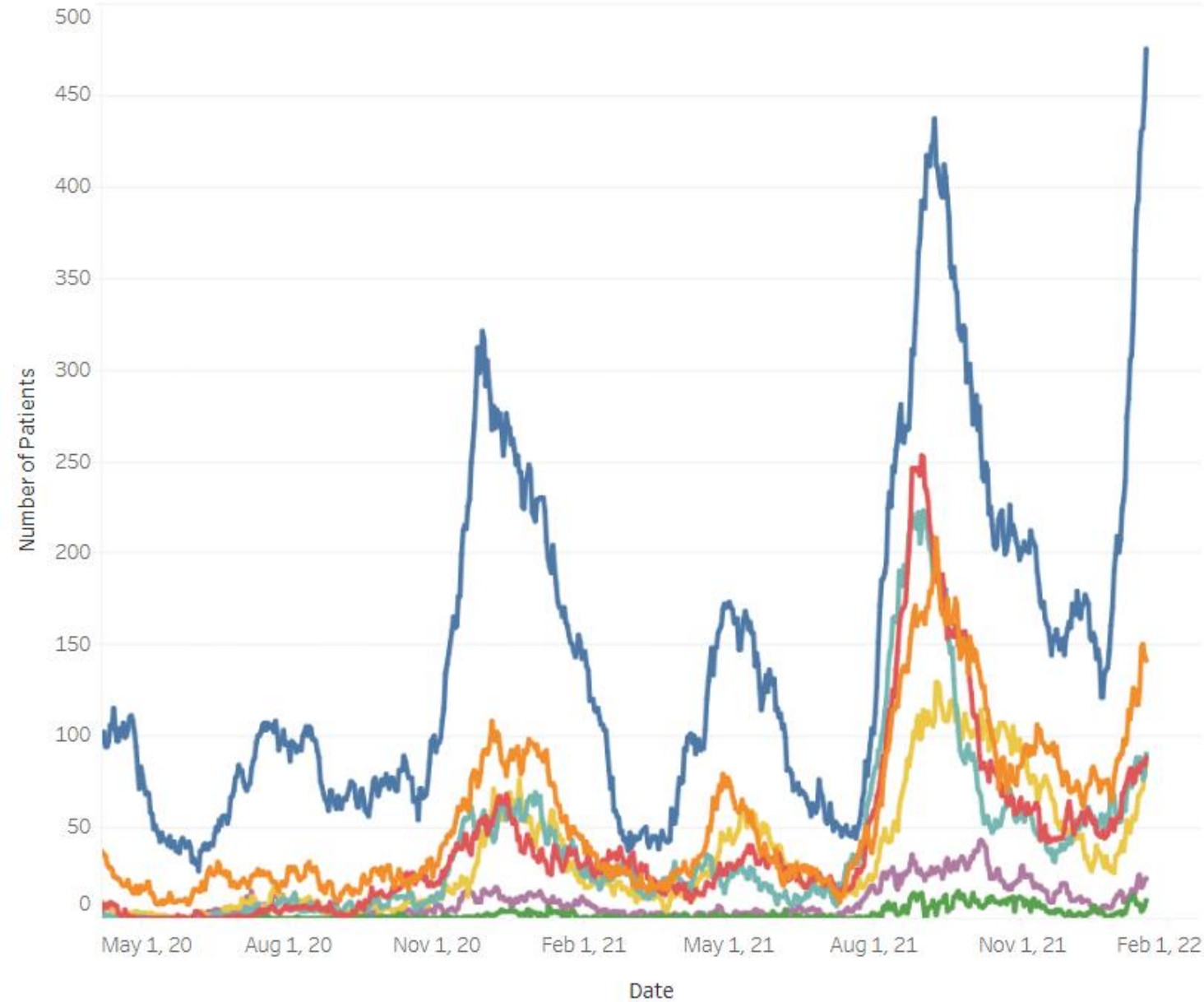
New Cases	7 Day Daily Average of Cases	Cases Per 100k in Previous 7 Days	COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized†	Tests Reported	Test Positivity	New Deaths
28,037 ▲	7,892	1,294	911 ▲	170,707	22.2%	10

Arrows indicate an increase or decrease from the previous day. †Hospitalization data from Oregon's Hospital Capacity Web System (HOSCAP).

Daily Cases and 7 Day Moving Average over the Previous Six Weeks

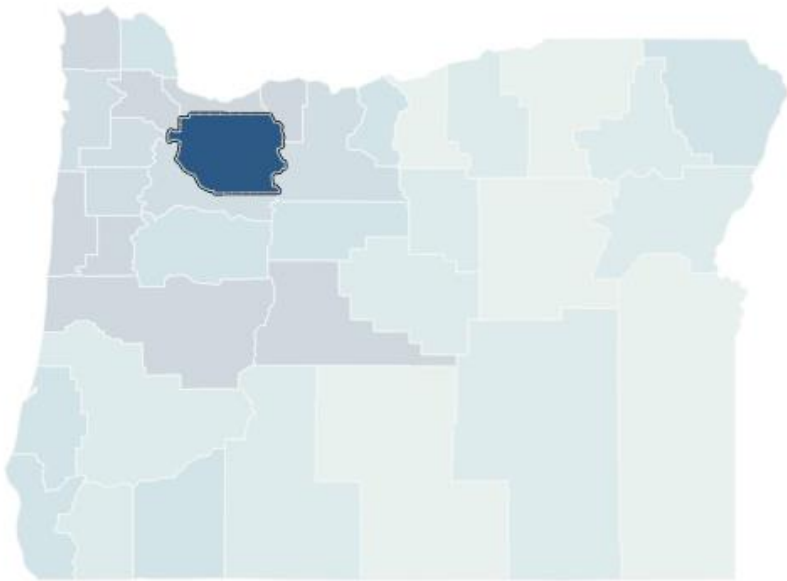


COVID-19 Positive Patients in Oregon Hospitals



Clackamas County Vaccinations

as of 1/11/2022



People ages 18 years and older living in ClackCo

79.1% have received at least one dose.

73.6% have completed their primary series.

40.6% have received an extra dose (*3rd dose or booster*)

Entire ClackCo Population

Primary Series In Progress: **23,191**

Primary Series Complete: **282,199**

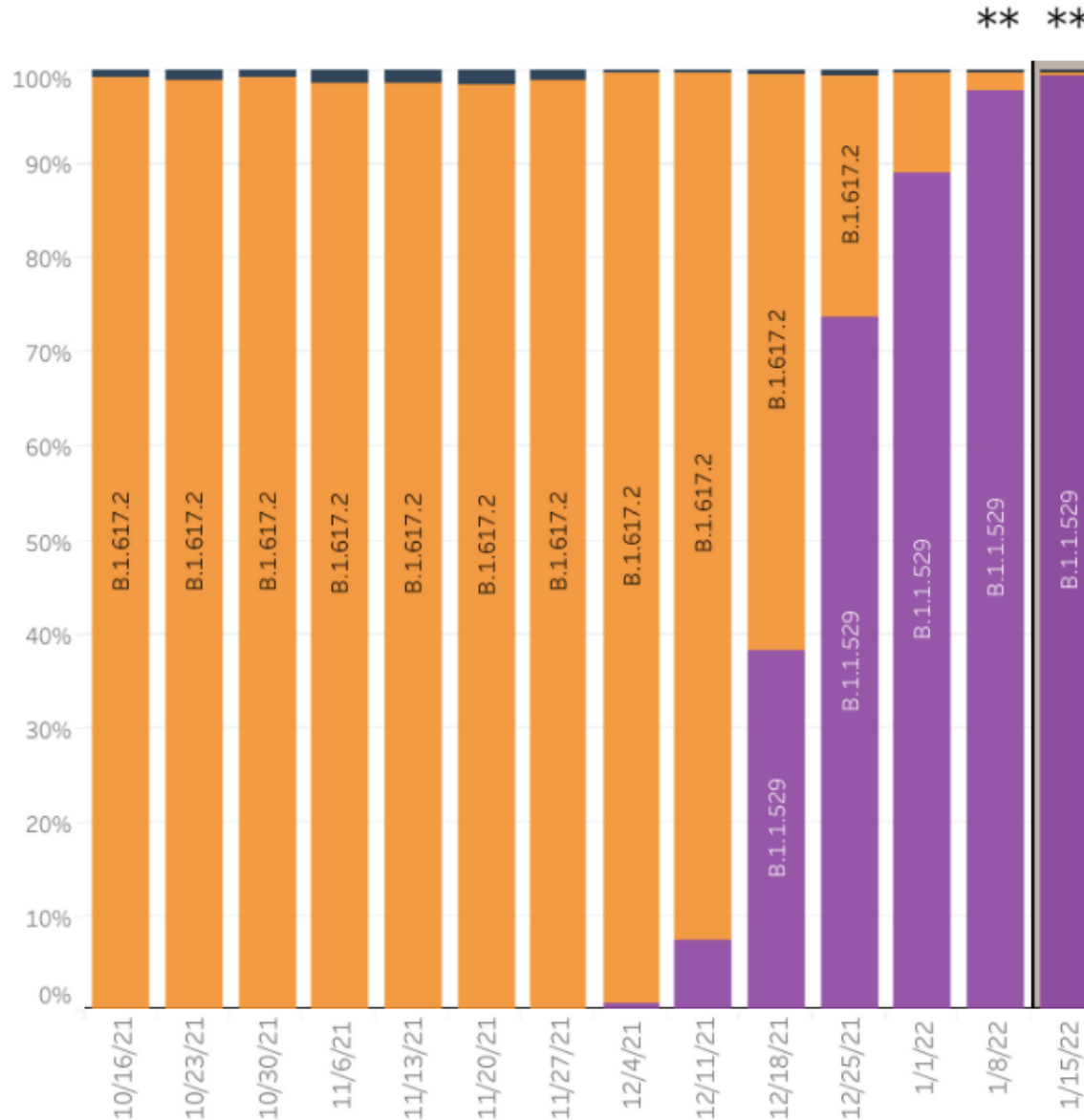
708,175 doses administered in Clackamas

305,390 people vaccinated in Clackamas

Variant Proportions In United States

United States: 10/10/2021 – 1/15/2022

United States: 1/9/2022 – 1/15/2022 NOWCAST



USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	B.1.1.529	VOC	99.5%	99.3-99.7%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	0.5%	0.3-0.7%
Other	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.0%

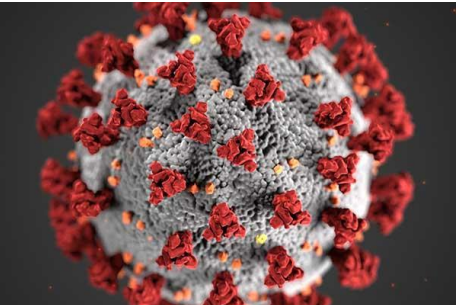
* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.

** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates

AY.1-AY.127 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2. BA.1, BA.2 and BA.3 are aggregated with B.1.1.529.

OMICRON UPDATES

- 18 million positive cases reported worldwide
- U.S. averaging more than 800,000 new cases a day in the past week
- Oregon averaging more than 7,900 cases a day in the past week
- ClackCo averaging 766 cases a day in the past week
- 47% rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations in the U.S. in the past 2 weeks



5 most common symptoms: runny nose, headache, fatigue, sneezing, sore throat

Symptomatic people should stay at home and away from others and get tested

FREE COVID-19 TESTS


Free At-Home Tests

- Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests
- Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days
- Order your tests today at COVIDTESTS.GOV



Free Drive-Through Tests

- Weekly at Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus in Milwaukie
- Tuesday-Saturday, 8 a.m. -3 p.m.
- Schedule an appointment CUR.TV/MILWAUKIE

 **curative**

COVID-19 Testing
No out of pocket costs

Self-collected, shallow nasal PCR test


Results within 1-2 days from receipt of the sample at the lab

Schedule an appointment at cur.tv/canby


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

Shortened Quarantine and Isolation Options for the General Public

Healthcare workers have specific [guidance](#).

If you test positive for COVID-19 or show symptoms (Isolate):

Regardless of vaccination status:

- Stay home and away from others for a minimum of 5 days.
- If you have had no symptoms, or mild symptoms that have resolved after 5 days, you may leave the house if you wear a mask while around others for another 5 days.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine):

Unvaccinated or not yet boosted:

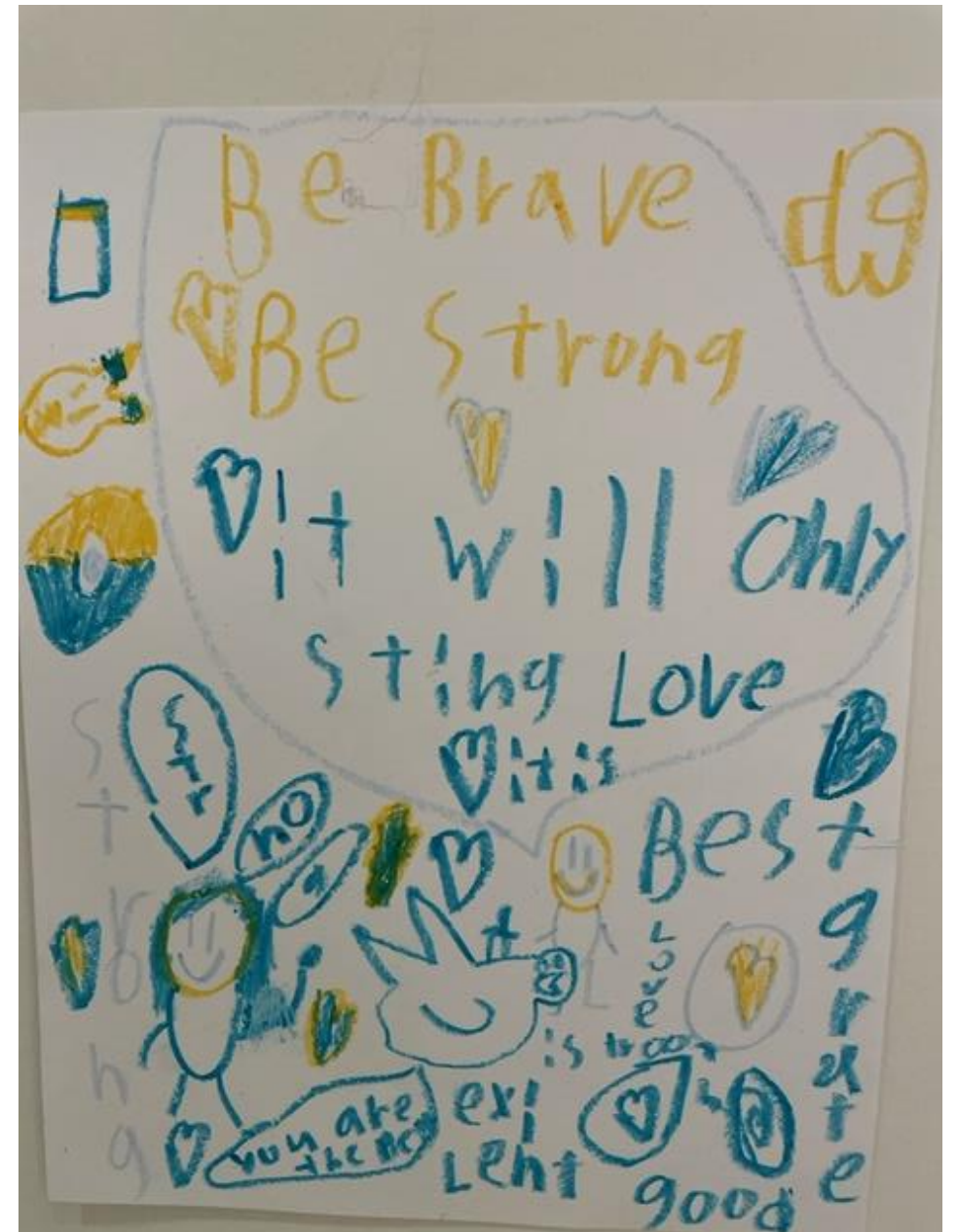
- Stay home and away from others for a minimum of 5 days.
- Then consistently and diligently wear a well-fitting mask around others for 5 more days.

Received booster shot or vaccinated primary series and not yet eligible for a booster:

- Do not need to quarantine.
- Wear mask around others for 10 days.

BOOST UP, CLACKAMAS!

- Primary series **plus a booster** dose gives over 70% protection against omicron
- Anyone age 12+ can get a booster dose
- Wait five months after second dose of a Pfizer vaccine or Moderna vaccine
- 12-17 year olds are only eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine
- Anyone 18 and older should get a booster dose two months after a Johnson & Johnson dose



VACCINE SCHEDULING



Local opportunities in ClackCo:
clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine

Schedule via Email:
COVIDvaccine@clackamas.us

Schedule via Phone:
(503) 655-8224 (Mon-Fri. from 8am-5pm)

Register to receive notification for when an appointment is available:
GetVaccinated.oregon.gov

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



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