
CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 11/17/2021

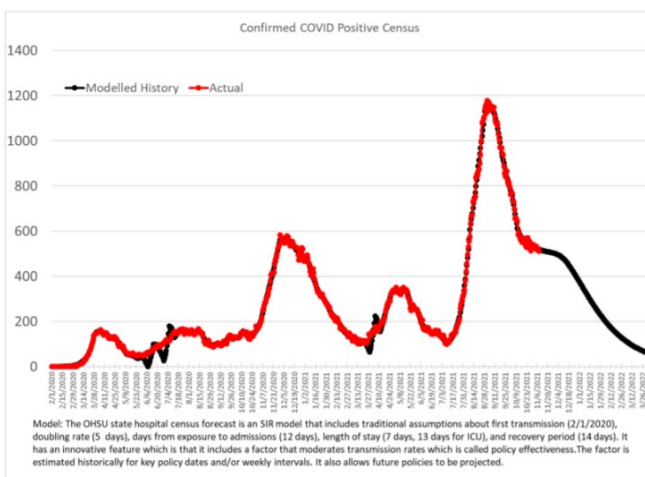
Governor Kate Brown Calls for Additional Tenant Protections, Rental Assistance for Oregon Families

The Oregon Housing and Community Services announced that nearly all federal rental assistance funding in Oregon has been allocated to or requested by applicants, and that the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP) will pause accepting new applications starting on Wednesday, December 1.

Governor Brown stated “Over the last several weeks, I have engaged in conversations with legislative leaders and housing advocates to find a path forward for a legislative solution that involves updates to current tenant protections in state law, including the extension of current safe harbor protections for Oregonians who have applied for rental assistance, as well as using state resources to continue assistance at the state and local levels. But it will be impossible to serve every Oregon family that is struggling with rent with state resources alone. Those conversations will continue, with the goal of bringing forward a proposal for the Legislature to consider in a special session in the upcoming weeks.”

Newest COVID-19 model shows continued slowing in cases, hospitalizations

Oregon Health & Science University is now providing the [COVID-19 forecast model](#)



Federal OSHA Workplace Vaccine Mandate

On November 12th the Fifth Circuit Court reaffirmed and [extended its initial stay](#) on the Occupational Health and Safety Administrations Emergency Temporary Standard regarding a COVID-19 vaccine or test mandate for employers with 100+ employees. It is still [recommended that large employers](#) continue to plan their employee vaccine policy and how they will let unvaccinated employees know how, when and where to get tested for COVID-19.

Center for Medicaid and Medicare COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS) issued an [emergency regulation](#) effective November 5th requiring COVID-19 vaccinations of those Medicare and Medicaid-certified provider and suppliers that are subject to CMS health and safety regulations. The [interim final rule](#) allows exemptions for medical and religious reasons. The [infographic](#) shows that 1st dose or 1 dose should begin by December 6th, 2021 with all shots received for full vaccination by January 4th, 2022.

City of Portland Vaccine Mandate

[Effective 1/3/22](#), the City of Portland will require all its vendors, consultants, contractors, volunteers and grantees who perform in-person work for the city to be vaccinated against COVID-19. [City of Portland employees](#) are already under a vaccine mandate.

Antiviral COVID-19 Treatments

Pfizer and Merck have created experimental medicines meant to be taken orally at home when first symptoms of COVID-19 appear. Antiviral treatments may help speed up recovery time but are not a replacement to being vaccinated against COVID-19. An [FDA approval panel](#) will meet on November 30th to consider emergency use authorization of Merck's Molnupiravir. Molnupiravir was recently authorized for [use in the United Kingdom](#). Pfizer's Paxlovid was found to [reduce the risk of hospitalization or death](#) in studies. Pfizer [requested Emergency Use Authorization](#). The United States may be [negotiating a deal to purchase 10 million](#) doses of Paxlovid once it has been approved.

Remdesivir is an FDA-approved (and sold under the brand name Veklury) intravenous antiviral drug for use in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older and weighing at least 40 kilograms (about 88 pounds) for the treatment of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization.

Federal Funding Continuation

President Joe Biden [announced](#) that funding for eligible COVID-19 work [will continue at a 100% federal cost share through 4/1/22](#). This funding will be available to local, state, tribal or territorial governments, and certain non-profit organizations for eligible costs associated with recovery and vaccination. FEMA will continue to provide 100% of the federal funding for National Guard activities to combat and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccinations

In the most recent full week's data, case rates in Oregon were highest among people ages 5 to 11, followed by people ages 12 to 17. Nationwide, pediatric cases make up 25 percent of all cases. Oregon is expected to have enough vaccine to immunize the state's 5 through 11 year olds.

There's significantly more vaccine available for the 5-to-11 [year-old] population than there was for the adult population earlier this year. The initial supply of vaccines is meant to last four to six weeks. Tens of thousands of additional doses will be available every week.

FDA expected to authorize booster dose of Pfizer for 18 and older

National media report the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is expected to authorize booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine for people age 18 and older as early as Thursday this week. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is scheduled to meet on Friday to consider the FDA's recommendation.

Currently, booster doses of all three authorized vaccines are available to many people, including those who are at greater risk from COVID-19, such as people who have experienced barriers to healthcare, including communities of color, Tribal nations and people with disabilities. People who work in jobs with high risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19 are also eligible for boosters.

Health experts strongly recommend booster doses for people age 65 and older, people age 50 and older with underlying medical conditions, and people age 18 and older who live in long-term care facilities. If you're eligible for a booster, now's the time to get one before providers get even busier.

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)	
5 to 11	3,977
12 to 17	21,786
18 to 19	6,667
20 to 49	113,608
50 to 64	66,463
65+	71,114

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 is 83. The pediatric case rate in Clackamas County the week of October 31 is 95.4 per 100,000.

For more information on pediatrics, [visit the OHA Pediatric Dashboards](#).

COVID-19 hospitalizations

As of November 15th the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 across Oregon is 461, which is 13 more than November 14th . There are 109 COVID-19 patients in intensive care unit (ICU) beds, which is 10 fewer than November 14th . There are 74 available adult ICU beds out of 687 total (11% availability) and 351 available adult non-ICU beds out of 4,074 (9% 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
November 7th	542	127.1	6.6%
October 31 st	569	133.4	6%
October 24 th	740	173.5	7%

Disease Response

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) currently is providing a high volume drive through mobile vaccination clinics in Molalla and will move to Cities of Estacada and Sandy in the coming weeks. Plans are being finalized to locate a high volume vaccination clinic in Wilsonville in partnership with Oregon Health Authority. For the week of November 15th the Public Health COVID Vaccine Distribution Team will hold 16 vaccination clinics with local partner schools, businesses, and churches throughout the county.