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# CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

## WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 5/19/2022

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### Omicron update

Clackamas County cases slightly increased, with 1,151 this past week. This marks an 8.9 percent increase from the previous week, a notable decrease in case growth after last week's increase of 39.6 percent and the week prior's 47.3 percent increase. Still, test positivity increased, from 11.3 percent to 12.5 percent, demonstrating that the virus is still spreading throughout the county. Clackamas County remains in the CDC Community Levels "Medium" COVID-10 risk category. Multnomah County and Washington County are both in the "Medium" risk category as well. CCPH highly recommends that people at risk of severe illness or individuals who interact with high-risk people wear a mask in indoor settings.

Case growth in Oregon appears to be leveling off, with just a 4 percent increase in new cases. This is the first-time cases percentage increase has been in the single digits after six consecutive weeks of case growth reaching as high as 50 percent. The state is now averaging 1,350 cases a day, up from last week's average daily case count of 1,164. However, test positivity increased to 11.4 percent, a notable increase from last week's test positivity of 8.4 percent. Again, this means that the virus is still spreading quickly in the community.

Hospitalizations in Oregon rose slightly over the weekend, with 262 total hospitalizations, but ICU and ventilator patients held steady at 28 and 4 respectively. Deaths are holding steady at 4.1 per week. As we see this recent wave of infection begin to peak, it is highly recommended that folks take precautions like wearing a mask indoors and getting a booster and vaccine now. These actions alone could drive cases and deaths down to lower levels for the summer.

The virus continues to spread quickly nationwide, with daily reports of new cases increasing threefold since the start of April. Cases are rising in nearly every U.S. state. The Northeast and Midwest are experiencing the most case growth, with daily case reports higher than they were at the peak of last summer's Delta surge. Hospitalizations are also increasing but not at a rapid pace. The number of patients in American hospitals with coronavirus has risen by 20 percent in the past two weeks, but remains at just over 20,000, a number far lower than the levels seen in any prior surge. More than 300 deaths are being announced each day on average, far fewer than at the height of the Omicron surge several months ago, when more than 2,600 deaths were being reported daily.

### Boosters for 5-11 year olds

[The Food and Drug Administration](#) authorized booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine on Tuesday for children 5 to 11. Children in the age group can get a booster shot at least five months after they have received the primary two-dose series.

Some experts have suggested that because children 5 to 11 received a much lower initial dose than older children or adults, they are particularly in need of a booster shot. One study done by New York researchers found that for children 5 to 11, the Pfizer vaccine's effectiveness against infection fell to 12 percent from 68 percent by four to five weeks after the second dose.

The newly authorized booster dose is the same strength as the first two shots. Pfizer has said its clinical trial data showed that the additional shot produced a strong immune response in the age group, generating neutralizing antibodies against both the Omicron variant and original version of the virus. No new safety signals were observed, according to the company.

This booster dose should be available at CCPH clinics early next week.

## Free COVID tests

Americans can once again order free COVID-19 tests from the federal government by visiting [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). U.S. households are now able to order an additional eight free at-home tests, bringing the total number of free tests available to each household to sixteen the total tests.

People who have difficulty getting online or need help placing an order can call 1-800-232-0233 for assistance.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations in Clackamas County

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

Test results can be reported Monday through Friday, 8:30-5, through the OHA Hotline: [866-917-8881](tel:866-917-8881)

Week of Date	Case Count	Cases per 100k	Test Positivity
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1151</b>	<b>262.1</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1057</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>757</b>	<b>174.0</b>	<b>11.2%</b>
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>514</b>	<b>120.3</b>	<b>8.2%</b>

## 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	16,330	43.9%
12 to 17	23,606	72.2%
18 to 19	7,127	72.4%
20 to 49	122,857	74.2%
50 to 64	69,936	69.8%
65+	73,777	83.1%

## Testing Response

### No-Cost COVID-19 Testing

[Curative](#) testing site at Harmony Campus in Milwaukie operates 7 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

## 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](https://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.

A tool to find Test to Treat locations as well as more information on the program is available at [aspr.hhs.gov/TestToTreat](https://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.

## Raising Awareness of Counterfeit COVID-19 At-Home Test Kits

**Avoiding counterfeit at-home COVID-19 tests**

The FDA has identified two counterfeit tests that are **made to look like** Flowflex COVID-19 Test Kits and iHealth Antigen Rapid Test Kits.

If you have either of these tests, **look for these signs that they may be counterfeit**. Note: iHealth tests distributed by OHA are **not** counterfeit.

- ✗ **Poor print quality** of text or images
- ✗ **Missing information** on the outside box label, such as lot number, expiration date, barcode or QR code
- ✗ **Grammar or spelling errors** on the product label
- ✗ **Kit components** don't match box description

**Health**

Community members should be aware of counterfeit COVID-19 at-home test kits that have made their way into the U.S. market. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has identified that counterfeit versions of Flowflex COVID-19 Test Kits and iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kits are being circulated. The FDA has provided information [on its website](#) on how to identify counterfeit test kits. As the iHealth test kits received by Public Health were distributed directly by the manufacturer (via an arrangement with the Oregon Health Authority), there is no reason to believe that the division has received any counterfeit tests. Public Health will update its COVID-19 testing webpage to provide information on how community members can identify counterfeit test kits.

## Disease Response

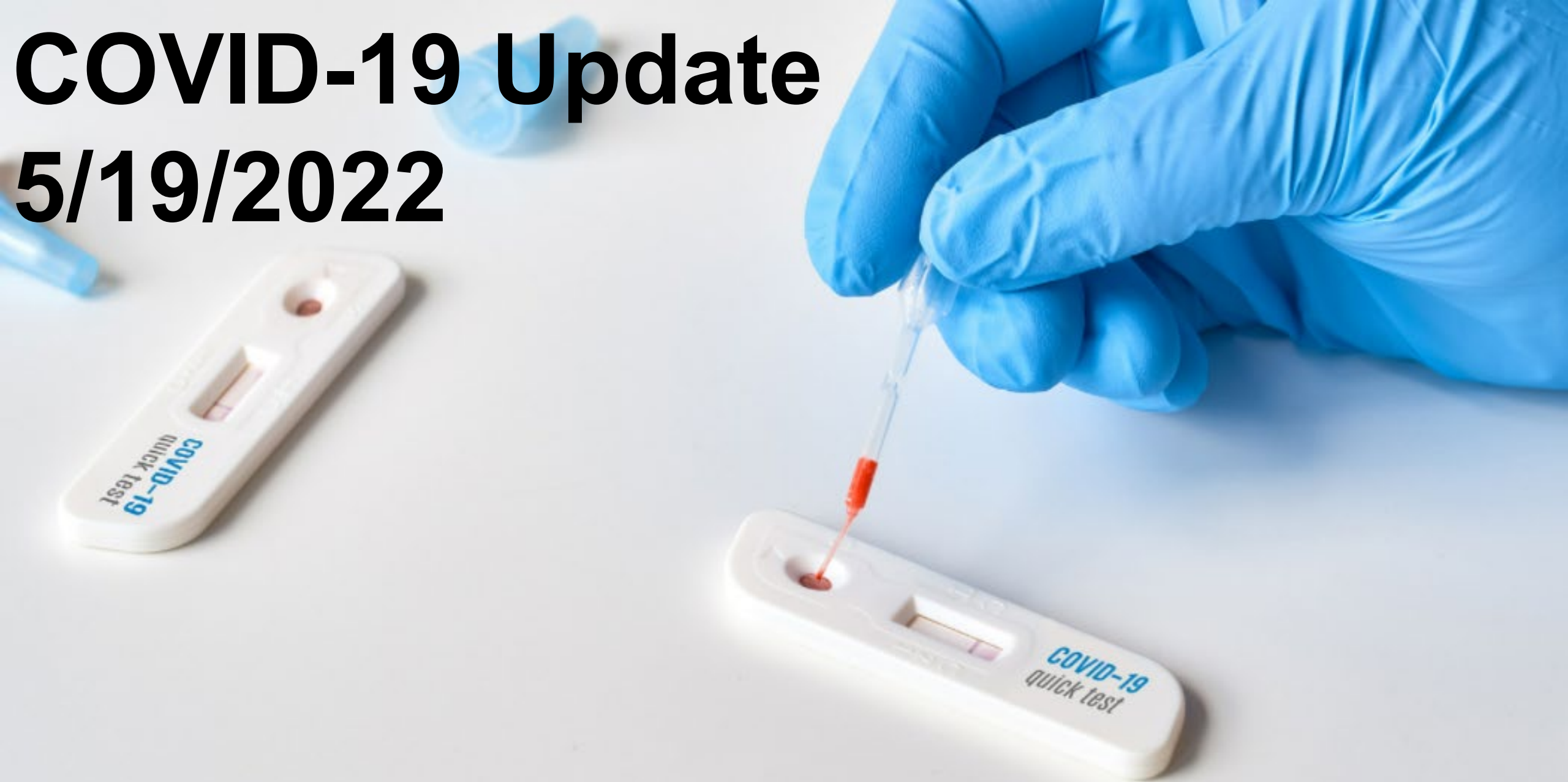
Regularly scheduled vaccine clinics remain open to walk-ins and scheduled appointments. Clinics in collaboration with our school district partners, Gladstone and Oregon Trail, have continued to be most popular with vaccinating highest numbers of community members for 50+ age boosters along with completion of initial vaccine series.

With the recent announcement from the FDA on the recommendation of approving boosters for 5-11 years of age, staff are preparing for final approval and authorization to start administering boosters at all clinics starting the week of May 23. The mobile vaccine van has been mobilized to support more on-site vaccine clinics at long-term care facilities (LTCF).

The COVID-19 Investigation & Outreach unit opened 1151 cases and managed 73 active outbreaks last week. The unit announced additional staffing changes coming July 1, 2022. The CIO will be effectively disbanded at that time and the remaining components of wrap supports and outbreak investigation will be incorporated into the COVID Systems (vaccination) unit and the Infectious Disease Control and Prevention team, respectively. This change aligns the remaining staff to provide the most effective ongoing COVID response.

# COVID-19 Update

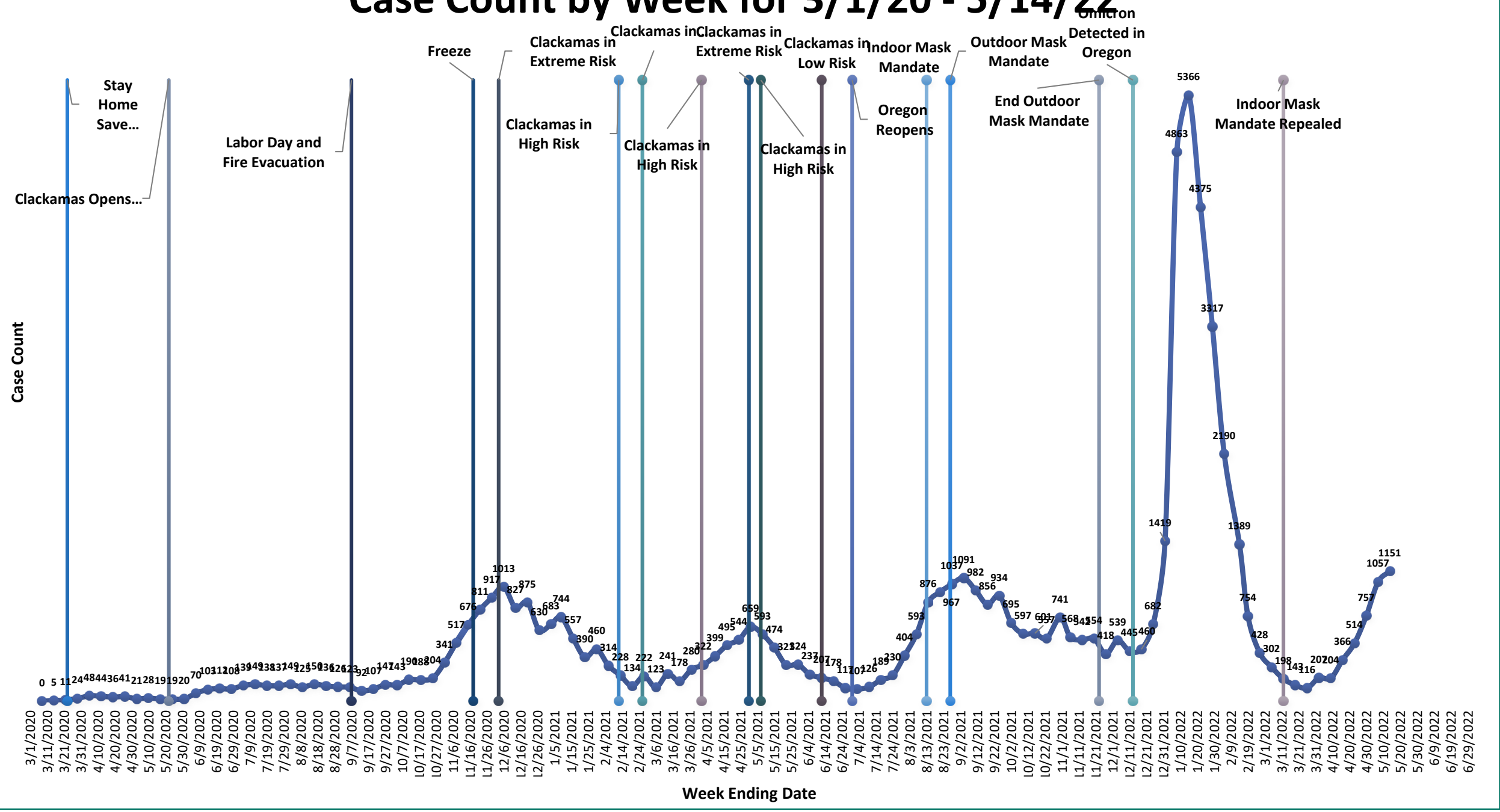
## 5/19/2022



# COVID Current Case and Death Data

as of 5/15/2022	Total cases	Total deaths	Change since 5/12/2022
Clackamas County	64,186	634	Cases: +1,115 Deaths: +4
Multnomah County	124,772	1,208	Cases: +2,515 Deaths: +5
Washington County	91,639	594	Cases: +1,756 Deaths: +1

# Case Count by Week for 3/1/20 - 5/14/22



# Statewide Numbers from May 9, 2022

## CASES — Statewide

Data Current as of 12:01am 5/16/2022

New cases

2,969

7-day average

1,350.0

Total cases

741,780

Source: Opera



Newly reported deaths with  
COVID-19

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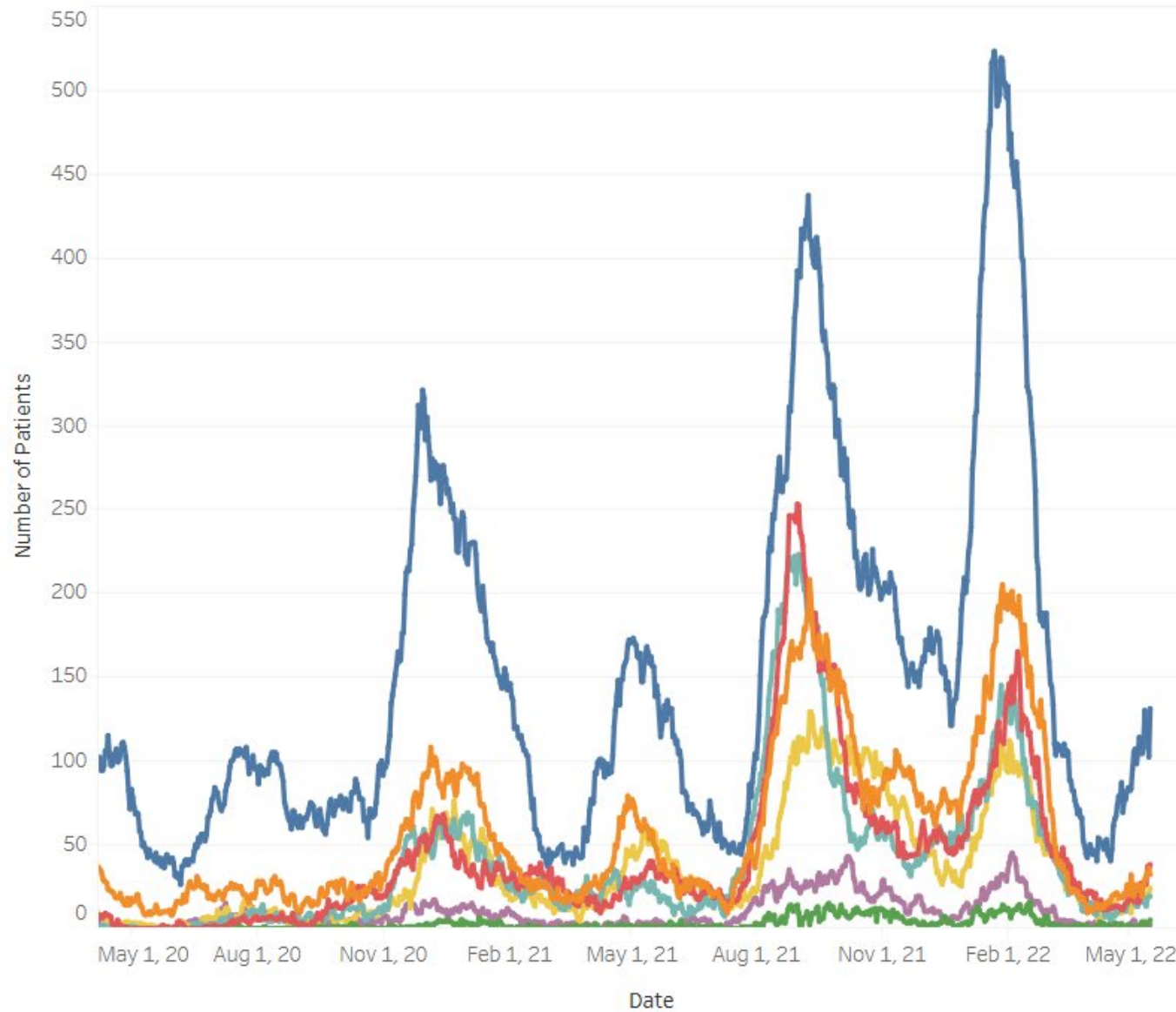
Total deaths

7,563

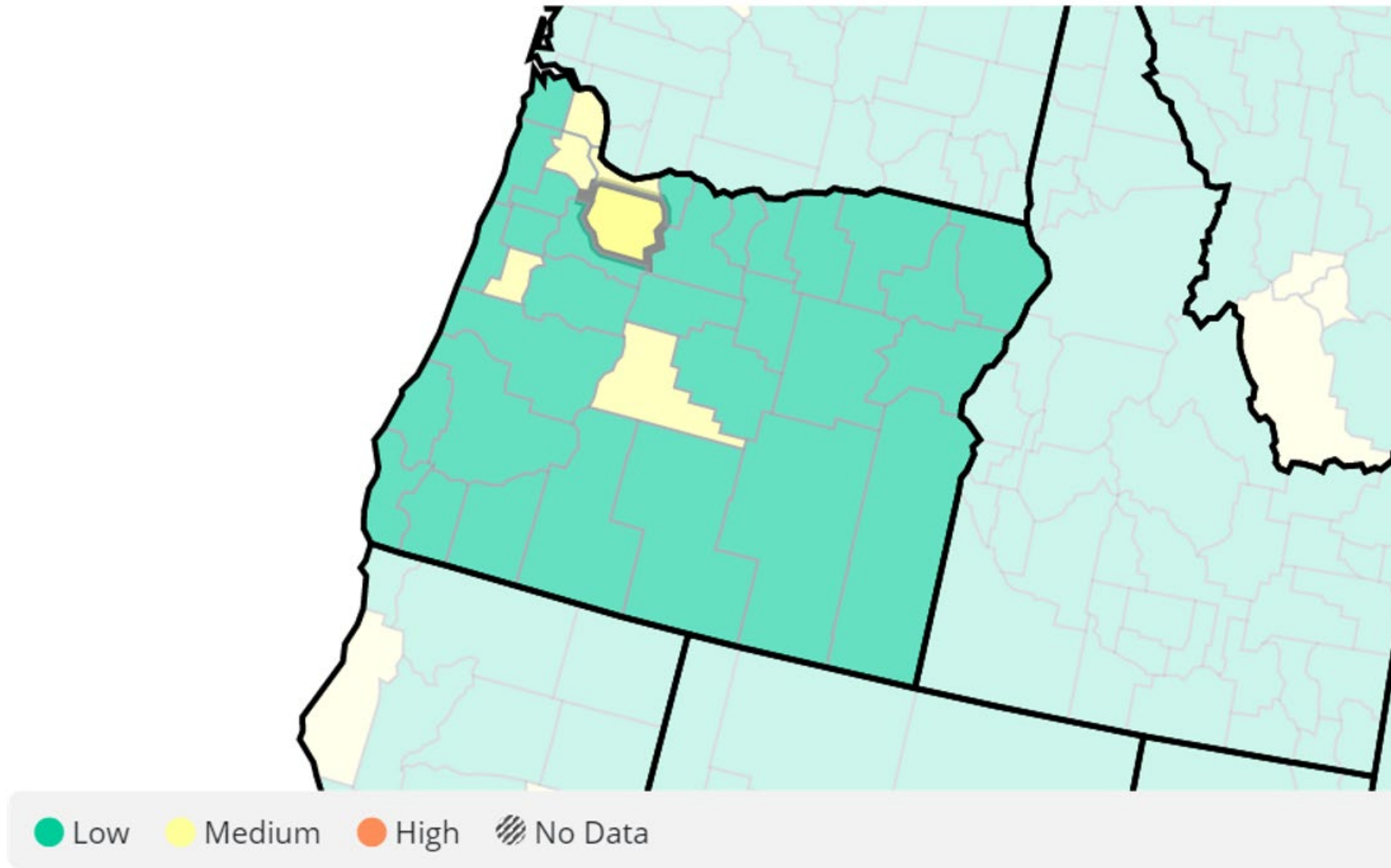
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# COVID-19 Positive Patients in Oregon Hospitals



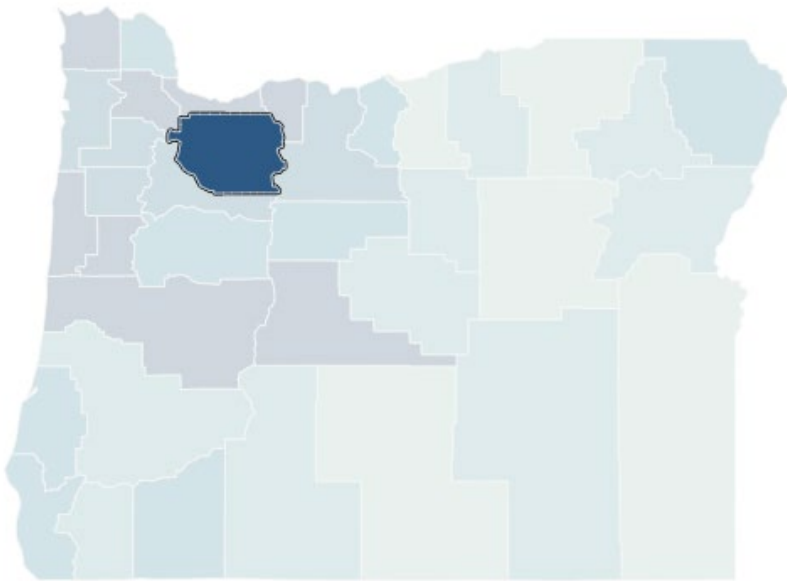
# Oregon's COVID-19 Community Risk Level



Wed May 18 2022 15:21:59 GMT-0700

# Clackamas County Vaccinations

as of 5/17/2022



**People ages 18 years and older living in ClackCo**

**80.6%** have received at least one dose.

**75.1%** have completed their primary series.

**47.3%** have received an extra dose (*3<sup>rd</sup> dose or booster*)

## **Entire ClackCo Population**

Primary Series In Progress: **21,521**

Primary Series Complete: **292,136**

**784,206** doses administered in Clackamas

**313,657** people vaccinated in Clackamas

# Omicron Updates

- Worldwide case count dropped 0.47%
- U.S. averaging new cases a day 84,778
- U.S. case counts increased 30.7%
- Oregon averaging 1,350 cases a day
- Oregon case counts increased 4%
- ClackCo averaging 164 cases a day
- ClackCo case counts increased 8.9%



# Boosters for 5-11 Year Olds

- FDA authorized booster shots for the Pfizer vaccine for children 5 to 11
- Children can get a booster at least 5 months after their primary series
- Same strength as the first two shots, 10 micrograms
- Produces a strong immune response to protect against coronavirus variants
- No new safety signals were observed
- Will be available at CCPH clinics early next week

# 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 order **4 more** free iHealth tests
- Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days
- Order your tests today at [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov)




## Drive-Through Tests


- Weekly at Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus
- Now open 7 days a week
- PCR Testing:  
Monday - Friday, 8:00a - 5:00p,  
Saturday - 8:00a - 3:00p
- Rapid Molecular Testing:  
Monday - Friday, 9:00a - 4:30p,  
Saturday 8:30a – 2:30p
- Schedule an appointment [cur.tv/milwaukie](https://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](https://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](mailto: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
<b>Monday 3pm – 7pm</b>	<b>Molalla United Methodist Church</b> 111 S. Mathias Rd, Molalla
<b>Tuesday 3pm – 7pm</b>	<b>Canby Foursquare Church</b> 2350 SE Territorial Rd, Canby
<b>Wednesday - Saturday 11am – 7pm</b>	<b>Clackamas Town Center</b> 12000 SE 82 <sup>nd</sup> Ave, Suite 274, Happy Valley (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor next to LensCrafters)
<b>May 26, June 9, June 23 (Thursday) 3pm – 7pm</b>	<b>Providence Willamette Falls Community Center</b> 519 15 <sup>th</sup> St, Oregon City
<b>Friday 2pm – 5pm</b>	<b>Sandy Community/Senior Center</b> 38348 Pioneer Blvd, Sandy

# VACCINE SCHEDULING



**Local opportunities in ClackCo:**  
[clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine](https://clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine)

**Schedule via Email:**  
[COVIDvaccine@clackamas.us](mailto: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](https://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/](https://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](http://www.clackamas.us/coronavirus)

