
CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 10/20/2021

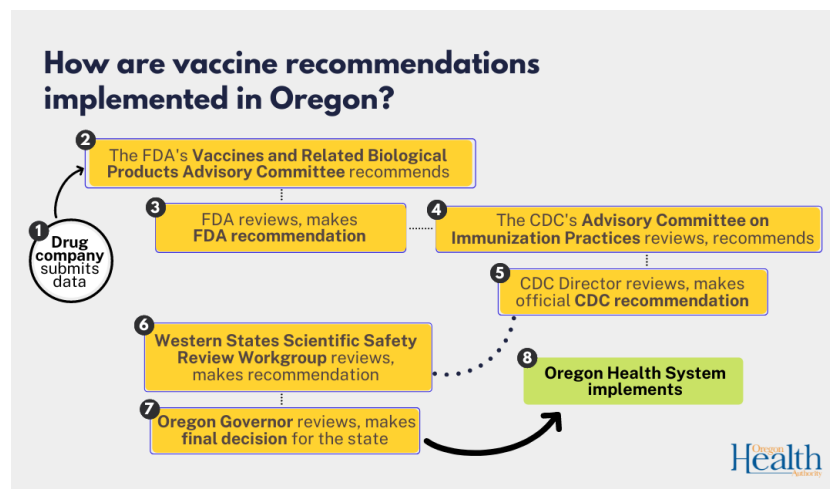
COVID 19 booster vaccine

The FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) voted to

- Authorize Moderna vaccine booster doses for persons 65 years of age and older and persons 18 years of age and older at high risk of illness, or with frequent institutional or occupational exposure that puts them at high risk of complications of COVID-19.
- Authorize a second dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for those 18 years of age and older at least two months after they receive the currently recommended single dose.

The CDC will review these recommendations at the upcoming Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meetings on Oct. 21 and 22. The ACIP would then make a recommendation to the director of the CDC, who would make the official recommendation for use. Oregon will await a final review of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines by the Western states workgroup, which includes Oregon, Washington, California and Nevada. The FDA is also expected to make recommendations on [‘mix and match’ boosters](#).

The CDC has already recommended booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine for specific groups of people at high risk of severe disease. A booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine may be given to specific groups of people at least six months after they completed their primary vaccine series. Later this month, the VRBPAC will also consider whether the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine should be granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for children who are five through 11 years of age. The same process will be used to determine whether this vaccine should be recommended for children.



COVID-19 vaccination and other medical procedures

If you have recently been vaccinated and are due for a mammogram, ask your provider about how long you should wait after vaccination. According to the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), [some experts](#) have recommended waiting four to six weeks after getting your vaccine before having a mammogram. If you are planning to have a medical procedure or screening, ask your doctor about how and when to get a COVID-19 vaccine before your procedure or screening to help protect yourself and others.

COVID-19 cases among people under age 18

The number of new COVID-19 cases among people under age 18 continue to decline. Hospitalizations and deaths remain rare. 14.4% of statewide cases the week of 10/3 were in people under the age of 18. The pediatric case rate in Clackamas County was 97 per 100,000 for the same week.

- 1,484 new pediatric cases were reported statewide, down from 1,830 the week prior.
- In Clackamas County there were 84 pediatric cases reported with an onset the week of 10/3.

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

COVID-19 hospitalizations

OHA released its latest COVID-19 forecast showing a continued decline in daily cases and hospitalizations through mid-October.

According to the [report](#), the effective reproduction rate — the expected number of secondary cases that a single case generates — was estimated at 0.91 on Sept. 29. At that level of transmission, the report estimates an average of 895 daily cases for the two-week period between Oct. 20 and Nov. 2. and 54 hospitalizations per day by Nov. 2.

The report also indicated that hospitals across the state are seeing declines in COVID-19 hospitalizations and declining COVID-19 intensive care admissions. Vaccinations remain the most effective shield against COVID-19. Oregonians should wear masks when in indoor public spaces and when outdoors among crowds.

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
October 10th	600	140.7	6.2%
October 3 rd	595	139.5	7.1%
September 26 th	696	163.2	8%
September 19 th	933	218.7	8.6%

COVID-19 Vaccinations in Clackamas County

[Vaccination data](#) for Clackamas County. Third doses and booster doses are currently reported together.

Weekly Vaccinations in Clackamas County (per OHA)	
10/12-10/18	6,797
10/5-10/11	6,561
9/28-10/4	6,839
9/21-9/27	4,302

COVID 19 and the workplace

Agreements with two of Oregon's [largest public employee unions](#) will provide an extra six weeks for just over 26,800 workers to comply with the vaccine mandate for executive branch staff. Some [local fire and emergency medical service](#) agencies have high staff vaccination rates and do not expect to see significant impacts from the vaccine mandate. The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries has additional information regarding [COVID 19 and the workplace](#).

The Oregon National Guard continues to help staff hospitals in non-clinical work. The State's hospital surge incident management team has been placing crisis response teams in long-term care and behavioral health facilities. They are working with stabilization and crisis units through Oregon Department of Human Services and have Certified Nursing Assistants coming in to support these stabilization and crisis units.

[Special Thank you message from Governor Brown.](#)

Hand Sanitizers

Effective 12/31/21, companies that have been manufacturing alcohol-based hand sanitizers under temporary FDA authorization [must cease production](#) of these products.

Disease Response

The Covid case investigation team continues to use a self-administered case interview tool with good success. The use of this tool and the decreasing case rate have contributed to increasing the interviewed rate to 36% from a low of 19% in mid-September. The outbreak team continues in surge mode, opening and monitoring only high consequence outbreaks. They are currently monitoring 82 active high consequence outbreaks, 48% are in daycare and school associated settings. School associated outbreaks tend to be small with less than 10 cases in most.

The immunization team is preparing for pediatric vaccine for 5-11 year olds and boosters for a large portion of the population. They are stabilizing standing community clinics in Canby, Molalla, Oregon City, Clackamas

Town Center and Sandy by making site improvements and increasing staffing. Several vaccine clinics are scheduled for November at schools and the standing community sites that will be accessible to newly eligible children. The region is preparing for a pediatric summit with health system partners in early November to assure a streamlined delivery system of vaccine to the pediatric population. Vaccination supply is ready for order and expected to be onsite when authorization is announced. The supply will initially be constrained but the supply shortages experienced in early 2021 are not expected.

The testing team is working with OHA and an OHA contractor to open a testing site for Clackamas County residents in the South County. Target opening date is mid-November.