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# CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

## WEEKLY REPORT ON COVID-19 FOR 11/3/2021

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### Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine approved for ages 5 to 11

On Friday, October 29, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the use of the vaccine in 5- to 11-year olds, and the CDC affirmed that decision on Tuesday, November 2nd. The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup reviewed and affirmed the federal decisions Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup completed its review of the federal process and has unanimously concluded that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is safe and effective for youth 5 to 11 years of age and provided its confirmation to the Governors of California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. The Oregon Health Authority will inform health care providers that vaccinations for 5- to 11-year olds can begin in Oregon November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Workgroup thoroughly reviewed safety data for the vaccine, including the absence of any severe adverse events among vaccine recipients in the clinical trial. Reactions were mild and similar to those seen in adolescents and adults and with other vaccines routinely recommended for children and were less common at ages 5-11 years than at 16-25 years.

Washington, Oregon, and Nevada joined California's COVID-19 Scientific Safety Review Workgroup in October. The workgroup, made up of nationally-acclaimed scientists with expertise in immunization and public health, has concurrently and independently reviewed the FDA's actions related to COVID-19 vaccines. It will continue to evaluate other COVID-19 vaccines as they go through the federal process.

#### **Statement from Governor Kate Brown:**

"This is great news for Oregon children, parents, and families. Vaccination is the best tool we have to protect ourselves and our loved ones. With today's review by leading doctors, pediatricians, and health experts, Oregon parents and children can be confident in the safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for 5-to-11-year-olds. It is completely normal for parents and kids to have questions about vaccines—I urge you to reach out to your family doctor, health care provider, or pharmacist and get your questions answered today."

### Oregon Department of Education School Health Advisory

ODE issued a [school health advisory](#) that reinforces how lower transmission of COVID-19 happens when we [layer health and safety protocols](#). The health advisory remains in effect until December 31, 2021.

The goal across Oregon is to keep our students learning in-person, all year long. Every layer of health and safety protocols matter: vaccines for those eligible, physical distancing, hand and cough hygiene, face coverings inside and also outside when in crowds, ventilation, air filtration, staying home when sick and all the other measures learned and practiced over the last 19 months.

## COVID-19 cases among people under age 18

Total pediatric cases statewide with onset dates through the week of 10/23 is 14.7%. The pediatric case rate in Clackamas County was 120.7 per 100,000 for the same week.

- 1,377 new pediatric cases were reported statewide, down from 1,442 the week prior.
- In Clackamas County there were 105 pediatric cases reported with an onset the week of 10/17.

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

## COVID-19 webinars

Watch highly informative webinar regarding COVID-19 vaccine and adolescents.

- Clackamas County Health Officer Dr. Sarah Present in [English](#).
- Epidemiólogo de la Autoridad de la Salud de Oregon Dr. DeBess en [Español](#).

## 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
<b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>740</b>	<b>173.5</b>	<b>7%</b>
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	556	130.4	6.7%
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	600	140.7	6.2%
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	595	139.5	7.1%

OHA is publishing a [new quarterly report](#) on age-adjusted rate ratios of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths by race and ethnicity over time.

## 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)	
<b>10/26-11/1</b>	10,446
<b>10/19-10/25</b>	6,611
<b>10/12-10/18</b>	6,797
<b>10/5-10/11</b>	6,561

## COVID-19 hospitalizations

As of November 2<sup>nd</sup> the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 across Oregon is 537. There are 116 COVID-19 patients in intensive care unit (ICU) beds. There are 39 available adult ICU beds out of 678 total (6% availability) and 252 available adult non-ICU beds out of 4,111 (6% availability).

## Vaccine-induced immunity is more protective

In this [U.S.-based epidemiologic analysis](#) of patients hospitalized with COVID-19–like illness whose previous infection or vaccination occurred 90–179 days earlier, vaccine-induced immunity was more protective than infection-induced immunity against laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, including during a period of Delta variant predominance. All eligible persons should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible, including unvaccinated persons previously infected with SARS-CoV-2.

## Disease Response

Newly awarded three grantees for the Vaccine Equity for Community Partners mini-grant:

**Northwest Family Services:** community partner will be hosting a series of vaccine events at La Espiga grocery store in Oregon City and performing outreach and education in the nearby communities in November and December, serving Latinx communities in North Clackamas County. **\$20,208**

**Outside In:** community partner will be completing multiple vaccine series event in November and December in coordination with Clackamas Service Center and the Estacada Food Bank, focusing on the houseless population in and around Clackamas County. **\$30,000**

**Neighborhood Health Centers:** community partner will host and complete weekly clinics in Oregon City, Canby, and Milwaukie from October through the end of December, serving BIPOC and underserved communities in Clackamas County. **\$30,000**