

Multnomah County COVID-19 Situation Report

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Executive Summary

Multnomah County's response to COVID-19 has focused on the communities and groups most impacted by the pandemic. This work has adapted to the public's shifting needs as the pandemic evolves over time and has included significant guidance and messaging support for school districts and businesses. Multnomah County Public Health continues to focus on the communities most impacted at the pandemic's current stage, with a focus on culturally specific communities.

- Hospitalizations for COVID-19 continue to be elevated in Black/African American/African Immigrant and Refugee communities, both locally, and nationwide.
- Multnomah County's COVID-19 case rates in some communities are slowly decreasing and demand for vaccine continues to decrease.
- Early efforts focused on elder populations, as both age and group living settings were high risk factors. Oregon Health Authority's [Interim Long term Care Facility \(LTCF\) COVID-19 Vaccination Report](#) (released June 21) notes that 84% of residents and 62% of staff have been fully vaccinated.

Multnomah County's [COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Plan](#) outlines the County's approach, with specific strategies to make COVID-19 vaccine available to Multnomah County's many culturally-specific communities. Multnomah County:

- Operates 5 to 7 COVID-19 vaccine clinics per week, both in large-scale settings focused on reaching communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities, people seeking medical access, and other groups
- Hosts clinics in smaller community-based settings to connect with specific populations
- Offers COVID-19 vaccine to anyone seeking care at Multnomah County Health Centers
- Conducts data analysis at hyperlocal levels to identify vaccine clinic locations that are accessible for community members
- Has increased communications and partnership with community-based organizations

- Expanded clinic hours to meet the needs of diverse work and family schedules
- Offers both drop-in and appointment options to provide people with both flexibility and committed scheduling options, and
- Hosts culturally specific vaccine clinics, staffed by people who look like the community being reached, with multilingual staff on site, as well as video and audio interpretation services.

Statewide Updates

- On June 16, OHA released a plan outlining the state’s strategy for [Accelerating Vaccinations in the Latina/o/x Community in Oregon](#). An overview of [Goals and Objectives](#) supporting the State’s plan provides additional detail.
- On June 22, [Governor Kate Brown announced changes to County Risk Levels](#). Because the state is close to the 70% vaccination goal required for statewide lifting of COVID-19 safety measures in most settings, no further updates will be made to [County Risk Levels](#). Six counties remain in the “high risk” designation.
- On June 22, Governor Kate Brown urged Oregonians to enter the [“Take Your Shot”](#) lottery by getting vaccinated prior to the June 28 prize drawings. Entrants must have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine by June 28.

Multnomah County Updates

- On June 9, Multnomah County released a statement: [The system has failed black residents, health officials say, even as countywide COVID rates trend down](#).
- On June 17, leaders from Multnomah County Department of County Human Services and the Joint Office of Homeless Services outlined [a response to assist people impacted by the end of Oregon’s eviction moratorium](#) on June 30. Beginning in July, monthly rent payment will be required in order to avoid eviction proceedings. The grace period for payment of back rent has been extended through February 2022.
 - Tenants who need help with rent payment for July, or need help to pay back rent accrued April 2020 to June 2021 should contact the [Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#).
 - Beginning July 1, tenants who receive an eviction notice for nonpayment of rent are urged to call [2-1-1](#). 211 will complete a screening with the tenant and refer them to [Bienestar de la Familia](#). Bienestar is central to the County’s eviction prevention strategy and has distributed food, rent assistance, and wraparound services throughout the pandemic.
- An overview of [COVID-19 Vaccination distribution through Multnomah County programs](#) with data through June 18 has been published on the County’s [Novel Coronavirus COVID-19](#) website.
 - As of June 18, Multnomah County Public Health has hosted 172 COVID-19 vaccine clinics. At these events, 26,767 people have been vaccinated for COVID-19; 74% of those vaccinated at these clinics are BIPOC community members. Additionally, 8,429 Multnomah County Health Center patients have been vaccinated for COVID-19; 67% of these patients are BIPOC community members, and 53% of these patients used interpreters.

Public Information: Updates and Resources

COVID-19 Vaccine Availability and Equity

- Students and families can [get vaccinated for COVID-19 at Parkrose, Roosevelt, and Centennial Multnomah County Student Health Centers](#).
- It's easier than ever to get vaccinated for COVID-19, and it's free for everyone. [Each week the County hosts several vaccine clinics](#), and COVID-19 vaccine is free at most pharmacies, and at many vaccine clinics hosted by community organizations.
- Multnomah County Public Health vaccine clinics may be impacted by extreme heat, which could cause reduced hours. Please call ahead if you need to be sure the clinic is open: 503-988-8939.

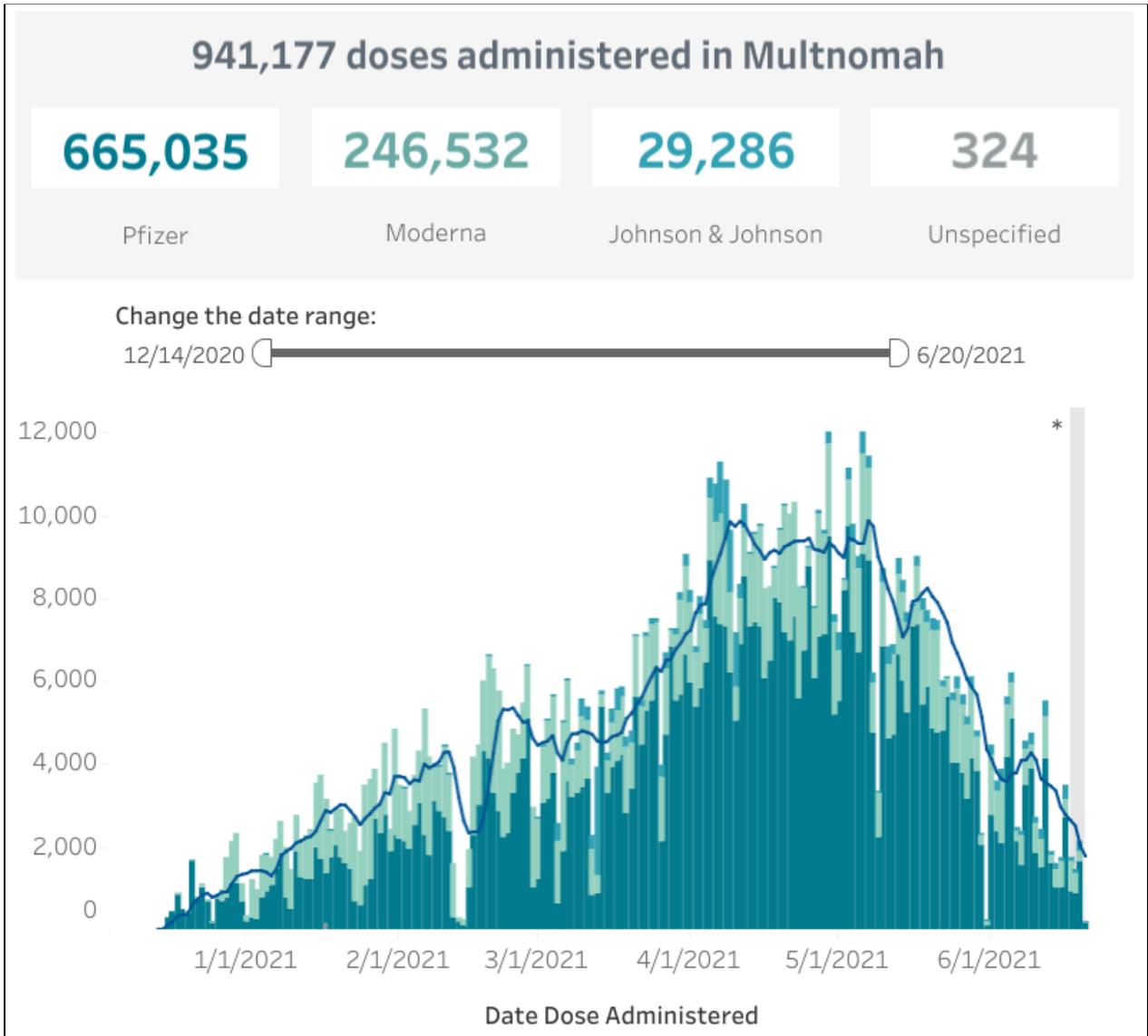
Resources

- [Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics](#)
- [You Were Vaccinated for COVID-19. What Now?](#)
- [Diversity in Vaccine Studies](#)
- [How COVID-19 Vaccines Protect You](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Development](#)
- [COVID-19 poster and flyers](#): download informational PDFs in many languages

Multnomah County COVID-19 Vaccine Data

As of June 20, 2021, **941,177 Multnomah County residents** have been partially or fully vaccinated for COVID-19. The chart below shows the number of COVID-19 doses administered daily in Multnomah County.

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Data current as of June 20, 2021 (source: [OHA COVID-19 Vaccination Trends](#) data dashboard).

Note: *Doses administered during this time period may not yet be reported.

Multnomah County Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Oregon Health Authority maintains a vaccine finder on the [Find a COVID-19 Vaccine in Oregon](#) site. COVID-19 vaccination is widely available at pharmacies, and is free to all, regardless of insurance coverage or immigration status.

Multnomah County Public Health hosts five regularly scheduled COVID-19 vaccine clinics:

- Portland Community College, Cascade Campus (North Portland)
- Fabric Depot site (Mid County)
- Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham (East County)
- Boys and Girls Club (Rockwood)

- Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), 10301 NE Glisan St., Portland, Fridays, (Mid County)

Addresses and days and times are on the [Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics](#) page, along with vaccine clinics hosted by community partners, or Multnomah County Health Centers. **Please note: Extreme heat can result in vaccine site closures or clinic site changes. Please call 503-988-8939 to confirm hours and locations and dress to accommodate the heat.**

Multnomah County COVID-19 Epidemiology Data

The table below depicts COVID-19 case and mortality data at local and state levels for the period of **June 8 - June 21, 2021**.

Multnomah County Cases	Multnomah County Deaths	Oregon Cases	Oregon Deaths
553 (new) 40,371 (total)	6 (new) 614 (total)	3,576 (new) 206,850 (total)	62 (new) 2,756 (total)

“Total” refers to total individual cases and deaths since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and “new” refers to individual cases and deaths that have occurred during the two week reporting period of June 8 - 21. Data current as of June 21, 2021 (source: [COVID-19 News from Oregon Health Authority](#) daily updates).

Race and Ethnicity Impact in Multnomah County

Detailed local data, including demographics (race, sex, age, and housing status) are available in the [Regional COVID-19 data dashboard](#) hosted by Multnomah County.

Multnomah County Community COVID-19 testing

Multnomah County Community testing is designed to help provide testing for people without health insurance, and people without a regular health care provider.

- You don't need to be a Multnomah County patient or have health insurance.
- You can get tested regardless of your immigration status. We will not share your information with law enforcement or immigration officials.
- We focus on reaching Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities.
- **Please note: Extreme heat can result in test site closures. Please call 503-988-8939 to confirm test site hours and dress to accommodate the heat.**

Locations and hours

- **East County:** East County Health Center (parking lot), 600 NE 8th St., Gresham, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:00 am - 3:45 pm
- **North Portland:** Portland Community College, Cascade Campus, 705 N Killingsworth St., Portland, Wednesdays, 11 am - 5:30 pm

- **Mid County:** Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), 10301 NE Glisan St., Portland, Fridays, 11:15 am - 1:45 pm
- **Rockwood:** Latino Network, Rockwood Office, 312 SE 165th Ave., Portland, Saturdays, 8:45 am - 11:45 am

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