

Multnomah County COVID-19 Situation Report

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Executive Summary

The spread of the COVID-19 delta variant is pushing up case rates nationwide, and that includes counties throughout Oregon. The [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#) lists all counties nationwide in one of four categories according to rates of transmission: Low, Moderate, Substantial, and High. Oregon counties' COVID-19 transmission rates (as of August 2, 2021) are currently categorized as follows:

- **Low: 0** Counties
- **Moderate: 1** County (Lake)
- **Substantial: 5** Counties (Multnomah, Washington, Lincoln, Klamath, Malheur)
- **High: 30** Counties (all others)

Multnomah County is using an equity lens to respond to the current rise in COVID-19 case rates in three primary ways:

- issuing a Public Health mask recommendation,
- offering gift card incentives to people seeking vaccination, and
- messaging how effective vaccination is against COVID-19, with hospitalization and death rates much lower among vaccinated people than rates among people who are not vaccinated.

[Multnomah County's mask recommendation](#) was announced on July 26, 2021: "Multnomah County Public Health today strongly recommended that everyone 5 and older (2 and older if tolerated) wear masks in all indoor public spaces, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated." OHA and the CDC have since followed in recommending universal indoor mask usage regardless of vaccination status. The County's Visa gift card incentive program offers gift cards to offset the costs that may act as a barrier to people seeking vaccination, costs that can include childcare, time off from work, and transportation. The County's Communications, Public Information, and REACH teams are collaborating to create multi-media messaging campaigns including radio, video, social media, and live events highlighting how critical vaccination is in ending this pandemic, the role we all play in keeping Multnomah County's many communities healthy, and on the efficacy of vaccines in preventing hospitalizations and death.

Multnomah County COVID-19 Vaccine Data and Clinics

As of August 2, 2021:

- **539,249 Multnomah County residents** (out of a total population of 829,560) have been partially or fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (source: [OHA COVID-19 Vaccination Trends](#) data dashboard)



The most up to date Multnomah County vaccine clinic data is available on the County's [Novel Coronavirus COVID-19](#) website on the [COVID-19 Vaccination distribution through Multnomah County programs](#) page. Please reference the [Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics](#) page for full clinic details, including locations, days and times, and community based vaccine events hosted by partner organizations.

Multnomah County COVID-19 Epidemiology Data

The table below depicts COVID-19 case and mortality data at local and state levels for the reporting period of **July 20 - August 2**.

Multnomah County Cases	Multnomah County Deaths	Oregon Cases	Oregon Deaths
1,039 (new) 42,172 (total)	1 (new) 618 (total)	9,044 (new) 221,799 (total)	37 (new) 2,863 26 (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 reporting period of July 20 - August 2 (source: [Oregon's COVID-19 Testing and Outcomes by County](#)).

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's [COVID-19 Testing](#) page includes resources throughout the community, and includes both County resources and community based testing sites. The County's community testing program is designed to provide COVID-19 testing for people without health insurance, and people without a regular health care provider. Locations and hours of current testing sites are available on the [COVID-19 Testing](#) page. At Multnomah County test sites:

- 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.
- Testing is conducted outdoors whenever possible. Please dress to accommodate the weather.

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