

Multnomah County COVID-19 Situation Report

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Executive Summary

The spread of COVID-19 variants continues to drive up case rates nationwide. The combined impact of the current COVID-19 surge as well as industry-wide labor shortages among healthcare workers has critically strained both statewide, and local, hospital capacity. In response to these two factors, [Multnomah County has instituted a universal indoor mask mandate](#) for all people aged 5 and over. A mask mandate at the state level followed, with [Governor Kate Brown and Oregon Health Authority announcing a mask mandate](#), effective August 13, 2021 until February 8, 2022.

Multnomah County is focused on increasing access to vaccination. This work includes many County teams, with [COVID-19 vaccination events](#) led by the Communicable Disease team, and the [REACH](#) team hosting many [COVID-19 vaccine clinics](#) specifically aimed at meeting the needs of Black/African American/African Immigrant and Refugee communities. Additionally, [Multnomah County Student Health Centers are hosting two "catch up" events for families who have fallen behind on vaccinations](#) which are free and open to all. COVID-19 vaccine is available at all of these events, at no cost to individuals or families.

Multnomah County COVID-19 Vaccine Data and Clinics

As of August 16 , 2021:

- **548,564 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 **August 3 - 16**.

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| Multnomah County Cases | Multnomah County Deaths | Oregon Cases | Oregon Deaths |
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| 1,659 (new) 43,831 (total) | 1 (new) 619 (total) | 21,044 (new) 242,843 (total) | 86 (new) 2,949 (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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