

Situation Report

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| Situation Report: 12.31.2021 | | |
| Incident Name: December 2021 Winter Weather | | |
| OERS Number: OERS #2021-3265 | | |
| EOC: Fully Activated | Unified Commanders: Jonna Papaefthimiou, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management Mohammad Bader, Department of County Human Services Marc Jolin, Joint Office of Homeless Services Chris Voss, Multnomah County Emergency Management | |
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Multnomah County and City of Portland December 2021 Winter Weather Emergency Response

Executive Summary for December 31, 2021

Forecast summary: Rapidly changing forecast calls for the Portland Metro to hit [severe weather thresholds](#) tonight with overnight lows in the low-twenties, with wind chills in the teens.

- *January 1 has a 30 percent chance of rain after 4:00 am and daytime conditions will be mostly cloudy, with temperatures in the thirties.*

The Public Information Office (PIO) sent out a [press release](#) on December 31 regarding the reopening of severe weather shelters and continuing efforts to distribute winter gear and provide outreach to unhoused communities. The severe weather shelter locations flyer was updated in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). For updates and future severe weather shelter sites, please check back at multco.us/cold or call 2-1-1. Anyone seeking alternative shelter options and other social and health services should dial 2-1-1.

[Cultivate Initiatives](#) continued to operate Reynolds High School on December 30 and had 65 overnight guests. Three City and County operated severe weather shelters will open at 7:00 pm tonight and all shelters will operate until at least 11:00 am January 1:

- [East Portland Community Center, Mill Park, \(740 SE 106th Ave\)](#) with capacity of 44
- [Mt. Scott Community Center, Mt. Scott, \(5530 SE 72nd Ave\)](#) with capacity of 87
- [Oregon Convention Center \(960 NE 1st Ave\)](#) with increased capacity of 190



- [Reynolds High School \(1698 SW Cherry Park Rd, Troutdale\)](#) Staffed by and in partnership with Cultivate Initiatives with capacity of 115

Shelter staffing is still urgently needed. Interested volunteers can sign up at the [Multnomah County Winter Donations and Volunteers](#) page. There is also an urgent need for Behavioral Health and Medical Specialists, who can [sign up here](#). Volunteers who signed up for shifts tonight through the weekend are asked to be prepared to work those shifts, and will receive confirmation communications from the section as soon as possible.

211 Info will coordinate transport for guests who would like shelter, but do not have a way to get there. Additional community-led warming sites may open, so please continue to check 211 for the most up to date information.

211 received nineteen transportation requests on December 30. Six people and one family were moteled on December 30.

Outreach teams — including those from Transition Projects, JOIN, Janus Youth, Cascadia Behavioral Health and the [Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office HOPE team](#) —have been making contact with vulnerable populations, providing resources, and sharing information about severe weather and year-round shelters. These teams also located at closed shelter sites on the evening of December 30 to provide gear and other support for anyone who arrived for winter weather sheltering.

Donations, especially of winter clothes and personal hygiene items, are welcomed. [Please see this page](#) for contacts for donating to outreach organizations and their items of greatest need.

Other available resources for people in crisis:

- [JOHS On-Call Emergency Coordinator Phone: 503-349-9946.](#)
- [Multnomah County Crisis Line: 503-988-4888](#)
- [City of Portland Bureau of Emergency Communications 911 Non-Emergency Line: 503-823-333](#)

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