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# Tri-county Webinar 3/24/2021 at 3pm

Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas and Columbia Counties

# Tri-county Webinar Agenda

## Vaccinations and Breakthrough COVID cases

- ▶ Definition
- ▶ Why it can occur
- ▶ How can it be prevented
- ▶ Guidelines fully vaccinated for individuals
- ▶ Visitation
- ▶ Activities
- ▶ Travel

# Vaccine scheduling resources

- ▶ Register at [Get Vaccinated Oregon](#) and be emailed when appointments can be scheduled.
- ▶ Check the below sites frequently for available appointments
- ▶ [OHSU](#)
- ▶ [Safeway/Albertsons](#)
- ▶ [Costco](#)
- ▶ [Health Mart](#)
- ▶ [Walmart](#)
- ▶ [Bi-Mart](#)
- ▶ [Rite Aid](#)
- ▶ [Walgreens](#)

# Breakthrough COVID Cases

- ▶ An individual who has -
  - ▶ A positive COVID test  $\geq 14$  days after completing the primary series of an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine

**AND**

- ▶ Has not had a positive COVID test  $< 45$  days before the most recent positive test

# Why do breakout cases occur?

- ▶ COVID Vaccine is at most 95% effective in preventing serious illness. COVID infection and minor illnesses can still occur
  - ▶ This means if 100 people have been vaccinated, there may be five who don't have the same level of immune response to provide protection
  - ▶ In people whose immune systems have been weakened by illness or medications cases might occur because their bodies cannot produce a robust reaction to a vaccine
- ▶ Variant strains/mutations of COVID might play a role in breakthrough cases.
- ▶ CDC and OHA is in partnership or conducting variant testing on all breakthrough cases to find out more

# Visitation guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals in the facility- CMS

- ▶ Screening of all who enter the facility and denial of those with signs or symptoms or close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status)
- ▶ Hand hygiene
- ▶ Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose)
- ▶ Social distancing at least six feet between persons
- ▶ Appropriate staff use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- ▶ Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices
- ▶ Cleaning and disinfecting high-frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit
- ▶ Effective cohorting of residents
- ▶ Resident and staff testing conducted as required

# Fully vaccinated people must continue to follow protective measures while in the community

- ▶ Continue precautions in public
  - ▶ Wear masks
  - ▶ Physical distancing
  - ▶ Adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease
- ▶ Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings
- ▶ Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- ▶ Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

# What about travel?

- ▶ Oregon's travel recommendation states "Persons arriving in Oregon from other states or countries, including returning Oregon residents, should practice self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival. These persons should limit their interactions to their immediate household. Quarantine recommendations do not apply to individuals arriving to Oregon from other states or countries or Oregon residents returning from other states or countries if:
  - ▶ They have received both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine (or one dose of a single-dose vaccine if it becomes available), AND
  - ▶ It has been at least 14 days since their final dose of COVID-19 vaccine, AND
  - ▶ They have no COVID-19 symptoms



# What about hugs?

- ▶ If the resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing well-fitting masks for source control.
  - ▶ Hand hygiene should be performed by the resident and the visitors before and after contact.
- ▶ Visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff in the facility.

# So, what is next?

- ▶ There are still a lot of unknowns regarding COVID infections and vaccinations.
- ▶ Continue to regularly vaccinate new resident admissions and staff
- ▶ Continue infection control precautions
- ▶ Stay diligent- we get closer to beating COVID everyday

# Thank you for being here

## Thank you for the work you do

- ▶ This webinar is going to be our last regular scheduled session
- ▶ County COVID staff is transitioning to other areas of COVID work or to other public health positions
- ▶ Keep a look out in your emails and on the [Tri-county Website](#) for further updates, possible future webinars and a survey.