



JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

Health & Human Services
Public Health Division

140 S. Holly St.
Medford, OR 97501

COVID-19 Update March 2, 2021

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (3/2/21, per Johns Hopkins)	114,563,395	2,541,319
USA (3/2/21, per Johns Hopkins)	28,665,195	514,662
OREGON (3/1/21, Per OHA)	155,787	2,212
JACKSON COUNTY (3/2/21, per JCHHS)	8,445	113

(Note: The above numbers are current at the time of release but continue to change frequently)

PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF JACKSON COUNTY

If you have any questions, please reach out to the contact listed below

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 2, 2021

For media interview requests, please contact Tanya Phillips. Interviews will be scheduled with Dr. Jim Shames, Jackson County Medical Director.

Tanya Phillips Health Promotion Program Manager - Jackson County Public Health
(541) 770-7708 - phillitf@jacksoncounty.org

Jackson County COVID-19 Daily Press Release

[Medford, Oregon] —Jackson County Public Health reports 42 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on March 2, 2021. Additionally, 2 previously reported cases have been removed from the total COVID-19 cases since. These updates bring the total COVID-19 cases to 8,445.

COVID-19 Deaths

Jackson County Public Health reports 1 new COVID-19 death, bringing the total to 113 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Jackson County's 113th COVID-19 death is a 27-year-old man who tested positive on January 26 and died on February 19 at Legacy Emmanuel Health in Portland, Oregon. The patient had underlying health conditions.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations

The number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 in Region 5 (Jackson and Josephine Counties) is 29, increased by 1 from the previous day. There are 4 patients in the intensive care unit (ICU), increased by 1 from the previous day.

The total number of patients in hospital beds may fluctuate between report times. The numbers do not reflect admissions per day nor the length of hospital stay. Staffing limitations are not captured in this data and may further limit bed capacity.

For additional local COVID-19 data, visit the COVID-19 Data Dashboard at [Situation in Jackson County, Oregon](#) webpage. More information on hospitalizations and other COVID-19 can be found on the [OHA COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).

Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC's recommendations for [how to protect yourself and others](#) will offer the best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19. Key things to know about the COVID-19 vaccine <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Individuals 65 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19. Even though people 65 and older are eligible to receive the vaccine, Jackson County is not receiving enough vaccine to meet the demand for Phase 1B Groups 2-5 that want to be vaccinated. This means that people may not get an appointment right away. To date, Jackson County has received approximately 10,270 (does not include Federal Pharmacy Program Allocations) prime doses for people 65 and older; there

are 52,632 people 65 and older living in Jackson County. Some of these seniors have received the vaccine through the Federal Pharmacy Program that vaccinated people living in long-term care facilities.

Jackson County Public Health is hopeful that the vaccine supply chain will increase in March and April, allowing for more vaccines to be distributed to Jackson County and increasing access to the vaccine. Until then, appointments will remain limited. Jackson County Public Health and our healthcare partners are encouraged by the number of people wanting to be vaccinated, and we are all eager to provide the vaccine. We appreciate the community's patience; we are all doing the best we can – as fast as we can – with the available resources we have.

Resources on vaccine eligibility and where to access the vaccine:

- Jackson County Health and Human Services COVID-19 Vaccine website: <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/General/News-Information/covid-19-vaccine-1>
 - This website will provide information on where people can access the vaccine, how to make an appointment, and list additional resources if people need assistance with scheduling appointments.
- Register on the [Get Vaccinated Oregon](#) tool and check for county-specific information.
- 211 Information is also available to answer questions about vaccine eligibility and access.
 - Text ORCOVID to 898211 to get text/SMS updates (English and Spanish only)
 - Email ORCOVID@211info.org (All languages)
 - Call 211 or 1-866-698-6155 from 6 am – 7 pm daily, including holidays
- Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 Vaccine: <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>

Continue to Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands and Watch Your Distance

Jackson County Public Health understands that people are ready to resume life as it was before the pandemic. Even though the vaccine provides us hope that society will operate as it did before the pandemic, we must continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. Letting our guard down against preventing the spread of COVID-19 will increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading in Jackson County, which will put Jackson County at a higher risk level and jeopardize people's health.

To protect yourself and others, follow these recommendations:

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid poorly ventilated spaces
- Wash your hands often
- Get the COVID-19 vaccine when it is your turn

For more information:

- The public can call 211-information with general questions
- OHA Emerging Respiratory Disease page: www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus
- CDC COVID-19 page: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- OHA COVID-19 Vaccine: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-vaccine>
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccine: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>
- Jackson County HHS Vaccine: <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/COVID-19/COVID-19-News/covid-19-vaccine>
- CDC Travel within the U.S.: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html>
- Jackson County Health and Human Services: <http://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/COVID-19>
- Oregon COVID-19 Testing Location Finder: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing>
- Review the [Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance](#) for detailed information

###