



# JACKSON COUNTY

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## **COVID-19 Updates**

**[Medford, Oregon]** — On April 27, Governor Kate Brown announced updates to county risk levels under the state’s public health framework. With hospitalizations rising above 300 people statewide, threatening to overwhelm doctors and nurses, 15 counties will move to the Extreme Risk level effective Friday, April 30 through Thursday, May 6. Jackson County is one of the counties that will be moving into the Extreme Risk level effective Friday, April 30.

“If we want to get back to the things and people we love, the fastest way to do this is to get vaccinated,” states Dr. Shames, Jackson County Health Officer.

“The Jackson County Vaccination Equity Center is available to vaccinate anyone 16 years older. Appointments are not required to get vaccinated at this site,” says Tanya Phillips, Health Promotion Manager and Manager of the Walk-through Moderna site at the Vaccination Center at the Expo. “COVID-19 vaccinations are free; we do not ask for ID, proof of residency, or insurance. The Vaccination Equity Center is a safe place, accessible to all, regardless of legal status. Language interpreters and support for disabilities are available as well.”

### **Vaccination Options at the Jackson County Vaccination Equity Center:**

- **Walk-through Moderna Site (for individuals 18 years and older)**
  - Vaccine: Moderna
  - Operation Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
  - No appointment required
- **Drive-Through Pfizer Site (for individuals 16 years and older)**
  - Vaccine: Pfizer
  - Operation Hours: Sunday- Saturday
    - Wednesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
    - All other days: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
  - No appointment required

### **Daily COVID-19 Data**

As of 12:01 am on April 28, 2021, Jackson County Public Health reports 58 new COVID-19 cases. Additionally, a case was added that had a previous reporting date. This brings the total COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 10,388.

## **COVID-19 Related Deaths**

Jackson County Public Health reports 1 new COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total to 130 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Jackson County's 130<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death is a 78-year-old man who tested positive on April 12 and died on April 27 at Providence Medford Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

## **New Quarantine Recommendations**

Previously, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and OHA had advised that a 10-day quarantine or a seven-day quarantine with a negative COVID-19 test were acceptable alternatives. In light of increasing cases, hospitalizations, and variants of concern that are more transmissible, the Oregon Health Authority is recommending 14-day quarantine for all unvaccinated contacts in all settings. A full 14-day quarantine is the lowest risk approach and helps reduce spread from asymptomatic people, which we know is a significant contributor in this pandemic.

Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after final vaccination) and
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

## **For more information:**

- The public can call 211-information with general questions
- OHA Emerging Respiratory Disease page: [www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus)
- CDC COVID-19 page: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://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

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