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COVID-19 Updates

[Medford, Oregon] —Jackson County Public Health continues to see a sharp increase in the number of new COVID-19 cases, COVID-19 outbreaks, and people hospitalized for COVID-19 at an alarming rate.

Because of the number of cases we are seeing, it is likely that Jackson County Public Health staff will not be able to contact all positive cases or close contacts; therefore, we recommend anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 to isolate immediately and notify all close contacts that they have been exposed and should quarantine for 14 days. Isolation is used to separate people infected with COVID-19 from those who are not infected. People who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others. At home, anyone sick or infected should separate from others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area, and use a separate bathroom (if available). You can be around others after:

- You have no fever for 24 hours without the use of medicine and
- Your symptoms have improved, and
- At least 10 days have passed since your first symptoms

People will need to quarantine if they have been in [close contact](#) (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19 unless you have been [fully vaccinated](#). People who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have [symptoms](#). However, the Centers for Disease Control recommends that fully vaccinated people get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

Masks are required in all healthcare settings and must be worn by healthcare personnel, patients and visitors. [Mask, Face Covering, and Face Shield Requirements for Healthcare Offices](#). Jackson County Public Health, along with the Oregon Health Authority and CDC, strongly recommend that everyone 5 years and older (2 and older if tolerated) wear masks in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status, to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Vaccines are preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death, and are effective against the Delta variant and other COVID-19 variants. High vaccination coverage will reduce the spread of the virus in Jackson County and elsewhere - and help prevent new variants from emerging.

Daily New COVID-19 Cases

Today Jackson County Public Health is reporting 149 new cases of COVID-19 as of 12:01 a.m. on August 4, 2021, bringing the total cases in Jackson County to 13,241.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations

For Region 5 (Jackson and Josephine Counties), as of 8:20 a.m. on August 4, 2021, there are 92 hospitalized patients with COVID-19. There are 30 patients with COVID-19 in the intensive care unit.

COVID-19 Related Deaths

Jackson County Public Health reports 1 new COVID-19 death, bringing the total to 160 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Jackson County's 160th COVID-19 death is a 74-year-old woman who tested positive on July 9 and died on July 31 at their residence. They had underlying health conditions.

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

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