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COVID-19 Updates

[**Medford, Oregon**] — COVID-19 vaccinations are available for everyone at no cost. The federal government provides the vaccine free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.

COVID-19 vaccination providers cannot:

- Charge you for a vaccine
- Charge you directly for any administration fees, copays, or coinsurance
- Deny vaccination to anyone who does not have health insurance coverage, is underinsured, or is out of network
- Charge an office visit or other fee to the recipient if the only service provided is a COVID-19 vaccination
- Require additional services in order for a person to receive a COVID-19 vaccine; however, additional healthcare services can be provided at the same time and billed as appropriate

COVID-19 vaccination providers can:

- Seek appropriate reimbursement from the recipient's plan or program (e.g., private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid) for a vaccine administration fee
 - However, providers cannot charge the vaccine recipient the balance of the bill.
- Seek appropriate reimbursement for uninsured vaccine recipients from the Health Resources and Services Administration's COVID-19 Uninsured Program.

COVID-19 Vaccines are Safe and Effective

All three COVID-19 vaccines in the United States prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death, and are effective against the Delta variant. High vaccination coverage will reduce the spread of the virus in Jackson County and elsewhere, protect our healthcare and public health infrastructure, and help prevent new variants from emerging.

Where to get vaccinated in Jackson County:

<https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/COVID-19/Vaccine-Appointments/where-to-get-vaccinated-in-jackson-county>. Call 211 information for vaccination sites or visit the Oregon Health Authority Vaccine Finder site <https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine>.

Where to get a COVID-19 test in Jackson County:

<https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/General/News-Information/covid-19-testing-information>. Call

211 information or access the Oregon Health Authority Test Finder site:
<https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing>

Daily Number of New COVID-19 Cases

As of 12:01 a.m. on September 16, 2021, Jackson County Public Health is reporting 149 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total cases in Jackson County to 20,639.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations for Region 5 (Jackson and Josephine Counties)

As of 9:00 a.m. on September 16, 2021, the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is 160, and there are 49 patients with COVID-19 in the intensive care unit.

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.

COVID-19 Related Deaths

Jackson County Public Health reports 8 new COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total to 251 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Jackson County's 244th COVID-19 death is a 38-year-old man who died on September 5 at their residence. The death certificate listed COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 245th COVID-19 death is a 75-year-old man who tested positive on August 5 and died on August 15 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 246th COVID-19 death is a 62-year-old woman who tested positive on August 31 and died on September 14 at Providence Medford Medical Center. Underlying health conditions are being verified.

Jackson County's 247th COVID-19 death is a 64-year-old woman who tested positive on September 3 and died on September 14 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 248th COVID-19 death is a 59-year-old man who tested positive on September 5 and died on September 14 at Providence Medford Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 249th COVID-19 death is a 78-year-old man who tested positive on September 8 and died on September 14 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 250th COVID-19 death is a 93-year-old man who tested positive on September 10 and died on September 14 at Asante Ashland Community Hospital. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 251st COVID-19 death is a 44-year-old man who tested positive on September 12 and died on September 13 at Providence Medford Medical Center. Underlying health conditions are being verified.

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>

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