



JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

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140 S. Holly St.
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COVID-19 Update January 7, 2021

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (1/7/21, per Johns Hopkins)	87,753,382	1,892,256
USA (1/7/21, per Johns Hopkins)	21,468,084	363,519
OREGON (1/6/21, Per OHA)	120,223	1,558
JACKSON COUNTY (1/7/21, per JCHHS)	6,283	75

(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 January 7, 2021

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

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Jackson County COVID-19 Daily Press Release

[Medford, Oregon] — Jackson County Public Health reports 72 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on January 7, 2021. This update brings the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 6,283.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations

The number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 in Region 5 (Jackson and Josephine Counties) is 53. There are 13 patients in the intensive care unit (ICU).

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.

[More information about hospital capacity can be found here.](#)

For additional COVID-19 data, visit the COVID-19 Data Dashboard at [Situation in Jackson County, Oregon](#) webpage. The [Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) website does publish Jackson County COVID-19 data.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Jackson County Public Health is working with the hospitals and current COVID-19 vaccine providers to vaccinate those in Phase 1A, Group 1. [Read about priority groups](#) in Oregon's Phase 1A COVID-19 Vaccine Plan. Jackson County Public Health will continue to collaborate with the hospitals and COVID-19 vaccine providers to coordinate the COVID-19 vaccine distribution. The collaboration will be important as Oregon prepares to vaccinate people within the other Groups of Phase 1A. Stay up to date on the vaccine rollout status by accessing the [Jackson County COVID-19 Vaccine Page](#) or the [Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 Vaccine Page](#).

Yesterday, Jackson County Public Health began vaccinating those in Phase 1A, Group1; currently, we have scheduled vaccination for Valley Immediate Care and Law Enforcement.

Evan Xanthos, a Physicians Assistant at Valley Immediate Care was one of the individuals vaccinated yesterday at Jackson County Public Health. Evan stated that, "as a health care provider, I have seen firsthand how severe this disease is and its burden. There is a lot of good research that backs the efficacy of the vaccine. We all have to do our part to try and regain some normalcy in this world, and this is one step closer towards doing that and protecting our loved ones."

Here is a link to video cover footage and comments from individuals vaccinated at Jackson County Public Health. The individuals vaccinated included, Jeri Johnson Medical Assistant/Covid Tester, Evan Xanthos, Physician Assistant and Dr Mona Mcardle MD, Medical Director and Physician at Valley Immediate Care. Vaccine was administered by Ruth McBride, Community Health Nurse from Jackson County Public Health.

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/V_8g8Fkcg1w

Box.com link to download footage: <https://app.box.com/s/kgh2zfvstqnfxfjtcux41jyb4e9da5s>

Facts about the COVID-19 Vaccine

- Vaccination is the best way to keep yourself, your family, and your community healthy.
- COVID-19 vaccines are more than 94% effective and have undergone rigorous safety testing.
- Vaccination gives us hope that the pandemic will end. Still, in the meantime, we need to continue safety measures to keep the virus from spreading: Wear a mask, physically distance from others, wash your hands, avoid gatherings, and stay home when you're sick.

Clinical studies showed both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to be more than 94% effective when both doses are received. Neither vaccine showed serious safety issues and protected people from getting COVID-19 and getting seriously ill if they got the virus.

These vaccines were tested in large clinical trials and research studies with tens of thousands of people to ensure they met the safety standards. Both vaccines were tested in many more people than a typical vaccine trial. Many people were recruited to participate in these trials to see how the vaccine offers protection to people of different ages, races, ethnicities, and various medical conditions. The FDA and a safety board reviewed every study, every phase and every trial. COVID-19 safety and effectiveness.

Most people do not have serious problems after being vaccinated. Common side effects include your arm may become sore, red, or warm to the touch. These symptoms usually go away on their own within a week. Some people report getting a headache or fever when getting the vaccine. These side effects are a sign that your immune system is doing exactly what it is supposed to do. It is working and building up protection to the disease.

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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