



JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

Health & Human Services Public Health Division

140 S. Holly St.
Medford, OR 97501

COVID-19 Update January 18, 2021

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (1/18/21, per Johns Hopkins)	95,415,802	2,036,534
USA (1/18/21, per Johns Hopkins)	24,034,378	398,484
OREGON (1/18/21, Per OHA)	133,851	1,803
JACKSON COUNTY (1/18/21, per JCHHS)	6,932	85

(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 18, 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 40 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on January 18, 2021. Additionally, three previously reported cases had been removed from the total number of COVID-19 cases. These updates bring the total COVID-19 cases to 6,932.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations

The number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 in Region 5 (Jackson and Josephine Counties) is 35, decreasing by 2 from the previous day. There are 13 patients in the intensive care unit (ICU), increasing 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.

[More information can be found on the OHA COVID-19 Data Dashboard.](#)

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 Update

The Public Health and Healthcare systems in Jackson County understand how vital getting vaccinated is to protect the community's health, our loved ones and help our community in its recovery. We are all committed to vaccinating as many people as we can and as fast as we can. We are collaborating on distributing the COVID-19 vaccine to increase the number of vaccinations most effectively and safely.

Jackson County, Asante, the National Guard, Providence, and other medical partners have collaborated to put on a drive-through vaccination event for people in [Phase 1A](#) that need their first dose of the COVID-19. Asante and Providence have supplied the Pfizer vaccine for this vaccination event.

The vaccination event is taking place on January 21, 22, and 23 at the Jackson County Expo.

Hours of Operation:

- Thursday, January 21: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Friday, January 22: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Saturday, January 23: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Please go to the <https://www.asante.org/covid-19/vaccination-events/>, starting Monday, January 18, to pre-register for this event. You will need to print and fill out the vaccine administration record and the insurance form on this site. The insurance is only for billing purposes; if you do not have insurance, this will not be a barrier to receive the vaccine. You will also access additional documents here, such as the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices, CDC Vaccine Information handout, Vsafe handout from CDC, and information on how to access the booster vaccine from Asante and Providence for those in Phase 1A that are to be vaccinated at the Expo.

Who is not eligible

This vaccination event is only for people in Phase 1A; this excludes individuals in Phase 1B, including educators, school staff, and people 65 years and older. The Public Health and Healthcare systems are working on expanding vaccination to these groups. More information will be available at a later date.

People in quarantine and currently COVID-positive will not be eligible for this event but will have the opportunity to vaccinate one of the COVID-19 vaccine providers. A prior diagnosis of COVID-19 does not exclude you from getting the vaccine; however, you should be recovered from the illness.

If you have a significant history of anaphylaxis to any medication injections or have severe environmental allergies and carry an Epi-pen, please seek another vaccination site such as Asante, Jackson County Public Health, or other providers listed on the Jackson County Health and Human Services [COVID-19 Vaccine website](#).

Masks are required to be worn at this event. If you do not have one, then one will be provided to you upon arrival. Refusing to wear a mask will make you ineligible.

Vaccination process

1. Go to <https://www.asante.org/covid-19/vaccination-events/> and pre-register for the event. You will need to select the date and time frame you will be attending.
2. Print the Vaccine Administration form (VAR) and the insurance form, complete the information, and bring it to the vaccination clinic.
3. When you arrive at the Expo to receive the vaccine, you will be asked to verify that you are in Phase 1A verbally.
4. Print the "booster" flyer with information about how to receive the second dose of vaccine from Asante or Providence. You will need to receive the second "booster" dose 21 to 28 days after the first dose.
5. At the time of vaccination, you will receive a card that states the date you were vaccinated.
6. After vaccination, you will spend 15-30 minutes in your vehicle at the clinic to ensure you do not have a reaction to the vaccine. Emergency medical services will be on-site at the clinic to attend to anyone needing assistance.

Do's and don'ts

- Do bring a snack and water as you may be waiting in your vehicle for an extended time.
- Do wear a mask while getting vaccinated.
- Don't have pets in your vehicle at this clinic.

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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