



# JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

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Public Health Division

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## COVID-19 Update February 28, 2021

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (2/28/21, per Johns Hopkins)	113,950,840	2,528,117
USA (2/28/21, per Johns Hopkins)	28,567,544	512,346
OREGON (2/27/21, Per OHA)	155,315	2,208
JACKSON COUNTY (2/28/21, per JCHHS)	8,395	112

(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 February 28, 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 21 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on February 28, 2021. Additionally, 3 previously reported cases have been removed from the total COVID-19 cases since. These updates bring the total COVID-19 cases to 8,395.

#### COVID-19 Hospitalizations

The number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 in Region 5 (Jackson and Josephine Counties) is 24, decreased by 2 from the previous day. There are 3 patients in the intensive care unit (ICU), no change 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.

For additional local COVID-19 data, visit the COVID-19 Data Dashboard at [Situation in Jackson County, Oregon](#) webpage. More information on hospitalizations and other COVID-19 can be found on the [OHA COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).

#### Continue to Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands and Watch Your Distance

Jackson County Public Health understands that people are ready to resume life as it was before the pandemic. Even though the vaccine provides us hope that society will operate as it did before the pandemic, we must continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. Letting our guard down against preventing the spread of COVID-19 will increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading in Jackson County, which will put Jackson County at a higher risk level and jeopardize people's health.

#### To protect yourself and others, follow these recommendations:

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid poorly ventilated spaces
- Wash your hands often
- Get the COVID-19 vaccine when it is your turn

Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC's recommendations for [how to protect yourself and others](#) will offer the best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19. Key things to know about the COVID-19 vaccine <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Updates**

Individuals 65 and older will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine starting Monday, March 1, 2021.

Currently, the federal COVID-19 vaccine supply chain remains limited, impacting the vaccine supply in Jackson County. With the short supply and high demand, we know more seniors will want to get vaccinated than there will be vaccines available to them in the coming weeks. This means that every older adult will not be able to get an appointment as soon as they want one, even if they are currently eligible per the state's prioritization.

Jackson County Public Health is hopeful that the vaccine supply chain will increase in March, allowing for more vaccines to be distributed to Jackson County and increasing access to the vaccine.

Resources on vaccine eligibility and where to access the vaccine:

- Jackson County Health and Human Services COVID-19 Vaccine website: <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/General/News-Information/covid-19-vaccine-1>
  - This website will provide information on where people can access the vaccine, how to make an appointment, and list additional resources if people need assistance with scheduling appointments.
  - The Community COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic is available in Jackson County. For more information on the Community COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic and how to schedule an appointment, go to <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/General/News-Information/covid-19-vaccine-1>
- Register on the [Get Vaccinated Oregon](#) tool and check for county-specific information.
- 211 Information is also available to answer questions about vaccine eligibility and access.
  - Text ORCOVID to 898211 to get text/SMS updates (English and Spanish only)
  - Email ORCOVID@211info.org (All languages)
  - Call 211 or 1-866-698-6155 from 6 am – 7 pm daily, including holidays
- Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 Vaccine: <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>

### **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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