



# JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

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Public Health Division

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## COVID-19 Update March 7, 2021

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (3/7/21, per Johns Hopkins)	116,639,024	2,590,159
USA (3/7/21, per Johns Hopkins)	28,956,440	524,463
OREGON (3/6/21, Per OHA)	157,079	2,296
JACKSON COUNTY (3/7/21, per JCHHS)	8,582	118

(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 March 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]** — Beginning the week of March 8, 2021, Jackson County Public Health will no longer issue daily COVID-19 press releases. Instead, Jackson County Public Health will move to a weekly press release and issue additional press releases as needed to cover new COVID-19 related deaths or other important information about COVID-19 and the vaccine.

For daily case data information: visit the COVID-19 Data Dashboard at [Situation in Jackson County, Oregon](#) webpage. The Oregon Health Authority continues to issue daily emails that provide county COVID-19 case counts. You can sign up to receive these emails by visiting the [Oregon Health Authority's Signup for Coronavirus Updates](#) website.

Information on hospitalizations and other COVID-19 can also be found on the [OHA COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).

#### COVID-19 Case Data

Jackson County Public Health reports 13 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on March 7, 2021. This update brings the total COVID-19 cases to 8,582.

#### COVID-19 Related Deaths

There are no new COVID-19 related deaths to report in Jackson County.

#### COVID-19 Hospitalizations

The number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 in Region 5 (Jackson and Josephine Counties) is 15, decreased by 1 from the previous day. There are 5 patients in the intensive care unit (ICU), increased 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.

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

People 65 and older are currently eligible to receive the vaccine. Jackson County has not moved onto Phase 1B, Groups 6 and 7. Individuals 65 and older are still the priority population, as well as individuals in Phase 1A. The vaccine supply remains limited, but Jackson County Public Health expects the supply to increase within the coming weeks.

**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.
- To schedule an appointment at the Community COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, call 541-789-2813 and press option 2 and option 3 for Spanish. Due to the high demand, there may be longer than expected wait times on the phone to schedule an appointment. We are working on an online scheduling platform.
- 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
- Register on the [Get Vaccinated Oregon](#) tool and check for county-specific information.

**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>

**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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