



# JACKSON COUNTY

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## **COVID-19 Updates**

**[Medford, Oregon]** — To reduce new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, it remains critical that a layered approach be used and one that is centered on vaccination, as well as other prevention strategies such as masking and physical distancing.

Studies have continued to show that wearing a multi-layered mask block exhalation of respiratory droplets and particles. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), multi-layer cloth masks can block up to 50-70% of respiratory droplets and particles and limit the forward spread of those that are not captured by the masks.<sup>1</sup> Studies also demonstrate that cloth mask materials can also reduce wearers' exposure to infectious droplets by filtering out droplets and particles.<sup>1</sup> In addition to the number of layers and choice of materials, other techniques can improve wearer protection by improving fit and thereby filtration capacity.

Studies continue to show that the COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing hospitalization, severe illness, and death. A recent study by the New York State Department of Health looking at vaccination status among new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations found that during May 3–July 25, 2021, vaccine effectiveness for preventing hospitalization ranged from 91.9% to 95.3%, remaining relatively stable.<sup>2</sup>

### **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>

### **Weekly Number of New COVID-19 Cases**

As of 12:01 a.m. on September 7, 2021, the total number of new COVID-19 cases for the last four days is 439. For week 35 (August 29 –September 4), Jackson County Public Health reported 1,045 new COVID-19 cases. The total number of cases reported since the pandemic is now 19,402.

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

As of 8:30 a.m. on September 7, 2021, the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is 189, and there are 65 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 5 new COVID-19 death, bringing the total to 220 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Jackson County's 216<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death is a 72-year-old woman who tested positive on August 6 and died on September 4 at Asante Ashland Community Hospital. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 217<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death is a 61-year-old woman who tested positive on August 8 and died on September 5 at Asante Ashland Community Hospital. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 218<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death is a 65-year-old man who tested positive on August 22 and died on September 2 at Providence Medford Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 219<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death is a 77-year-old man who tested positive on August 30 and died on September 2 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 220<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death is a 78-year-old man who tested positive on August 30 and died on September 5 at Three Rivers Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

### **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](https://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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