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New Mobile Vaccination Unit Efforts at the Jackson County Expo & COVID-19 Updates

[Medford, Oregon] — In partnership with the Oregon Health Authority and FEMA, a mobile vaccination and testing mobile unit (MVU) will be available at the Jackson County Expo beginning September 28 through October 8.

Vaccination and testing through the MVU will be open from 11:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. All three COVID-19 vaccines will be available. ID or insurance information is not required at this site, and individuals will not be asked to provide this information. Services will be accessible through Gate 3 of the Expo.

For people interested in getting testing, pre-registration is encouraged. To register, go to www.doineedacovid19test.com, or registration can be done on-site. Services will be accessible through Gate 2 of the Expo.

Media Request about the MVU

All media inquires about the MVU will need to go through Jackson County Public Health. There will not be a Public Information Officer on-site to provide tours or provide interviews as needed. All requests will need to be scheduled and coordinated through Jackson County Public Health.

Pfizer Booster Dose Eligibility

Medical experts have found that the COVID-19 vaccines remain highly effective in preventing COVID-19 associated hospitalizations and deaths in most age groups, but that protection begins to wane after several months in older adults. As with other vaccines, a booster shot will strengthen the body's ability to prevent disease from the virus that causes COVID-19. Results from a clinical trial and a large study in Israel found that a third dose of Pfizer vaccine 6 months after receipt of the second dose provides a strong boost to the body's immune response to the virus that causes COVID-19. Based on scientific evidence, booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine are now recommended for some groups of people at least six months after their second dose, as shown below:

Those who **should** receive a booster dose of Pfizer:

- Adults age 65 and older and those living in long-term care facilities
- Adults age 50-64 with underlying medical conditions or who are at increased risk of social inequities

Those who **may** receive a booster dose:

- Adults age 18 through 64 years:
 - o with underlying medical conditions, or
 - who are at increased risk for SARS-CoV-2 exposure and transmission because of where they work or live, such as teachers, grocery store employees, health care workers and people who live in congregate care settings.

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.

Daily Number of New COVID-19 Cases

As of 12:01 a.m. on September 28, 2021, Jackson County Public Health is reporting 55 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total cases in Jackson County to 21,543.

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

As of 8:00 a.m. on September 28, 2021, the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is 91, and there are 41 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 8 new COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total to 275 since the beginning of the pandemic. Some of the deaths being reported today were reported by OHA on September 27, 2021.

Jackson County's 268th COVID-19 death is a 35-year-old man who tested positive on August 18 and died on September 26 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 269th COVID-19 death is a 41-year-old man who tested positive on August 20 and died on September 25 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 270th COVID-19 death is a 51-year-old woman who tested positive on September 6 and died on September 24 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 271st COVID-19 death is a 70-year-old woman who tested positive on September 6 and died on September 25 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 272nd COVID-19 death is a 67-year-old man who tested positive on September 10 and died on September 25 at Providence Medford Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 273rd COVID-19 death is a 69-year-old man who tested positive on September 11 and died on September 24 at Providence Medford Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 274th COVID-19 death is a 60-year-old man who tested positive on September 12 and died on September 23 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 275th COVID-19 death is a 60-year-old woman who tested positive on September 23 and died on September 23 at Providence Medford 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
- 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

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