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COVID-19 Updates

[Medford, Oregon] — Booster doses are now available for all three COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States.

Moderna booster dose recommendations

People who received the Moderna vaccine **should** receive a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their second dose:

- People 65 and older.
- People 18 and older who live in [long-term care facilities](#).
- People 50 and older who have [underlying medical conditions](#), increased risk of social inequities, or disabilities (including intellectual and developmental disabilities).

These groups **may** also get a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their second dose:

- People 18 and older who have [underlying medical conditions](#), increased risk of social inequities or disabilities (including intellectual and developmental disabilities).
- People 18 and older who live or work in [high-risk settings](#).

Johnson & Johnson booster dose recommendation

Everyone 18 and older who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine **should** receive a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least two months after their first dose.

People eligible for booster doses can get one using any of the three COVID-19 vaccines.

Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. The federal and Western States Scientific Safety Workgroup recommendations now allow for this type of “mix-and-match” dosing for people eligible for Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson booster doses. This approach also allows people to get a booster dose at any location that provides COVID-19 vaccines, depending on advice from their health care provider, individual preference, availability, or convenience.

Where to get vaccinated in Jackson County:

Call 211 for information for vaccine locations, visit the Oregon Health Authority Vaccine Finder site <https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine> or visit the Jackson County Health and Human Services <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/COVID-19/Vaccine-Appointments/where-to-get-vaccinated-in-jackson-county>.

Weekly Number of New COVID-19 Cases

For week 42 (October 17 – October 23), Jackson County Public Health reported 380 new COVID-19 cases and a case rate of 170 cases per 100,000 population. This is a 2% decrease from the previous week.

Daily Number of New COVID-19 Cases

As of 12:01 a.m. on October 26, 2021, Jackson County Public Health is reporting 86 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total cases in Jackson County to 23,251.

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

As of 8:30 a.m. on October 26, 2021, the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is 66, and there are 18 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.

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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