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COVID-19 Updates

[Medford, Oregon] — COVID-19 vaccinations are now recommended for youth ages 5 to 11 years old. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective and protects kids from getting very sick from COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine was found to be 90.7% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5 through 11.

“It is completely normal and ok for parents and caregivers to have questions about vaccines for their children. Parents and caregivers are trying to keep their kids safe,” states Tanya Phillips, Health Promotion Manager for Jackson County Public Health. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to reach out to their medical provider, pediatrician, or pharmacist if they have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine for their kids.

Youth ages 5 to 11 will receive a pediatric version of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The pediatric dose is 1/3rd of the dose for people age 12 and older. This is a two-dose series that should be given three weeks apart.

Recorded side effects are the same as for adolescents and adults: generally, injection site pain, tiredness, headache, and muscle pain. Rare side effects such as myocarditis were not seen in the trials leading to authorization and are expected to be rare, as they are in older age groups.

The state Public Health Director issued an order that permits Oregon pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines and flu vaccines to children down to age 3. (The COVID-19 vaccine is currently authorized for children 5 and older). Pharmacies accepting Oregon Health Plan (OHP) patients will be reimbursed to vaccinate children down to age 3 for flu and to age 5 for COVID-19.

The pediatric COVID-19 vaccine is expected to arrive in Jackson County late this week and early next week.

Resources for Parents:

- Oregon Health Authority: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-vaccine-parents-guardians>
- [OHA FAQ COVID-19 Vaccines for 5-11 Year Olds](#)

Where to get vaccinated in Jackson County:

In partnership with the Oregon Health Authority, Jackson County Expo, and Jackson County Public Health, a new COVID-19 vaccination site has been established at the Jackson County Expo. This drive-through option provides all three COVID-19 vaccines for people needing their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or booster doses. Pediatric COVID-19 vaccines are not available at this site.

- Location: 1 Peninger Rd. Central Point OR
- Gate Entrance: 1 1/2
- Hours of Operation:
 - Sunday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
 - Monday-Thursday, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- COVID-19 Vaccines Provided: 1st, 2nd, 3rd doses and boosters available for Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson. Pediatric COVID-19 vaccines are not available.

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>.

Daily Number of New COVID-19 Cases

As of 12:01 a.m. on November 4, 2021, Jackson County Public Health is reporting 61 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total cases in Jackson County to 23,757.

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

As of 10:00 a.m. on November 4, 2021, the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is 57, 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.

COVID-19 Related Deaths

There are no COVID-19 deaths to report in Jackson County today. The total number of COVID-19 deaths for Jackson County is 328.

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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