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COVID-19 Updates

[**Medford, Oregon**] — COVID-19 vaccinations are now recommended for youth ages 5 to 11 years old. 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. 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.

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.

Jackson County Public Health has not received the pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine; it is expected to arrive in Jackson County this week. Parents and guardians can reach out to their pediatrician, primary care provider, or pharmacist to inquire if they will have the vaccine and when they can begin scheduling appointments. Jackson County Public Health will offer the pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and will start scheduling appointments once the vaccine arrives.

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 Old](#)

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>.

New COVID-19 Testing Site at the Jackson County Expo

A company called Curative is offering COVID-19 testing at the Jackson County Expo. They are offering free self-administered PCR COVID-19 test. This is a drive-through testing location.

People will need to pre-register at www.curative.com, select book now, then select Jackson County Expo, and complete the registration process. For people who do not pre-register, they will need to do so onsite using a cell phone.

Test results will be provided in about 48 hours and will be delivered via text, email, or both.

- **Location:** Jackson County Expo, 1 Penninger Rd. Central Point
- **Hours of Operation:** Sunday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Gate Entrance:** 1 ½

Weekly Number of New COVID-19 Cases

For week 44 (October 31 – November 6), Jackson County Public Health reported 339 new COVID-19 cases. This is a 14% decrease from the previous week.

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

As of 8:00 a.m. on November 8, 2021, the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is 45, and there are 9 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 2 new COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total to 331 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Jackson County's 330th COVID-19 death is a 60-year-old woman who tested positive on September 3 and died on November 2 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 331st COVID-19 death is a 75-year-old woman who tested positive on October 29 and died on November 4 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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