



FLASH REPORT

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A Brief Report of Public Health Activity Within Jackson County

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COVID-19 Accelerated Vaccination Timeline

Governor Kate Brown announced an update to the accelerated COVID-19 vaccine eligibility schedule for Oregon. Phase 1B, Group 7 will now be eligible the week of April 5, 2021, and everyone 16 and older will be eligible the week of May 1, 2021.

March 29 Phase 1B, Group 6, which includes:

- Adults 45-64 with one or more underlying health conditions with increased risk
- Migrant and seasonal farmworkers
- Seafood and agricultural workers
- Food processing workers
- People living in low-income senior housing, senior congregate and independent living
- Individuals experiencing houselessness (sheltered and unsheltered)
- People currently displaced by wildfires
- Wildland firefighters
- Pregnant people 16 and older

April 5, Group 7 will become eligible:

- Frontline workers as defined by the CDC
- Multigenerational household members
- Adults 16-44 with one or more underlying health conditions with increased risk

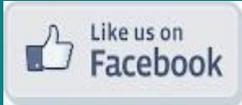
On **May 1**, we will open eligibility to all people in Oregon, 16 and older.

Oregon Vaccine Sequencing Infographic

Resources on vaccine eligibility and where to access the vaccine:

- Jackson County Health and Human Services COVID-19 Vaccine website: <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/General/News-Information/covid-19-vaccine-1>
 - This website will provide information on where people can access the vaccine, how to make an appointment, and list additional resources if people need assistance with scheduling appointments.
- 211 Information is also available to answer questions about vaccine eligibility and access.
 - Text ORCOVID to 898211 to get text/SMS updates (English and Spanish only)
 - Email ORCOVID@211info.org (All languages)
 - Call 211 or 1-866-698-6155 from 6 am – 7 pm daily, including holidays
- Register on the [Get Vaccinated Oregon](#) tool and check for county-specific information.

Oregon Health Authority Expands Number of COVID-19 Vaccinators



The Oregon Health Authority has expanded who can administer FDA authorized COVID-19 vaccines, as permitted under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act.

The federal PREP Act amended declaration, issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and effective March 11, increases the pool of vaccinators who may not be currently authorized to vaccinate under state law, subject to certain training and supervision requirements. Under the PREP Act declaration and this most recent amendment, OHA can further expand the list of who may administer authorized COVID-19 vaccines, which it did, adding, for example, traditional health workers.



OHA Director Patrick Allen signed the authorization on March 22, making it immediately effective.

Individuals who are identified as vaccinators under the PREP Act declaration and its amendments and Director Allen's authorization and who meet the requirements as listed are provided immunity under the PREP Act, except for gross negligence.

The newly eligible groups who can now administer COVID-19 vaccines include the following health professionals and health allied professionals who are currently licensed, certified or registered or had an active license, certification or registration within the last five years:

Look for the May edition in the first week of the month!

- Certified nursing assistants (CNA)
- Dentists
- Direct entry midwives
- Emergency medical services providers (EMT, AEMT, EMT Intermediate or Paramedic)
- Naturopathic physicians (ND)
- Nurses
- Advanced practice registered nurses (APRN, includes nurse-midwives)
- Registered nurses (RN)
- Licensed practical nurses (LPN)
- Optometrists
- Pharmacists, pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians
- Phlebotomists
- Physicians (MDs and DOs)
- Physician assistants
- Podiatrists
- Respiratory therapists
- Traditional health workers
- Veterinarians
- Healthcare students (in these fields of study)
- Dental
- Emergency medical services providers (EMT, AEMT, EMT Intermediate or Paramedic)
- Medical
- Midwifery
- Naturopathic medicine
- Nursing (including CNA programs)
- Optometry
- Pharmacy and pharmacy intern
- Physician assistant
- Podiatry



<http://jacksoncounty.or.org/hhs/Public-Health>

- Respiratory therapy
- Veterinary

A list of the requirements for each of the new eligible categories is outlined in the [authorization](#) signed on March 22.

Become a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider

Providers wanting to administer COVID-19 vaccine must be fully enrolled through the [online enrollment system](#).

- To be fully enrolled, the online enrollment system will require providers to register for ALERT IIS **and** to specifically sign up to receive COVID-19 vaccine.
- Providers experiencing difficulties or who have questions about the enrollment process may email the Oregon Health Authority's provider enrollment team: Vaccine.ProviderEnroll@dhsosha.state.or.us. Please include your provider type in the subject heading of the email to help us triage our responses.

PDF forms will not be accepted at this time to streamline the process as much as possible. We have provided PDF copies of the enrollment information here to help you prepare to use the [online enrollment system](#).

- [Enrolling for COVID-19 Vaccine – Agreement Descriptions](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement](#)
- [CDC Supplemental COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution Agreement](#)

Monoclonal Antibody Treatment

There are Monoclonal Antibody treatment options for your patients in the Rogue Valley. This treatment shows great promise for high-risk (>65 or underlying conditions) patients not-needing hospital care.

- Asante is offering Monoclonal Antibody treatment for all appropriate patients. Only administering combo antibodies, this is in line with the latest FDA guidance and address the variants.
- The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 0800-1730. The last patient is scheduled no later than 3:30 pm.
- Orders and consent can be faxed to 541-789-5679.
- They have 5 infusion chairs. Patients should expect to be at the clinic at least 2.5 hours or more.
- The Asante Ashland Community Hospital (AACH) infusion staff will take care of scheduling/contacting the patient and will give specific directs to the clinic.
- The AACH infusion intake nurse line is 541-201-4190; there is a voicemail you can leave a message. Please coordinate with the AACH infusion intake nurse when referring a patient.
- Steve Archer is the infusion manager and has oversight of the AACH infusion program and RRMC infusion. Email Steven.Archer@asante.org
- Also, available to answer provider questions Lee.Shapley@asante.org
- They will need a copy of demographics, recent H and P, as well as a copy of the positive COVID-19 result faxed to 541-789-5679

- If the intake nurse has any questions about the patient meeting criteria, they will reach out to the providers for clarification.
- Asante is billing insurance for the administration charges only. There is no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

The mission of Jackson County Health and Human Services is to plan, coordinate and provide public services that protect and promote the health and well-being of county residents.