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An Urgent Public Health Activity Report Within Jackson County

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Jackson County Vaccination Equity Center at the Expo

Jackson County was chosen to have a Pilot Community Vaccination Center (CVC) through FEMA, which is called the Jackson County Vaccination Equity Center. This is a county lead effort, with the support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and Providence Health & Services. The Jackson County Vaccination Equity Center's central location will draw eligible populations from several counties including Josephine and Klamath.

COVID-19 vaccinations are FREE and available to anyone over 16 years old. There is no cost and you don't need ID or insurance. Proof of residency is not required.

The Vaccination Equity Center is a safe place, accessible to all, regardless of legal status. Language interpreters and support for disabilities are available.

There is a drop off and pickup location for those that will receive a ride to the Expo. To access the drop off and pickup location, enter Gate 2 and the drop off and pickup location is in front of the Padgham Building, which is the Walk-through Moderna Site.

For AllCare members, they can call 541-479-7920 to schedule a ride with ReadyRide. For JacksonCare Connect members, call 888-518-8160. RVTD is providing a free shuttle Monday - Friday from the Albertson's Shopping Center in Central Point. For more information visit www.rvtd.org.

Registration

Register for an appointment at the JacksonCounty.org/GetVaccinated or call 211. Appointments are encouraged, but they are not required

Vaccination Options at the Jackson County Vaccination Equity Center:

- **Walk-through Moderna Site**
 - Vaccine: Moderna
 - Operation Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 - No appointment required
- **Drive-Through Pfizer Site**
 - Vaccine: Pfizer
 - Operation Hours: Sunday- Saturday
 - Wednesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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- All other days: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- No appointment required

OHA clears health care providers to resume Johnson & Johnson vaccinations with informed decision-making in patient languages

A federal vaccine safety review panel announced yesterday that it recommends lifting the pause on the use and distribution of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine for people 18 and older. The Food and Drug administration has followed the recommendation and lifted the pause, adding a warning about the potential for rare blood clots for women under age 50.

State health experts have reviewed the federal decisions regarding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and agree with the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup that resumption of its use is warranted once culturally and linguistically appropriate patient and provider educational materials in plain language that support informed decision-making are available.

Vaccine providers in Oregon may now resume the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine so long as they ensure that recipients or their caregivers receive the new warning information regarding thrombosis and thrombopenia. This information must be provided in the individual's primary language or in a manner that the individual can understand, considering English language proficiency and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility needs. Updated fact sheets including this warning have been approved by the FDA, including the [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers administering vaccine](#) and the [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#).

The following is the new warning on Thrombosis and Thrombocytopenia included in the [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#):

Reports of adverse events following use of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine under emergency use authorization suggest an increased risk of thrombosis involving the cerebral venous sinuses and other sites (including but not limited to the large blood vessels of the abdomen and the veins of the lower extremities) combined with thrombocytopenia and with onset of symptoms approximately one to two weeks after vaccination. Most cases of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia reported following the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine have occurred in females ages 18 through 49 years; some have been fatal. The clinical course of these events shares features with autoimmune heparin-induced thrombocytopenia. In individuals with suspected thrombosis with thrombocytopenia following the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, the use of heparin may be harmful and alternative treatments may be needed. Consultation with hematology specialists is strongly recommended. The American Society of Hematology has published considerations relevant to the diagnosis and treatment of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia following the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (<https://www.hematology.org/covid-19/vaccine-induced-immunethrombotic-thrombocytopenia>). (see Full EUA Prescribing Information).

Recipients of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should be made aware of this rare potential risk of blood clots within the first three weeks of vaccination. Clinical characteristics include clots in the cerebral, extremity, pulmonary or splanchnic vasculature. Symptoms may include severe or unusual headache, leg pain, shortness of breath, or abdominal pain; petechiae in the arms and shins indicating thrombocytopenia. Those who develop such symptoms should be advised to seek medical attention immediately. Further educational materials are expected by the FDA and CDC next week.

Vaccine providers should make information available about which vaccine is available at their site. As always, clinicians are advised to report any other adverse events following any immunization to the [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#).

Updated Quarantine Guidance for Close Contacts of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

In light of increasing cases, hospitalizations and variants of concern that are more transmissible, OHA is recommending 14-day quarantine for all unvaccinated contacts in all settings. A shortened quarantine exception is only an option when needed to address staffing shortages for essential services (healthcare, infrastructure). A full 14-day quarantine is the lowest risk approach and helps reduce spread from asymptomatic people, which we know is a significant contributor in this pandemic.

Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) and
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

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.