

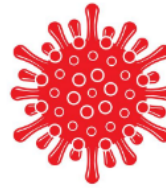


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CORONAVIRUS

Newsletter

August 30th - September 5th, 2020
Hospital admissions from August 23rd - September 5th



COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS

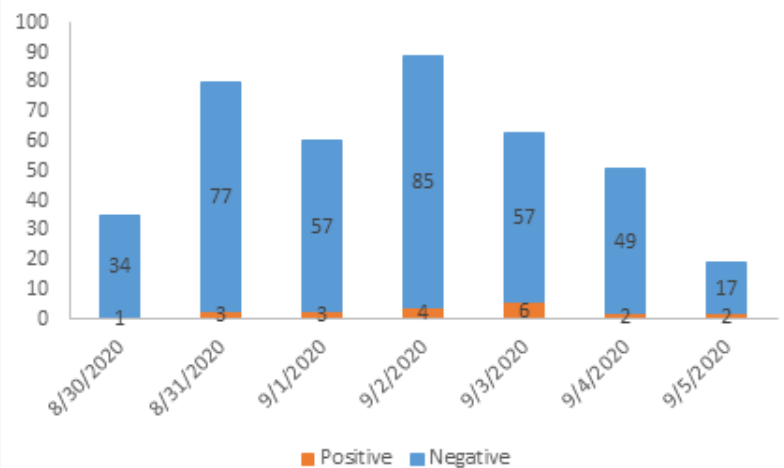
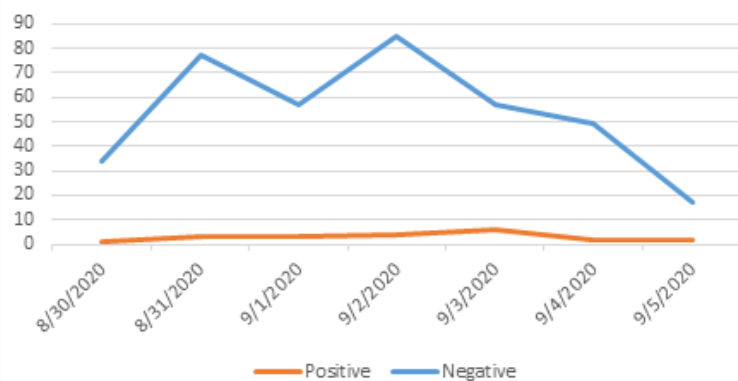
Percent of visits to the Emergency Department for COVID-19 like illness: We are **under the 1.5% target at 0.3%.**

Increase in new cases in the last 7 days (should not be more than 5%):
We had a **11% increase** in cases.

- There were a total of 30 new cases reported during this reporting week compared to 27 cases in the previous reporting week.

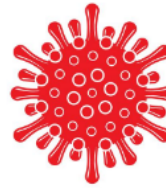
Trend in percent of tests that are positive in the last 7 days (should not uptrend): We are currently on an **uptrend at 5.3%.**

Polk County COVID-19 Testing Results:
8/30-9/5/2020



Percent Positivity Calculation:

of people who test positive / # of people who are tested x 100



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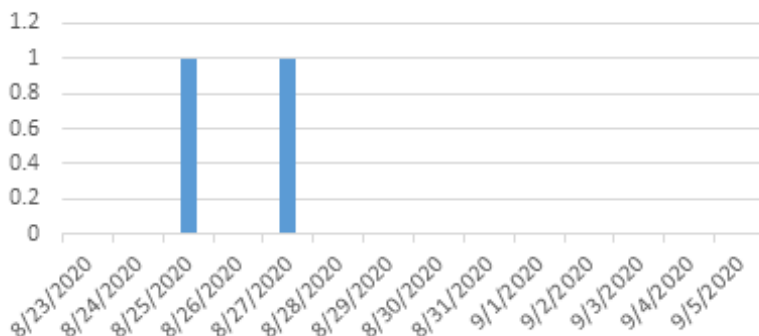
Cases not traced to a known source in the last 7 days (should be below 30%): *8 out of 30 cases (27% of cases) could not be traced to a known source in the last 7 days.

- Lack of tracing to a known source means that the positive case did not report contact with another positive or other known source of exposure.
 - This is an indicator of community spread. Learn how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 [here](#).

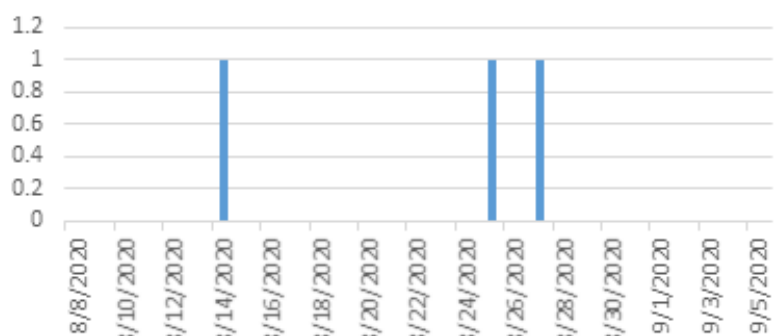
Percent of cases in the last 7 days with follow-up within 24 hours (should be 95% or more): We accomplished this 100% of the time.

Trend in COVID-19 hospitalizations over the last 14 days (should downtrend): We have a "No Trend" for this reporting period.

Polk County Hospital Admissions
8/23-9/5/2020



Polk County Hospital Admissions: Past
28 Days

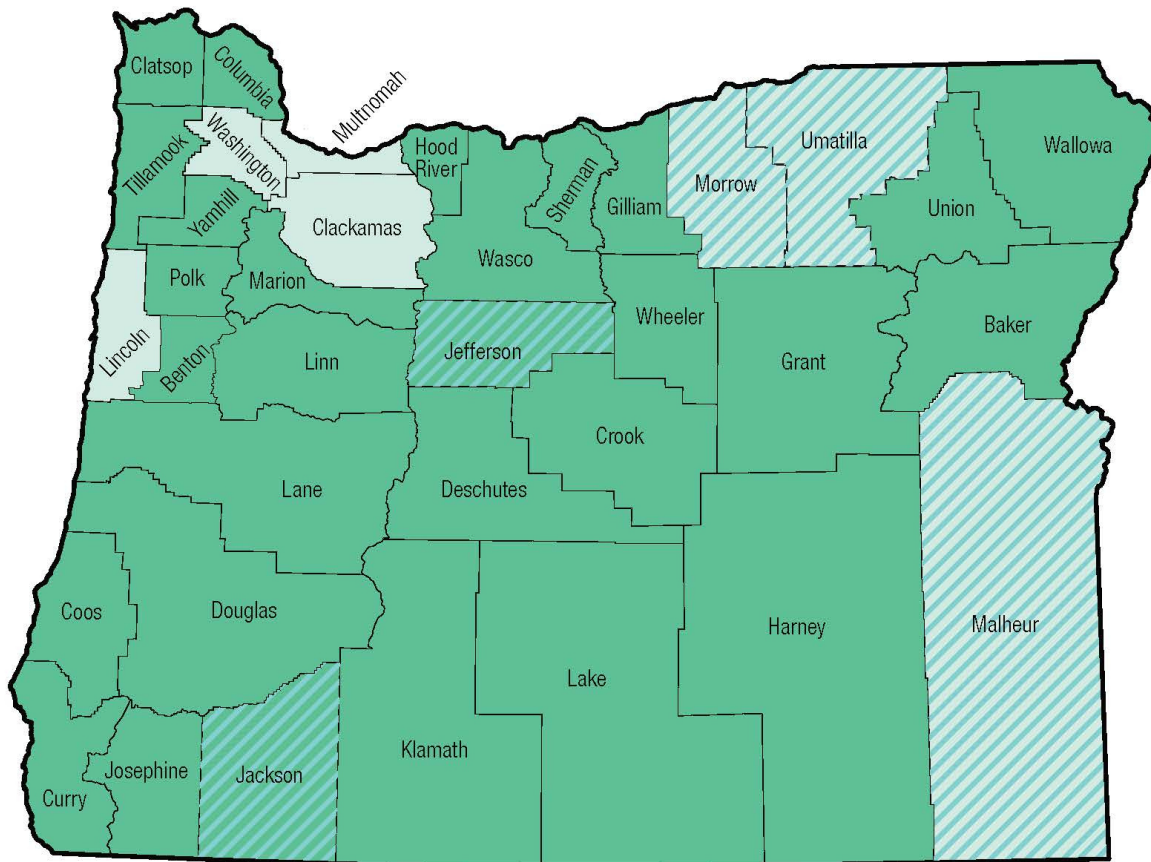


COUNTY STATUS MAP

MAPA DEL ESTADO DE CADA CONDADO

Building a safe and
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9/4/2020



- Counties approved for Phase 1
- Counties approved for Phase 1 and on the "Watch List"
- Counties approved for Phase 2
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- Condados aprobados para la Fase 1
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POLK COUNTY STATUS: PHASE 2

Re-opening Criteria Statistics by County

County & Contact Info

Baseline ⓘ

Phase 1 ⓘ

Phase 2 ⓘ

Polk County 📞



✓ indicates the county's current reopening phase

📢 indicates that face coverings are required for indoor public spaces and outdoor public spaces where physical distancing isn't possible

👁 indicates the county is on the "Watch List". Counties are placed on the Watch List when COVID-19 is spreading quickly and public health officials cannot trace that spread to specific sources—creating a potentially dangerous dynamic. Metrics include when there is a sporadic case rate of 50 or more per 100,000 people in the last two weeks and the county has had more than five sporadic cases in the last two weeks (sporadic cases are those that cannot be traced to a source; they indicate community spread). Counties remain on the Watch List for a minimum of three weeks and until their sporadic case rates drop below these thresholds.

Actively Working to Keep the County Healthy

Why wear a mask or face covering?

Converging studies show that wearing a mask can help protect both us and the people around us from spreading and catching COVID-19. It's an empowering way for each of us to protect our communities, our families, and ourselves.

What kind of masks or face coverings are available?

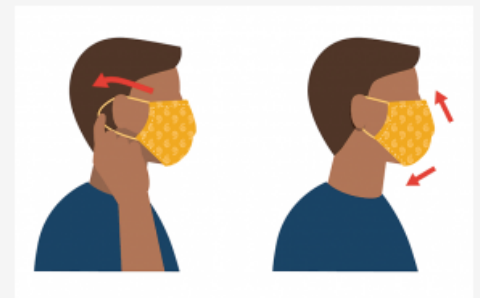
Face coverings come in many kinds, ranging from homemade cloth face coverings and plastic face shields to surgical masks and N95 respirators.

We encourage Oregonians to continue conserving medical-grade masks for the medical professionals who need them most. Face shields and cloth face coverings are effective for most non-medical uses, and they're both reusable and washable.

Source: [Oregon Health Authority](#)

Wear your Mask Correctly

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- CDC does not recommend use of masks or cloth masks for source control if they have an exhalation valve or vent



Wear a Mask to Protect Others

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you're infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms
- Wear a mask in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart
- Wear a mask correctly for maximum protection
- **Don't** put the mask around your neck or up on your forehead
- **Don't** touch the mask, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect

How risky is this activity? Four questions to ask yourself.

1

Who is involved?

The fewer people involved, the lower your chances of getting or spreading COVID-19. The lowest risk activities involve only you and the people you live with.

2

Where will you be?

Private spaces, like your home or backyard, carry the lowest risk. Outdoor activities that can be done away from crowds are less risky than activities that put you in close contact with others.

3

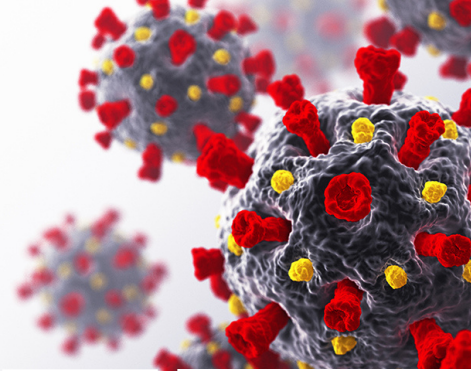
How close will you be to people who are not members of your household?

Activities that allow you to stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not members of your household are less risky than activities that don't allow for physical distancing.

4

How long will you be around people who are not members of your household?

Spending less time around people who are not members of your household is less risky than spending more time with them.



Avoid Scams

The COVID-19 pandemic has given scammers a variety of different opportunities to commit fraud. Learn more about potential scams at the Division of Financial Regulation's COVID-19 fraud prevention webpage. Topics include fake mobile banking apps, government imposters, bogus unemployment claims, and more.

The Governor's Office

- [County Status Chart](#)
- [Testing Information](#)
- [Press Releases](#)



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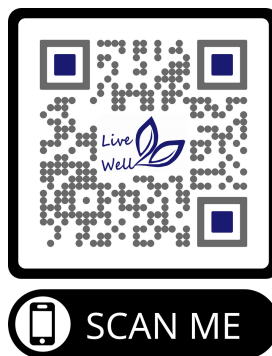
- [The Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) offers a vast amount of information, guidance, and resources for all Oregonians in multiple languages. Their detailed case information is updated daily.
- [Safe + Strong](#): The Safe + Strong campaign was launched by The Oregon Health Authority and the Governor's Office to provide a centralized place for Oregonians to find state and local resources in their preferred language.
- [The Oregon Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\)](#) mobilized the state's Emergency Coordination Center in response to Governor Kate Brown's state of emergency declaration, and in coordination with The OHA and its Agency Operation Center, has provided a detailed look into each county's case count, new cases by date, and new deaths by date.
- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) publish information about COVID-19 and cases on a national level.

Sign up for daily updates from The Oregon Health Authority on Oregon's response to COVID-19 by [clicking here](#).



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