

# Threshold for Re-opening Multnomah County

## Status report for Thursday, May 14, 2020

To be considered for Phase I reopening, each county must submit a proposal that shows the county meets seven [prerequisites](#), and that as part of a health region, it meets five additional requirements.

In addition to the state's criteria, Multnomah County will continue to evaluate the phases of re-opening the economy based on a health equity framework, prioritizing those at greater risk and adapting as necessary to the evolving situation.

Below we show [where Multnomah County is positioned](#) in each of those criteria. Once those criteria are met, the County will submit its proposal to the state.

<b>Spread of COVID-19</b> The following metrics are measured at the County level	
<p><b>Percentage of emergency department visits for COVID-19-like illnesses are less than the historic average for flu at the same time of year:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County meets this threshold</li> </ul>	 <b>Met</b>
<p><b>A 14-day decline in COVID-19 hospital admissions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County meets this threshold</li> </ul>	 <b>Met</b>
<p><b>Reduced impact on communities of color</b></p> <p>In addition to state metrics on disease spread, Multnomah County will pay particular attention to transmission in communities of color to evaluate when and how to move forward with reopening and proactively work to prevent spread. <a href="#">[View regional dashboard of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths by race and ethnicity]</a></p> <p>Multnomah County has been in listening sessions with many communities of color, and have begun to work with the county to co-create strategies to achieve health equity. More work is needed to meet this threshold.</p>	 <b>In Progress</b>

## Contact Tracing

The following metrics are measured at the County level

### 15 contact tracers per 100,000 people

The County started with 7 case investigators when Oregon reported its first case, Feb. 28. It currently employs 34 case investigators, who conduct contact tracing.

20%



**In Progress**

### Contact tracing workforce is reflective of the county

- More work is needed to meet this threshold



**In Progress**

### Contact tracers are able to work in needed languages

- More work is needed to meet this threshold



**In Progress**

### Prepared to trace 95 percent of all new cases within 24 hours

60%



**In Progress**

## Isolation Facilities

The following metrics are measured at the County level

**Hotel rooms or other shelter locations for people who cannot self-quarantine if required, or who test positive for COVID-19 and cannot self-isolate.**

- The County meets this threshold



**Met**

**Provide a narrative of how we will respond to three outbreak situations in the county.**

Multnomah County follows [OHA investigative guidelines](#) on all cases and outbreaks of COVID-19. The County is also preparing detailed narratives on its strategies for prevention, identification, and response for three high risk settings: a long term care facility, a food processing plant and a shelter.



**In Progress**

## Testing Capacity

The following metrics are measured regionally

**Able to administer testing at a rate of 30 per 10,000 per week.**

- For Region 1, that equates to an ability to administer 5,865 tests per week.
- Capacity is currently about 12,400



**Met**



**Sufficient testing sites accessible to underserved communities**

- More work is needed to meet this threshold



**In Progress**

## Healthcare Capacity

The following metrics are measured regionally

**Region able to accommodate a 20-percent increase in hospitalizations.**

- The Region meets this threshold.



**Met**

## Supply of Personal Protective Equipment

The following metrics, with exception to the final requirement, are measured regionally

**Hospitals must report supply daily through Oregon's hospital capacity web system**

- All 14 of the regions hospital systems report they currently meet that threshold



**Met**

**Hospitals must have an adequate supply of PPE**

- All 14 of the region's hospital systems report they have a sufficient supply.



**Met**

**Counties must have sufficient PPE for first responders**

- More work is needed to meet this threshold



**In Progress**

## Supply of Personal Protective Equipment (continued)

The following metrics, with exception to the final requirement, are measured regionally

### Monitoring PPE for key constituents

The County is also evaluating the needs of social service providers and other agencies essential to community health and safety. PPE shortages are likely to impact these groups first and we recognize that supporting these groups is also critical for the county to open effectively.



**In Progress**