

Situation Report

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Need testing?

- [Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 can get tested, for free, at Multnomah County's East County Health Center](#) (600 NE 8th St., Gresham). We focus on reaching Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities, people without health insurance, and people without a regular health care provider. Testing hours are: Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Call 503-988-8939 to make an appointment.
- [Oregon Health and Sciences University \(OHSU\) offers mobile, drive-through testing sites in Portland and Hillsboro](#). OHSU uses guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Oregon Health Authority to determine testing parameters. Anyone over two months of age with [COVID-19 symptoms](#) can get tested. People without symptoms can get tested: if they are having surgery, giving birth, or having another qualifying procedure at OHSU; if they are severely immuno-compromised and are following a de-isolation protocol; if a public health department has required them to get tested; if they identify as a migrant or seasonal agricultural worker; if they are Black, African-American, Latinex, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Asian-American or Pacific Islander; if they have a disability; or if their first language is not English. This information was verified with OHSU staff on July 6, 2020.

Testing locations are:

- Portland Expo Center, 2060 N Marine Dr., Portland. Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Hillsboro Stadium, 4450 NE Century Blvd., Hillsboro. Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

People may be denied testing at OHSU, if they:

- Do not meet the testing criteria above,
- Have Legacy, Providence, or Kaiser insurance (people with these insurance plans will be referred to their in-network provider systems for testing), or

- Arrive after the line is too long for testing to be completed by 4:00 pm. (On most days, OHSU begins turning people away between 12:00 and 2:30 pm).
- For more information about testing sites, who should get tested, and what to expect from your COVID-19 test, see Multnomah County's [COVID-19 Testing](#) page.

Multnomah County Emergency Operations Section Updates

The Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is a temporary network that works within the [Mission, Vision and Values of Multnomah County](#). The EOC develops objectives based on guidance from the Chair and Chief Operating Officer. The EOC provides wrap around services to support County departments that are operating beyond their normal capacity. The EOC provides a framework that incorporates staff from across all County departments, as well as community volunteers and representatives from partner agencies and organizations to direct the full complement of this combined effort toward accomplishing the County's objectives.

Announcements and Featured Media

- On July 8, [Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury issued a statement endorsing a pause in reopening Multnomah County](#), saying, "We want to move cautiously toward reopening to avoid taking one step forward only to be forced to take two steps back. Phase II is a big step toward business as usual, and the virus is not sufficiently contained to allow us to take that step. Slow and steady will win this race." This story was covered by [KATU](#), [KGW](#), [KOIN](#), and [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#).
- On July 8, the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\) released its COVID-19 Weekly Report](#), covering Monday, June 29 - Sunday, July 5. The report remarks on the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, and notes "OHA recorded 1,910 new cases of COVID-19 infection, a 51% increase from the previous week."
- On July 15, [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\) will host a live question and answer session](#) on Facebook to address inquiries from the public regarding the state's COVID-19 data.
- Red Cross Cascades is soliciting [plasma donations from people who have fully recovered from COVID-19](#). Donated plasma will be evaluated for efficacy as one integrated element of treatment for severely ill COVID-19 patients.

EOC Section: [Public Information](#)

The Public Information Section provides accurate, coordinated, timely and accessible information with the goal of reducing the spread of COVID-19. This information is disseminated to local governments; media; the private sector; and the community through the Multnomah County COVID-19 website, social media, media outlets, call centers, and direct efforts with culturally specific communities. Particular attention is paid to the communities most affected by COVID-19 and people who may not receive information through mainstream means. Content and materials are developed for individuals with disabilities and/or access and functional needs, differing levels of literacy, and with particular care being taken to effectively meet the needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities. The Public Information Section uses an equity lens to create material which is culturally specific to the needs of the many communities represented within the County.

Multnomah County [Novel Coronavirus COVID-19](#) website

- Added new translations of the [Where Can I Get Tested?](#) flyer in several languages: [Chuukese](#), [Marshallese](#), [Palauan](#), [Spanish](#), and [Tongan](#).

Social media highlights

- [Multnomah County Facebook](#)
 - [Multnomah County pauses on moving toward further reopening](#). “I’m worried folks are a little too focused on getting to the next phase and think everything will be ok then,” said Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury. “Until we have a vaccine, everything is not going to be okay.”
 - [Tilt your head and get tested for COVID-19](#), without leaving the comfort of your car. It’s free. It’s fast. It’s open Mondays and Thursdays.
 - [Did you know that we have free](#), downloadable, professionally designed signs & other tools to help business owners, employees, and customers slow the spread of COVID-19?
 - [COVID-19 se propaga cuando una persona infectada tose, estornuda o habla](#) y otra persona inhala esas gotas respiratorias.
- [Multnomah County Health Department Twitter](#)
 - [Many businesses have reopened in Phase 1](#), which means more people are in contact with each other and at work. [Watch how to stay safe and slow the spread of #COVID19 as we reopen](#).
 - [Wondering about Phase 2?](#) As cases rise, @Multco will remain in Phase 1. Remember, your choices make a difference. Working together, we can slow the spread of #COVID19 and keep business open.
- [Multnomah County Health Department Facebook](#)
 - [As of July 1, 2020 the Mental Health and Addiction Services Division is known as the Behavioral Health Division!](#) Same services, different name. Check out [our website](#) to learn more about Multnomah County Behavioral Health.
- [Multnomah County Library Facebook \(Spanish\)](#)
 - [Todavía estamos sufriendo los impactos de esta pandemia](#) y tenemos que colaborar para mantener a nuestras familias seguras. Por favor tomen las debidas precauciones y escuchen las recomendaciones de los expertos. El Covid19 no es un juego, si puede quédese en casa.

EOC Section: [Operations](#)

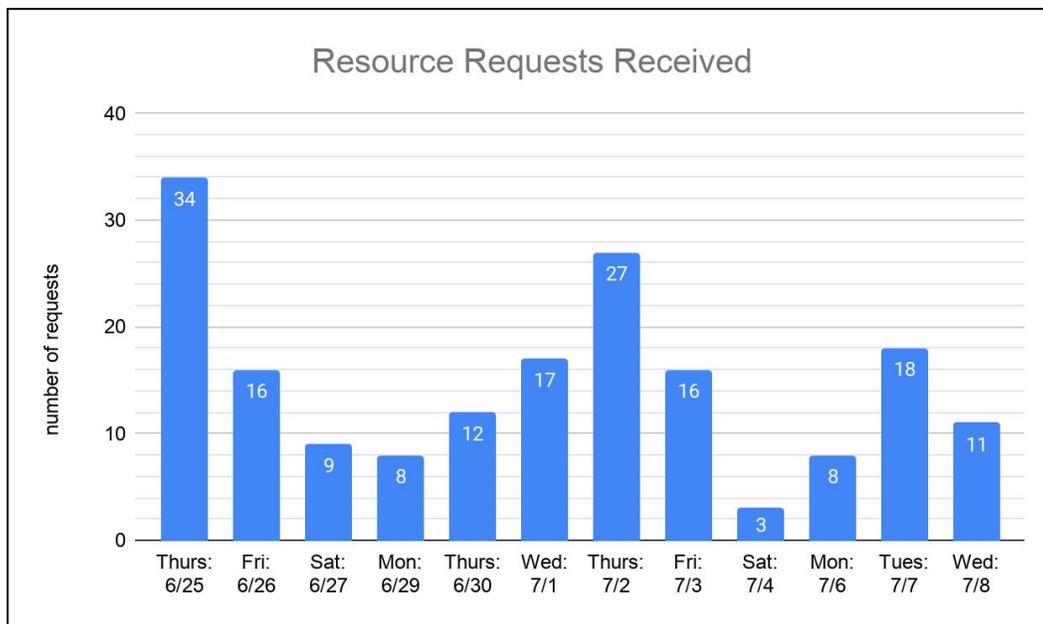
The Operations section has several operational areas, each of which report on daily metrics. Weekly metrics are reported each Wednesday.

Resource Request Unit

The Resource Request Unit is a group of diverse subject matter experts that represent and advocate for the needs of the communities Multnomah County serves. The team allocates critical supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to health and community organizations in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. When allocating PPE, the Resource Request Unit prioritizes organizations experiencing an outbreak, organizations that perform life saving operations (hospitals, clinics, etc), and organizations that serve

communities of color, people ages 65 and older, and people with underlying health conditions. These priorities are part of Multnomah County’s commitment to dedicate resources to the populations most impacted by COVID-19. Within the Resource Request Unit, the Community Resources team helps community groups such as social service organizations, food pantries, faith organizations, businesses, and many others navigate the EOC resource request and allocation process. In addition, they provide information and answer questions about availability of supplies and which PPE is indicated for particular circumstances. The team addresses the needs of the community with a strong equity lens and trauma-informed communication and prioritizes service to those most at risk. You can reach the Community Resources team at communityresources@multco.us, or by calling 503-988-8940.

Daily Metrics: The Resource Request Unit tracks how many requests for resources it receives over a 24-hour period ending at 12:00 pm each day. The chart below shows the number of daily requests over the past two weeks.

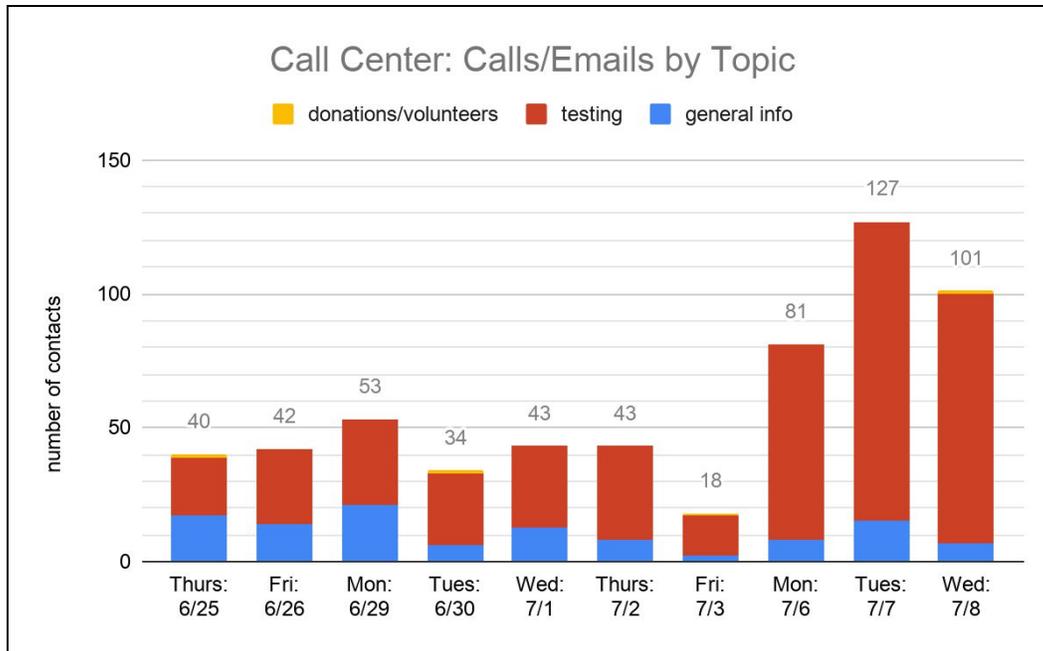


The Resource Request Unit operates Mondays-Saturdays.

Call Center

The EOC Call Center answers COVID-19 questions and concerns from community members who call the Multnomah County Health Department, and occasionally supports 211. The Call Center also helps community members sign up for COVID-19 testing events.

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The Call Center is open Mondays-Fridays.

EOC Section: Mass Care and Shelter ([Emergency Support Function 6](#))

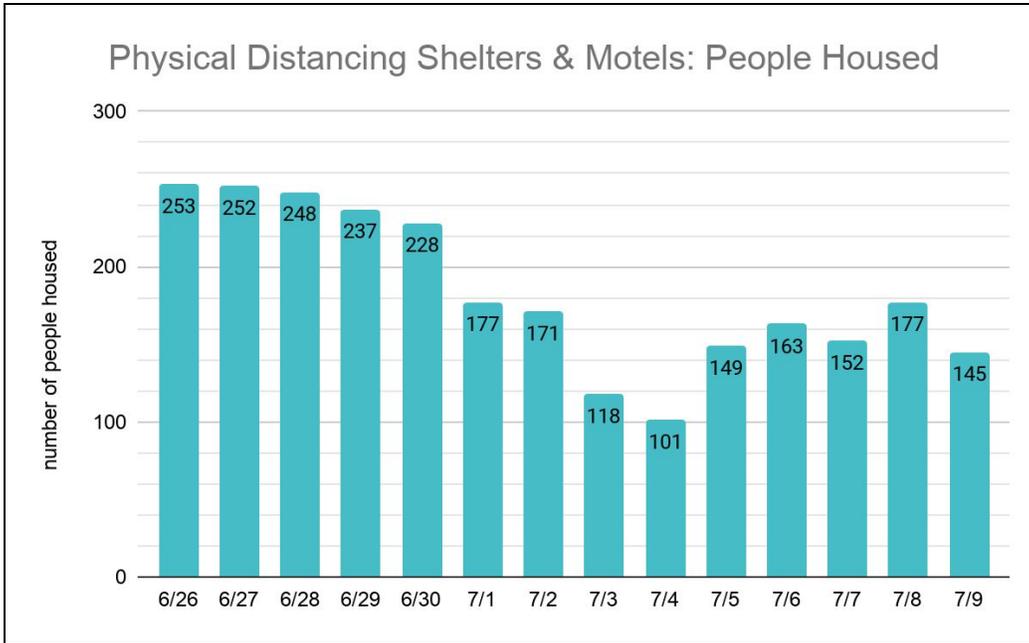
Until July 1, Multnomah County operated three Physical Distancing Shelters and one Physical Distancing Motel, with a total capacity of **365 people**; as well as two Voluntary Isolation Motels with a total capacity of **120 people**.

Starting July 1, the County began a process of transitioning the Physical Distancing Motels to non-profit providers for long-term operations. On July 1, Human Solutions, Inc., took over operations of the first Physical Distancing Motel. On July 7, Transition Projects began moving high-risk adults into the County's second Physical Distancing Motel Shelter in Northeast Portland. This motel will house adults and couples in 53 rooms. The county has contracts with two additional motels, for an additional 83 rooms, which will open during the month of July. These motels will be opened and operated by local nonprofit Do Good Multnomah. As these properties transition to non-profit management, they will no longer be reported in this Situation Report.

Although the total capacity of the County's system of Physical Distancing shelters remains the same, Multnomah County's **daily capacity at County-operated Physical Distancing Shelters** is now **315 beds**. This capacity will continue to change as we transition more spaces to non-profit operations over the next month. The County is thankful for the partnership with nonprofit providers in this effort.

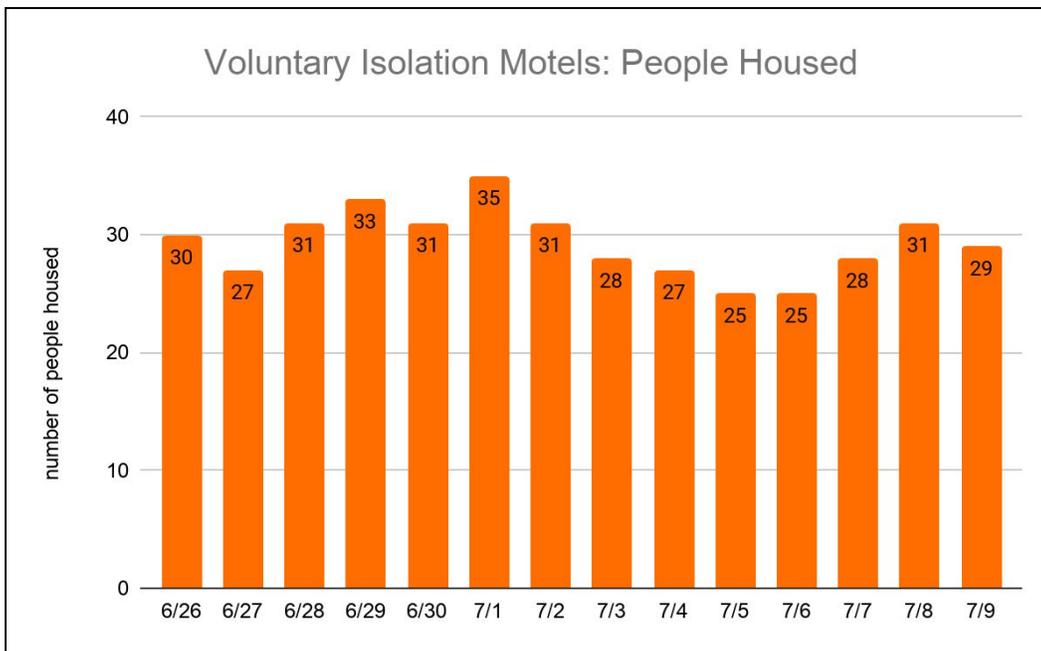
Daily Metrics: The Mass Care and Shelter Unit tracks how many people are housed in Physical Distancing Shelters and Motels, and in Voluntary Isolation Motels each day. The charts below show the number of people housed for each day of the past two weeks.

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Notes: Physical Distancing Shelters & Motels data for 6/27, 6/28, 6/29, 7/8 and 7/9 are estimates.

On July 1, 58 beds of Physical Distancing Shelter/Motel capacity transferred to a non-profit organization that will run the program as part of regular Joint Office of Homeless Services contracts and programming. This results in a lower capacity reported in the above graph, although the total shelter capacity in the County remains the same.



EOC Section: Public Health and Medical ([Emergency Support Function 8](#))

The Public Health and Medical Section works to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Multnomah County, and to minimize the impacts of the disease on individuals and our community.

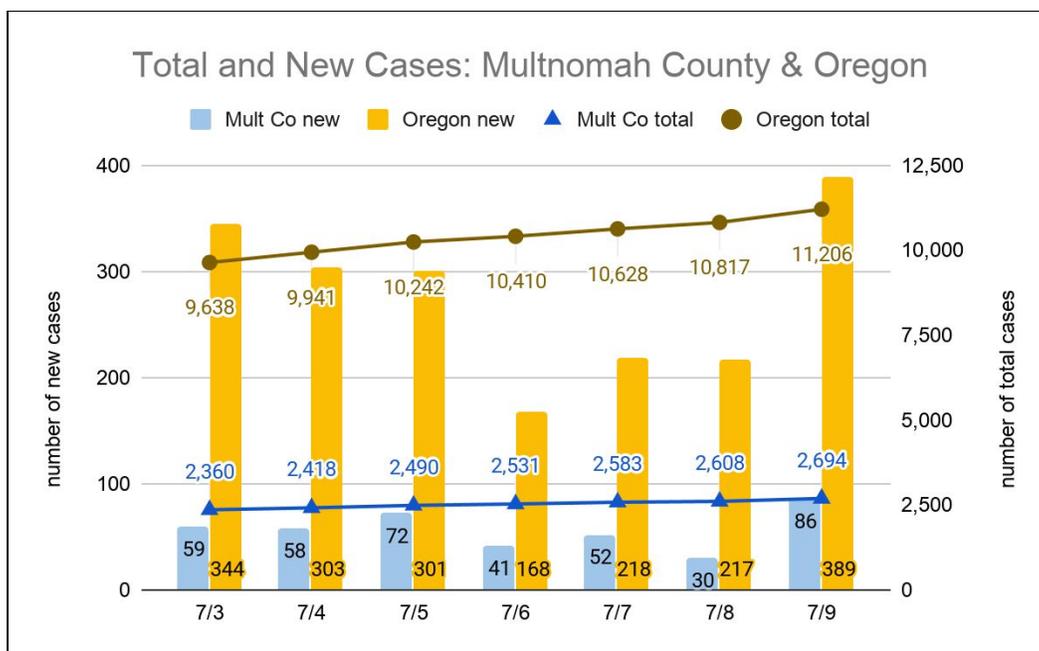
Epidemiology Data

This is a dynamic situation. Information and case counts are changing rapidly and the incident is ongoing.

COVID-19 cases and deaths in Multnomah County and in Oregon

There were **389 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases** reported in Oregon on July 9. Eighty-six of these new cases are in Multnomah County. Since the pandemic began, there have been a total of 2,694 confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County and 11,206 cases in Oregon. Multnomah County cases make up 24% of the state’s total. The chart below shows cases over the past week.

A [July 9 Oregon Health Authority News Release](#) notes, “Today’s case count is the highest total daily case count since the onset of the pandemic. The recent increase in cases is attributed to workplace outbreaks and community spread.”

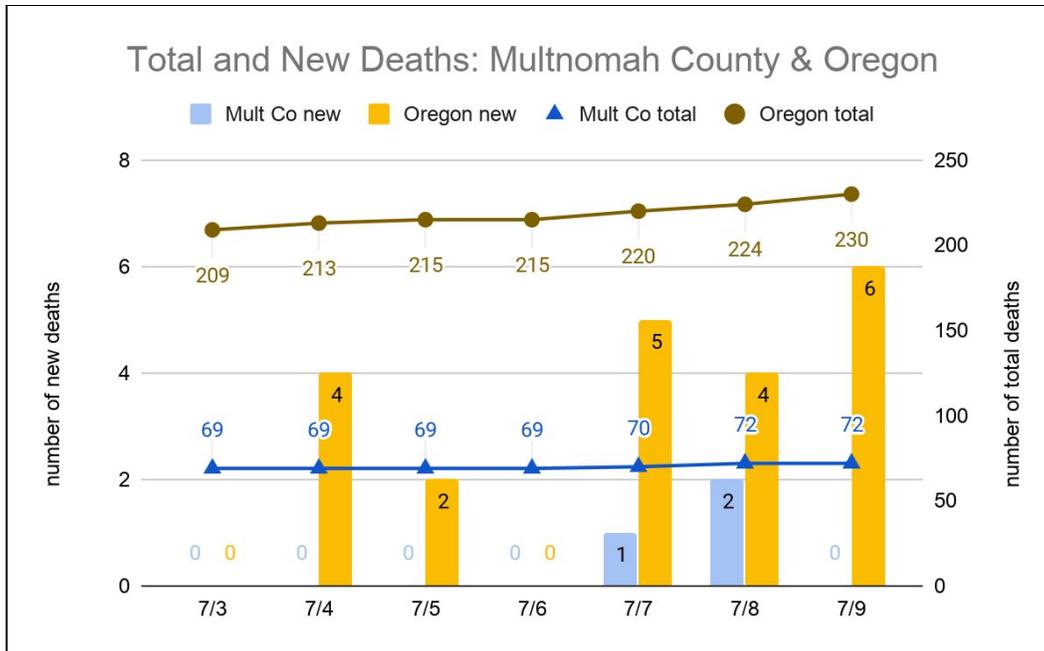


(Source: [Oregon Health Authority](#))

Note: On July 8, Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center changed its process for collecting data on the total number of COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County. Previous to July 8, we added new Multnomah County cases to total Multnomah County cases. However, OHA sometimes corrects previously released data when a presumptive case is ultimately determined not to be COVID-19. On July 8, we began reporting Multnomah County totals from the [OHA Testing and Outcomes by County dashboard](#), in order to be consistent with OHA data.

There were **six new COVID-19 deaths in Oregon** reported on July 9. None of these deaths was in Multnomah County. A total of 72 people are known to have died of COVID-19 in Multnomah County since the pandemic started, and there have been 230 known COVID-19 deaths in Oregon, statewide. Multnomah County deaths make up 31% of the state’s total. The chart below shows deaths over the past week.

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(Source: [Oregon Health Authority](#))

National and global data about COVID-19 cases and deaths are tracked in the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#), available through Johns Hopkins University's [Coronavirus Resource Center](#).

Race and Ethnicity Impact in Multnomah County

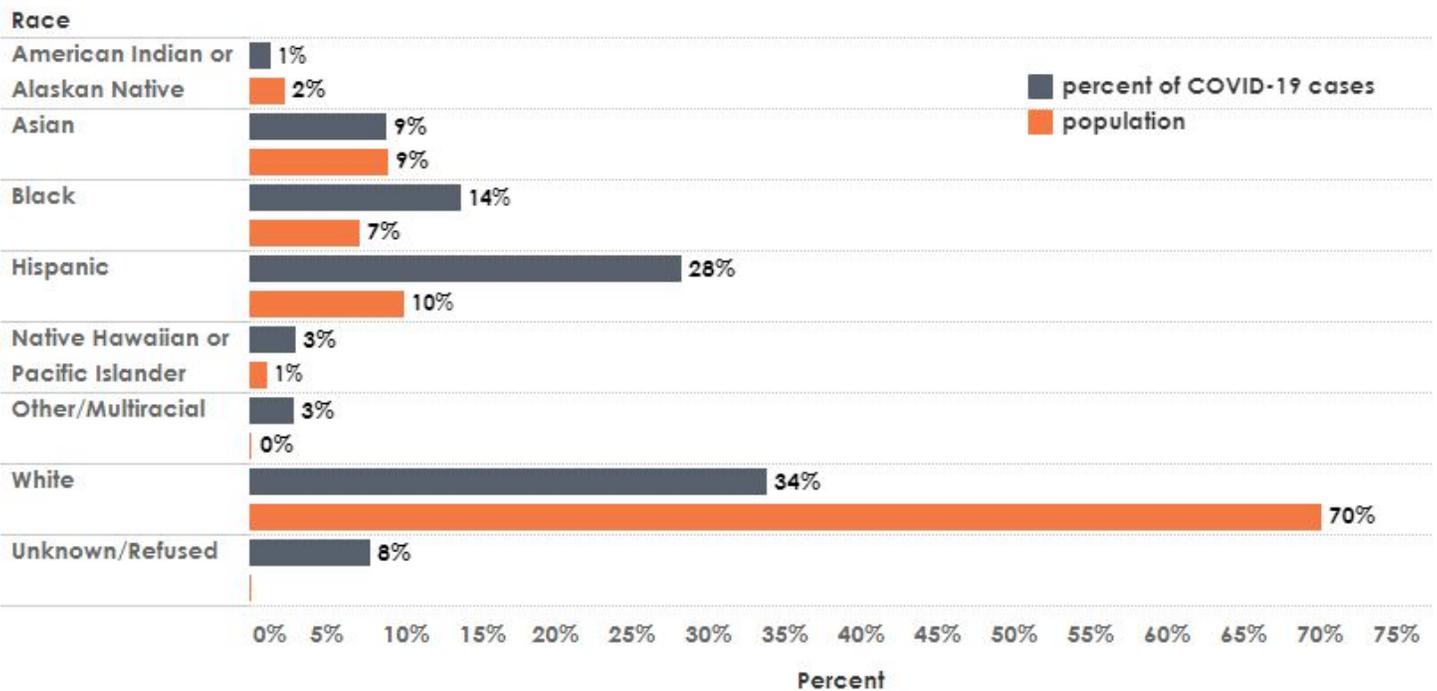
Detailed local data, including demographics (race, sex, age, and housing status) are available in the [Regional COVID-19 data dashboard](#) hosted by Multnomah County. The dashboard also contains data on case counts, hospitalizations, symptoms and coexisting conditions, and testing. For statewide data on COVID-19 cases in Oregon by sex, age group, race, and ethnicity, consult the Oregon Health Authority's [Demographics and Disease Severity dashboard](#).

The charts below show **the percentage of total cases, deaths, and hospitalizations by race and ethnicity (in gray)**, as of July 9, 2020. Each chart also shows **the proportion of Multnomah County's total population by race/ethnicity (in orange)**. Instances where the percentage of cases, deaths, and hospitalizations exceeds the proportion of Multnomah County's total population by race/ethnicity indicate the communities that are most impacted by health inequity from COVID-19. These differences may reflect the inequitable distribution of the risks of being exposed to COVID-19 and the opportunities to access medical care and COVID-19 testing.

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Cases by race/ethnicity and population proportions

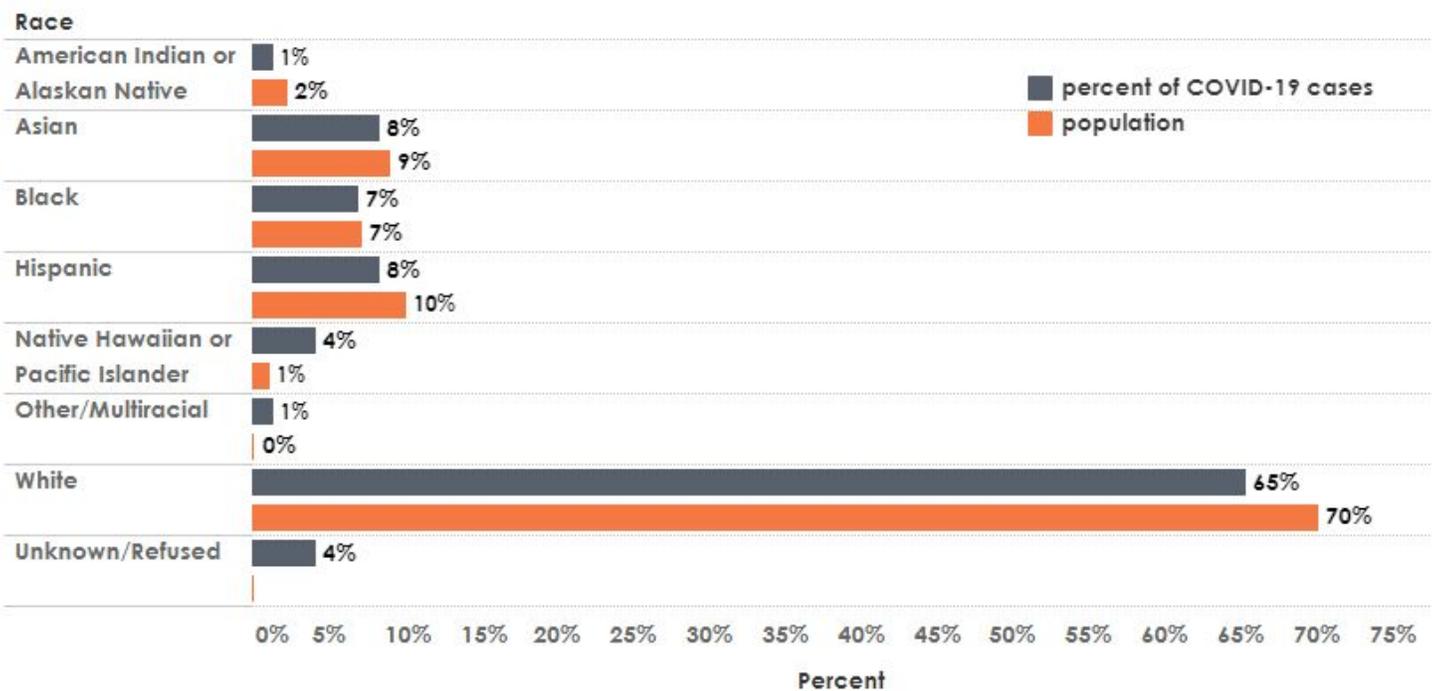
Percent of COVID-19 Cases Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions



Data current as of July 9, 2020 (source: [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)).

Deaths by race/ethnicity and population proportions

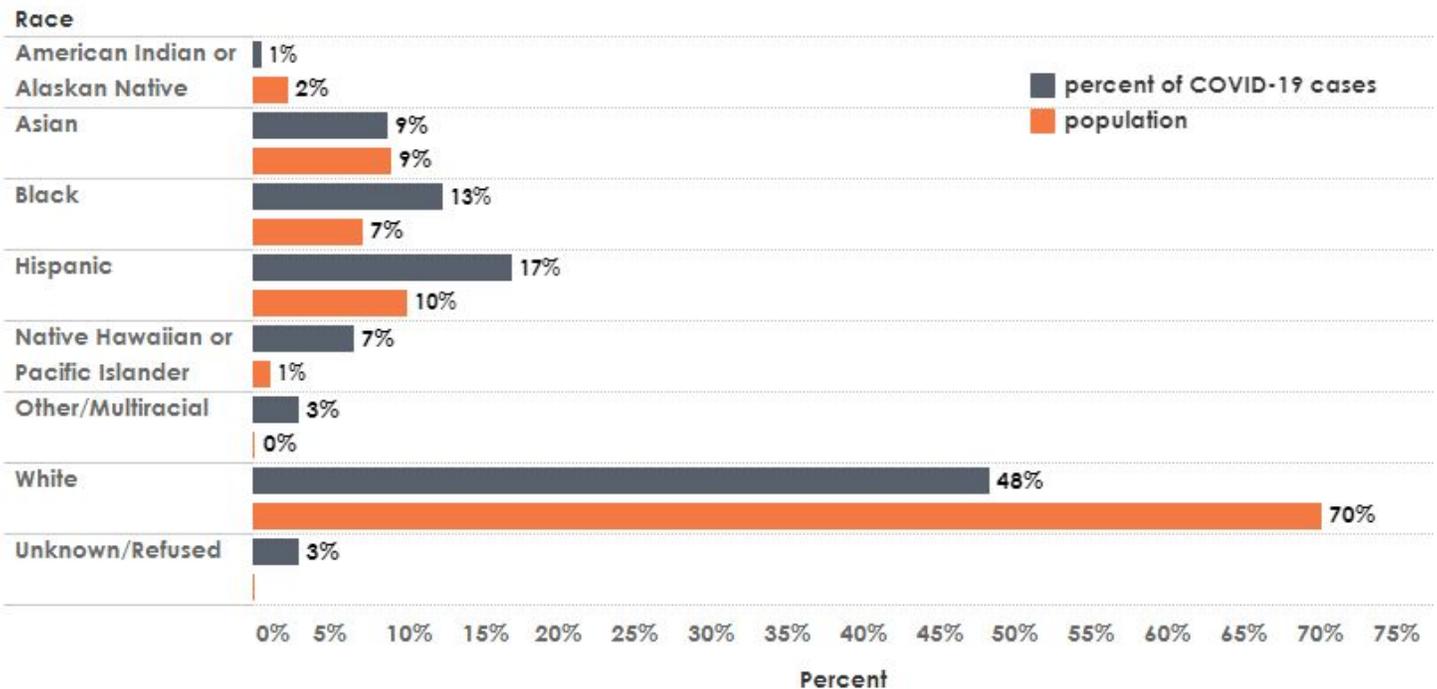
Percent of COVID-19 Deaths Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions



Data current as of July 9, 2020 (source: [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)).

Hospitalized cases by race/ethnicity and population proportions

Percent of COVID-19 Hospitalized cases Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions



Data current as of July 9, 2020 (source: [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)).

EOC Section: [Logistics](#)

The Logistics Section supports the response actions of all other EOC sections. Logistics focuses on procedures for activating, dispatching, distributing, allocating, tracking, and deactivating resources needed for emergency and disaster operations from government, private, or volunteer sources. For Multnomah County's COVID-19 response, important Logistics functions include coordinating the donation of supplies, delivering resources to community partners, and coordinating volunteers.

Current Projects

- The Logistics Section supported two recent community-based testing events by delivering supplies to the site. In post-event assessments. Because this will be an ongoing need, the Logistics Section is building a testing-ready protocol in order to quickly provide support to community-based testing events.
- Logistics partnered with the Mass Care and Shelter Section to create more flexibility in how Logistics supports shelter staff. The Logistics Liaison team is now centralized, which allows the Logistics Section to support shelter teams in a more focused way.

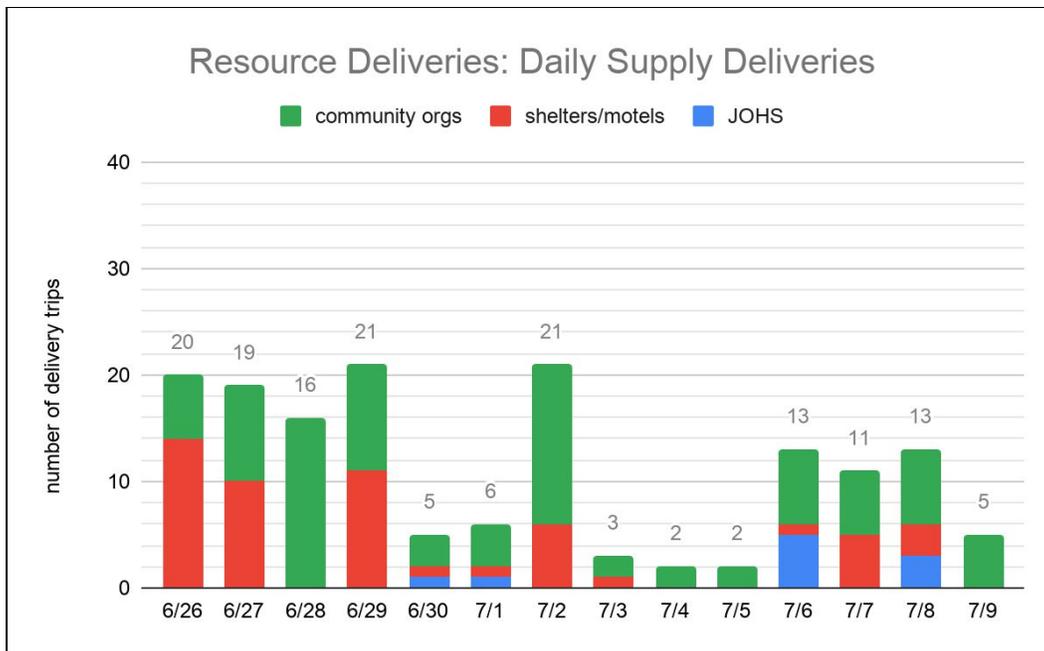
Donations Unit

Multnomah County is seeking **home-made face covers** and **home-made cloth face coverings**, which should be unused and in good condition. Multnomah County is dedicated to ensuring that these scarce resources are distributed to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities. Across the country, these communities are

statistically more likely to suffer grave outcomes of COVID-19 and are therefore, our donation priority. A multidisciplinary team of local municipal, county, and non-profit partners are working with community partners across the county to distribute these, and other supplies. [Learn more about how you can donate or volunteer to slow the spread of COVID-19.](#)

Resource Deliveries

The Logistics Section provides transportation for numerous response functions, including delivering supplies to community partners. The chart below shows the number of daily trips delivering resources to community organizations, County-run physical distancing shelters and voluntary isolation motels, and emergency outdoor shelters run by the City of Portland and Multnomah County’s Joint Office of Homeless Services. The chart does not represent the quantity of supplies included in these deliveries, so a single delivery could include small or large quantities of resources.



EOC Section: [Community Liaisons](#)

Liaisons with subject-matter expertise have been identified to support community organizations, businesses, and agencies and are meeting weekly. Liaisons are listed below and are available to members of their respective sectors. Requests for additional sectors to be created that are not covered by the established liaisons can be sent to the Liaison Group Supervisor. If you are interested in serving as a liaison, please contact the Liaison Unit Leader. Please note that the cost for non-County staff interested and able to fill vacant roles will be the responsibility of their organization.

Affordable Housing

- Please join the Affordable Housing Liaisons call on Monday, July 13 at 10 am, to review Home Forward's ["Moving Forward" Safety Guidelines](#). The purpose of this call is to provide an opportunity for affordable housing providers to ask questions and address concerns around reopening and the impacts

it will have on our agencies. The regular monthly affordable housing conference call will still be on Monday, July 27, at 10 am.

Food access

- The Equitable Giving Circle has started a [Community Supported Agriculture project](#). COVID-19 created immense economic hardship throughout all communities on a national scale. In particular, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities were hit hardest as a result of generations of discrimination-based social destabilization and lack of access to equitable resources. Income instability very often leads to food insecurity. [Sign up for the CSA program on the Equitable Giving Circle website](#).

Small Business

- The Portland Water Bureau and the Bureau of Environmental Services have just launched the new [Small Business Program for Utility Relief \(SPUR\)](#) to provide financial support to Portland's small businesses hit hard by the pandemic. For more information and details about eligibility, [visit the SPUR website](#) or call 503-823-7770.

Regularly Scheduled Liaison Calls

Contact the listed liaison for information on how to participate. Email addresses are also listed in a table below.

- [Affordable Housing Liaisons](#) hold a call **every other Monday 10:00-11:00 am**.
- [Business Liaisons](#) participate on the FEMA Regional Grocer calls **every Wednesday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**.
- [Culturally Specific Communities Liaisons](#) hold weekly calls: a *Communities of Color* call **every Thursday 2:00-3:30 pm**; *Comunidad Latinx Respondiendo al COVID19* (call held in Spanish) **every Tuesday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**; and support a weekly *Oregon Pacific Islander COVID-19 Emergency Response* call **every Friday 6:00-7:00 pm**.
- [Fire Department Liaison](#) joins a regular call with multiple departments, EMS services, 9-1-1 Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC), and Multnomah County **every Monday at 1:00 pm**.
- [Food Access Liaison](#) holds weekly calls on **Thursdays at 9:00 am**.
- The Oregon Health Authority continues to hold a call **twice a month** for migrant and farm workers, please email linda.s.swyers@state.or.us to join in.
- [Liaison Sector Leaders](#) have a meeting to share updates related to the EOC, public information, and activities **every Tuesday at 9:00 am**.
- [Law Enforcement Liaison](#) hosts a weekly Zoom meeting with Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, Oregon State Police, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Port of Portland and Oregon Department of Justice **every Tuesday at 3:00 pm**.
- [Licensed Residential Facilities Liaison](#) holds phone calls with providers **twice a week**.
- [Maternal Child Health Liaisons](#) have a call on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1:00-2:30 pm** to discuss issues of concern and potential responses, increase familiarity with the people involved and the work they do, and share resources.
- [Parks Liaison](#) holds a meeting with other parks jurisdictions in the county to share news and gather questions or themes from the group **every Wednesday at 1:00 pm**.

- [School & Childcare Liaison](#) holds calls with public K-12 schools **on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm**, calls with private K-12 schools **Wednesdays at 11:00 am**, and communicates with child care providers through email **regularly**.
- The [Youth Liaison Team](#) has a coordinating call, **Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 pm**.

Community Liaison Team

The liaison unit comprises 47 liaisons who work in 27 sectors. These liaisons support community members by providing education and resources. They also listen to their members and elevate creative ideas and any questions to the EOC. **More than 8,100 people participate in the liaison program** and help spread accurate information throughout our community and beyond.

Liaison Group Contacts

Liaison Unit Leader	Gabby Rhett	eoc.liaisonofficer@multco.us	503-988-0071
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	Regina Ingabire	community.covid19@multco.us	503-988-7352
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Local Updates

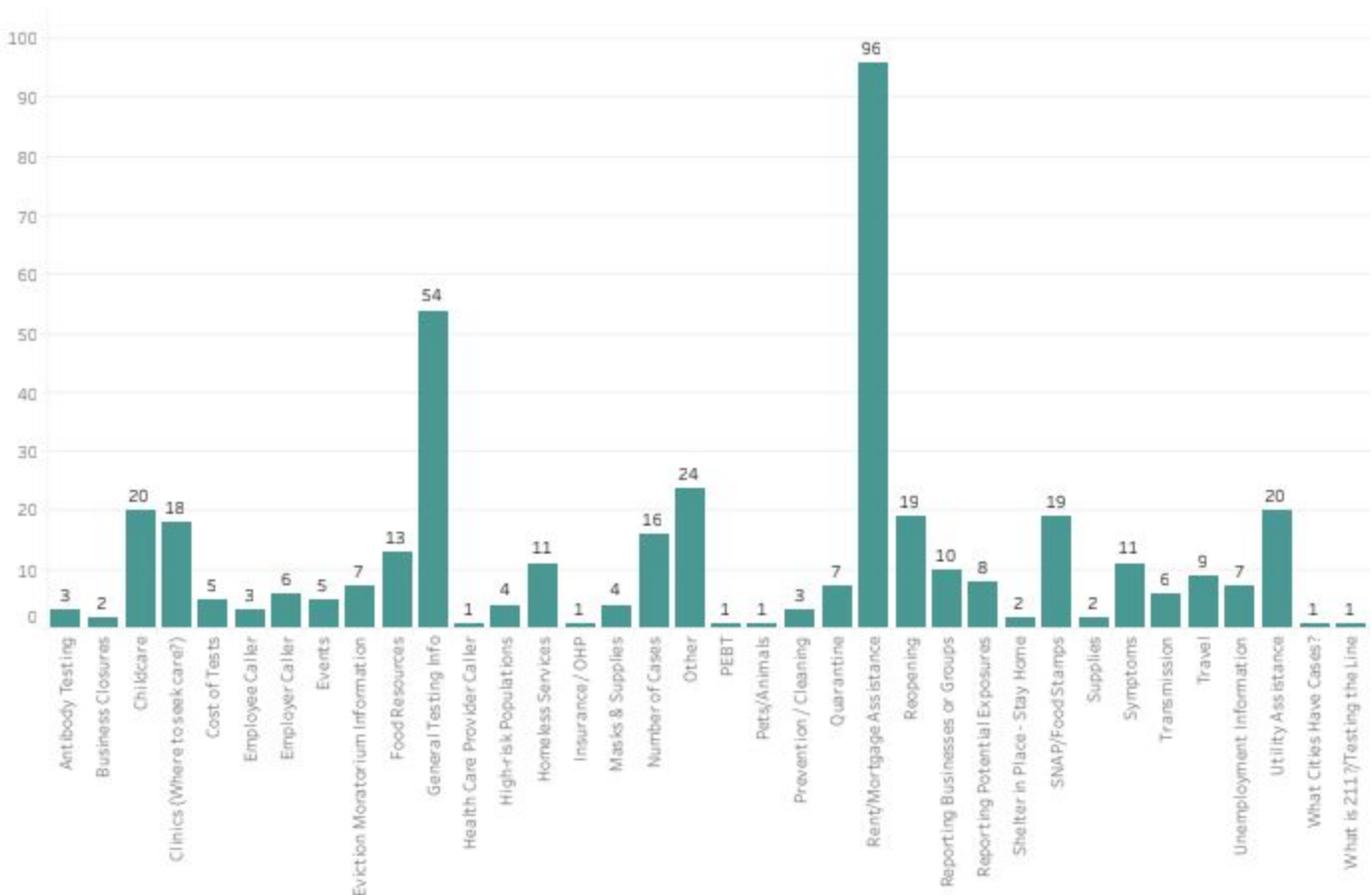
Media and Announcements

- On July 7, [Willamette Week](#) reported that “[The city of Portland will begin sweeping homeless camps larger than eight tents this month](#).” Sweeps were halted in March to follow guidance by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic. But city officials now contend the sweeps are necessary for public health.”
- On July 8, the Portland City Council passed an emergency ordinance placing temporary limits on the fees third-party food delivery platforms (such as GrubHub, UberEats, and Postmates) can charge. The new rules are in response to economic pressures on restaurants during the COVID-19 pandemic. This story was reported by [KOIN](#), [OPB](#) and [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#).
- On July 8, [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#) reported that Multnomah County Library director Vailey Oehlke has notified library staff that she is planning layoffs, starting August 31.

211 Calls

- There were 374 calls to 211 on Thursday, July 9.
- The most common reason people called was to ask about rent/mortgage assistance. Other frequent inquiries were about general testing information, childcare, and utility assistance.

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Reason for Contact


Data for July 9, 2020.

State of Oregon and Regional Updates

Media and Announcements

- On July 6, [Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced that she is forming a Healthy Early Learners Council](#), “to advise her and the Early Learning Division (ELD) on guidance for the reopening and ongoing operation of early learning and child care programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.”
- On July 6, the United States Treasury and the Small Business Administration released detailed data about Paycheck Protection Program loans and the businesses that received them. [OPB](#) and [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#) both reported on this story, and provided details about loans granted to Oregon companies. (The newly-released data is available on the Small Business Administration’s [Paycheck Protection Program](#) page -- scroll down to the Additional Program Information section to see it.)
- On July 6, [The Oregonian/OregonLive published a story about downward trends in the hotel industry during the pandemic](#), saying, “Hotel demand ticked up over the last month and a half as Oregon started to reopen and the summer travel season began. But interest in travel and tourism has been slow to rebound as the United States has struggled to contain the coronavirus outbreak, and industry experts anticipate a long recovery for the hotel sector.”

- On July 7, [Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced that the Healthy Schools Reopening Council had its first meeting](#). The governor’s press release explained that “The council is charged with advising the Governor and the Oregon Department of Education as school districts develop their plans for a safe return to school for Oregon’s students under the [Ready Schools, Safe Learners](#) K-12 schools reopening process.”
- On July 7, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported](#) that “Coronavirus cases have been steadily on the rise among Oregonians in their 20s since the beginning of June, and now total 21% of all cases in the state.” This story was also reported by [Willamette Week](#).
- On July 7, [Willamette Week reported](#) that “since mid-March, more than 5,400 Oregonians have complained to state regulators about workplace safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic.” The story goes on to explain that near 1 in 12 of these complaints were about grocery stores, and that many center on allegations that grocery chains aren’t enforcing Governor Kate Brown’s statewide face covering requirement. A similar story appeared in [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#). [The Oregonian/OregonLive also ran a related article](#), reporting incidences of people who don’t want to wear a face covering declaring that they have a medical exemption when they are asked to put on a mask.
- On July 8, Clark County Public Health Director Dr. Alan Melnick told the Clark County Council that the COVID-19 cases in Clark County are on the uptick and, “I’m concerned over the next few weeks and months. If the cases keep going up, we’re going to see stress on our hospital system.” This story was reported by the [Vancouver Columbian](#) and [OPB](#).
- On July 8, [OPB reported](#) on the growth of COVID-19 cases in Umatilla County. The article notes, “While Umatilla County makes up for just 2% of Oregon’s population, the Eastern Oregon county accounts for nearly 20% of the state’s newly reported cases in the last week.”
- On July 8, [KGW8 published](#) a story about the effectiveness of different types and styles of face coverings. Dr. Richard Corsi, an expert on indoor air quality from Portland State University, said “it really depends on the material that’s used for the mask and how well the mask fits you.”
- On July 8, [OPB reported](#) the Oregon Employment Department has struggled to process Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). David Gerstenfeld, the acting director of the Oregon Employment Department, said “while we intended to get through them more quickly, you should not plan to receive your PUA benefits until at least Aug. 8 if your claim has not yet been processed.”
- On July 9, [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#) reported that “New cases of the novel coronavirus have been increasing in roughly three dozen states across the nation -- leaving Oregon worried it might face a future testing shortage as states drastically up their demand for testing kits and supplies.”

Health System Capacity

As of July 9, 2020:

Hospital Capacity and Usage in Oregon as reported to HOSCAP*		
Overall Capacity	Available	Total Staffed
Adult ICU Beds	125	771
Adult non-ICU Beds	698	4,343
NICU/PICU Beds	107	322
Pediatric non-ICU Beds	103	353

COVID-19 Details	Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19	Only Patients with Confirmed COVID-19
Current Hospitalized Patients	192	140
Current Patients in ICU Beds	59	51
Current Patients on Ventilators	25	23

Available Ventilators	787
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Note: Hospital capacity and usage data is published on weekdays only (source: [Oregon COVID-19 Update](#)).

Note from OHA: *Every hospital in Oregon is asked to submit data twice daily to Oregon’s Hospital Capacity Web System (HOSCAP). Data are based on the most recent report from the hospitals, available as of 9:00 am. Hospital staff are asked to enter bed capacity information, by type, as well as the number of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 illness who are currently hospitalized at the time of data entry. These data may conflict with hospitalization status in Orpheus due to case reporting and investigation lags and temporary discrepancies in case classifications.

National and International Updates

Media and Announcements

- On July 6, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its guidance on [Social Distancing](#), [How to Make Cloth Face Coverings](#), and [How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings](#).
- On July 7, the CDC updated its guidance on how to [quarantine if you might be sick](#).
- On July 7, the [Associated Press reported](#) that “the personal protective gear that was in dangerously short supply during the early weeks of the coronavirus crisis in the U.S. is running low again as the virus resumes its rapid spread and the number of hospitalized patients climbs.”
- On July 7, [Guns & America and WUNC 91.5/North Carolina Public Radio reported](#) “the coronavirus pandemic appears to have helped spur an increase in gun sales. New preliminary research suggests those additional sales could be linked to higher rates of gun violence.”

- On July 8, the CDC updated its [Recommendations for Tribal Ceremonies and Gatherings](#).
- On July 9, the CDC updated its guidance for [Meat and Poultry Processing Workers and Employers](#).
- On July 9, the [Associated Press reported](#) that Centers for Disease Control head Dr. Robert Redfield said that “despite President Donald Trump’s sharp criticism, federal guidelines for reopening schools are not being revised.”

Stay Informed, Get Involved

COVID-19 Response

- **Local response:** the [Multnomah County COVID-19 website](#) is regularly updated with new information and guidance. Topics covered include:
 - [Daily Living](#)
 - [Reopening & Guidance](#)
 - [Symptoms, Testing & Care](#)
 - [Outbreak Summary](#), including the [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)
 - [Get or Give Help During COVID-19](#)
 - [What’s open — and what is closed — at MultCo during COVID-19](#)
 - [Discrimination, stigma and COVID-19](#)
- **State response:** [Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 website](#)
- **National response:** [CDC website](#)

Media

For media inquiries related to COVID-19 please **contact Julie Sullivan-Springhetti**, Multnomah County Public Information Media Coordinator at: **503-502-2741**.

Check out our [list of trusted sources](#) for current national and regional COVID-19 information.

Volunteers

- Are you interested in assisting during this incident? Please complete a [volunteer interest form](#).

Activated Call Centers

Call Center	Phone Number	Email	Hours
211 Call Center	211	help@211info.org	seven days a week, 8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Mental Health Call Center	503-988-4888 Toll-free: 800-716-9769 TTY: 711		open 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Aging & Disabilities Resource Connection	503-988-3646	adrc@multco.us	information and assistance to older people, people with disabilities, and caregivers, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
City County Information and Referral	503-823-4000		Mondays-Fridays, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Help and Resources

- **Having symptoms?**
 - [C19Oregon.com](https://www.c19oregon.com) is an online triage tool that helps public health officials track COVID-19 cases and allows community members to check their symptoms and receive guidance.

More questions?

- Consult the [Multnomah County COVID-19 FAQs](#).
- [Call 211](#).
- Still can't find the answer you're looking for? Submit [questions about the novel coronavirus](#) to Multnomah County.

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