

# 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, the *Portland Tribune* reported that the City of Portland has [proposed to transfer \\$39.1 million of federal CARES Act funding to Multnomah County](#), including "\$20 million for public health services and \$19.1 million for serving the homeless."
- On July 9, Multnomah County Health Department and Emergency Management officials briefed the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners about public health trends in Multnomah County. [Watch a video of the briefing on the County's website](#).
- On July 10, the Oregon Health Authority released an update to its modeling report, [COVID-19 Epidemic Trends and Projections in Oregon](#). The report states "The newest modeling shows the continuation of a concerning trend of rapidly spreading COVID-19 throughout Oregon. . . . The bottom line is that the disease is spreading more rapidly than expected and that since reopening, Oregonians have not consistently modeled the behavior needed to contain the spread of COVID-19." The authors outline three scenarios, all of which show COVID-19 infections increasing. By the end of July, the scenarios estimate between 1,600 and 7,300 new COVID-19 infections each day, and between 87,000 and 152,600 cumulative infections. This story was covered by [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#) and [Willamette Week](#).
- On July 13, Oregon Governor Kate Brown held a press conference to announce new measures intended to slow the spread of COVID-19:
  - **New limit on the size of indoor social gatherings:** Get-togethers like potlucks, dinner parties, book clubs, and birthday parties that take place indoors cannot exceed 10 people. The Governor said "This new rule does not change the operation of businesses or churches at this time."
  - **Face coverings will be required outdoors:** starting Wednesday, July 15, face coverings will be required outdoors, whenever people cannot maintain six feet of physical distance from others.

The Governor noted that enforcement of these and other rules is an issue, and said that she has set up a statewide enforcement task force. Watch a [video of the press conference](#) on the Oregon Health Authority's YouTube page. This story was covered by [KGW](#), [OPB](#) and [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#).

- On July 13, pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and BioNTech announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had granted them “fast track” approval to begin trials of two possible COVID-19 vaccines that they are jointly developing. [NPR](#) and [United Press International](#) reported this story.
- On July 15, the [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.

## 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

- Updated the [Face Coverings, Masks and COVID-19](#) page to reflect new guidance regarding face shields.
- Added [Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Vines's guidance about workplace testing for COVID-19](#) to the [Guidance for Employers with a Positive Case](#) page.

Social media highlights

- [Multnomah County Facebook](#)
  - [Multnomah County is urging as many people as possible to learn basic water safety.](#)
- [Multnomah County Twitter](#)
  - [Soap washes away #COVID19](#) , but you have to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds to make it work.
- [Multnomah County Health Department Twitter](#)
  - [Stay safe this weekend.](#) Remember, each get together increases your chance of spreading #COVID19 to others.

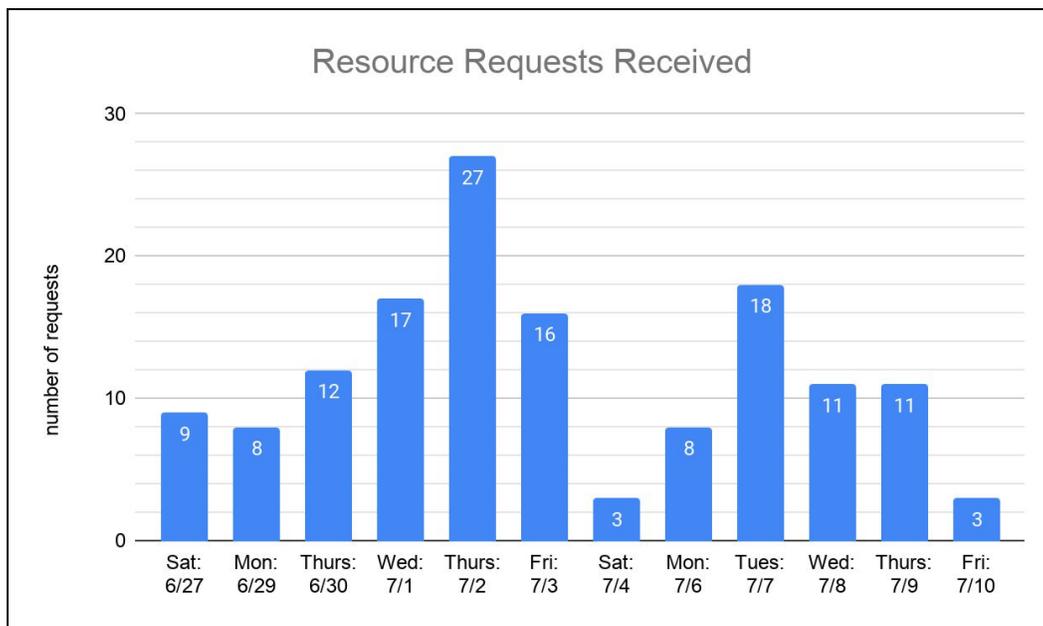
## EOC Section: [Operations](#)

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](mailto: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 a range of questions and concerns from community members related to COVID-19. Callers are connected directly from the Multnomah County Health Department and occasionally from 211. The Multnomah County emergency response team at the EOC continually update the Call Center

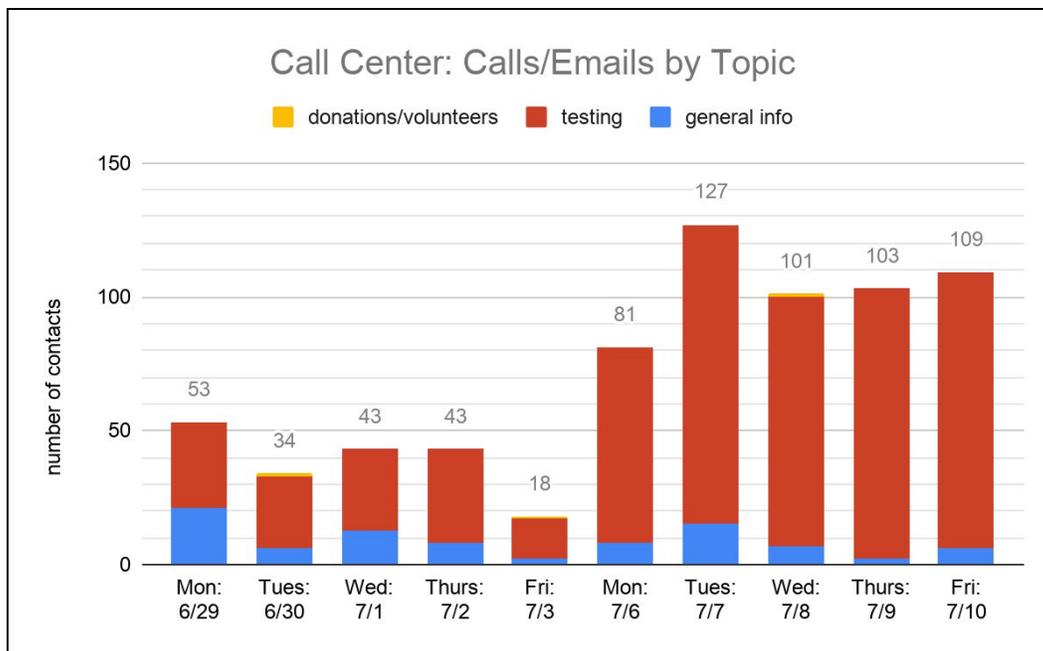
script content based on questions received. The Call Center also helps provide information regarding the many questions related to testing and assists by supporting Multnomah County Health with contact tracing, scheduling appointments for the County’s low-barrier COVID-19 testing.

Updates

- The Call Center added eight new staff members, including one bilingual English/Spanish speaking staff member. These new staff joined the Call Center on July 1. With the increased workload combined with increasing cases, the Call Center is in the process of onboarding additional staff with a goal of having 25 people to cover seven days a week, and all the hours that community members are calling.

Daily Metrics: The Call Center tracks how many calls and emails it responds to each day (the Call Center is open Monday through Friday). The chart below shows the number of calls and emails per day for the past two weeks, broken down by three topic categories.

During the week of July 6-10, many of the public’s questions and concerns were focused on **countywide reopening protocols, employee and employer guidance, testing questions, and general safety concerns.**



The Call Center is open Mondays-Fridays.

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

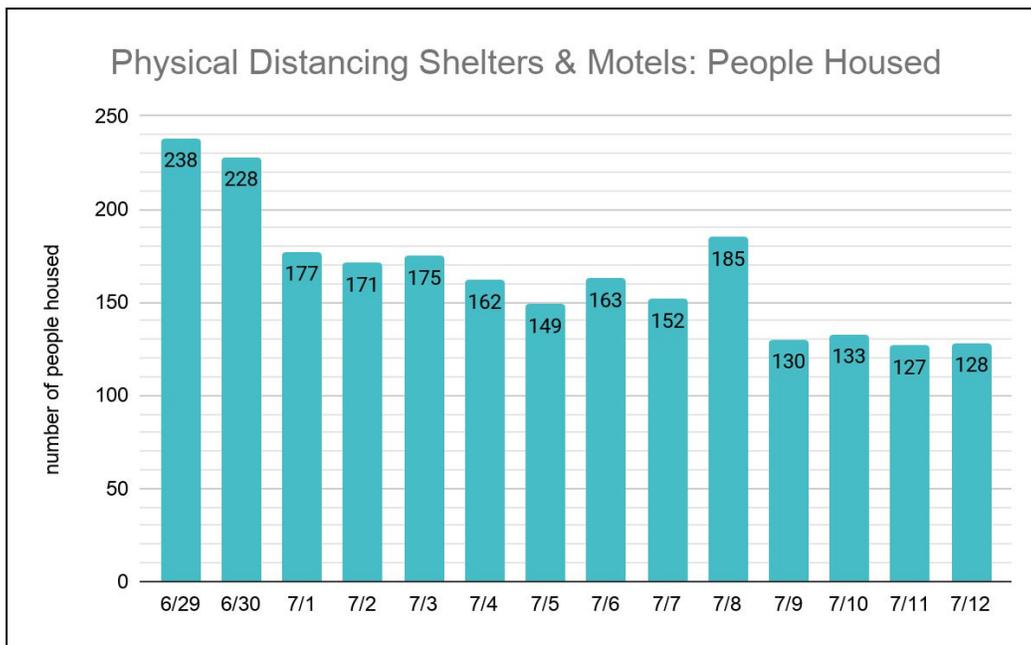
Until July 1, Multnomah County operated three Physical Distancing Shelters and one Physical Distancing Motel, with a total capacity of **365 people**; as well as two Voluntary Isolation Motels with a total capacity of **120 people**.

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.

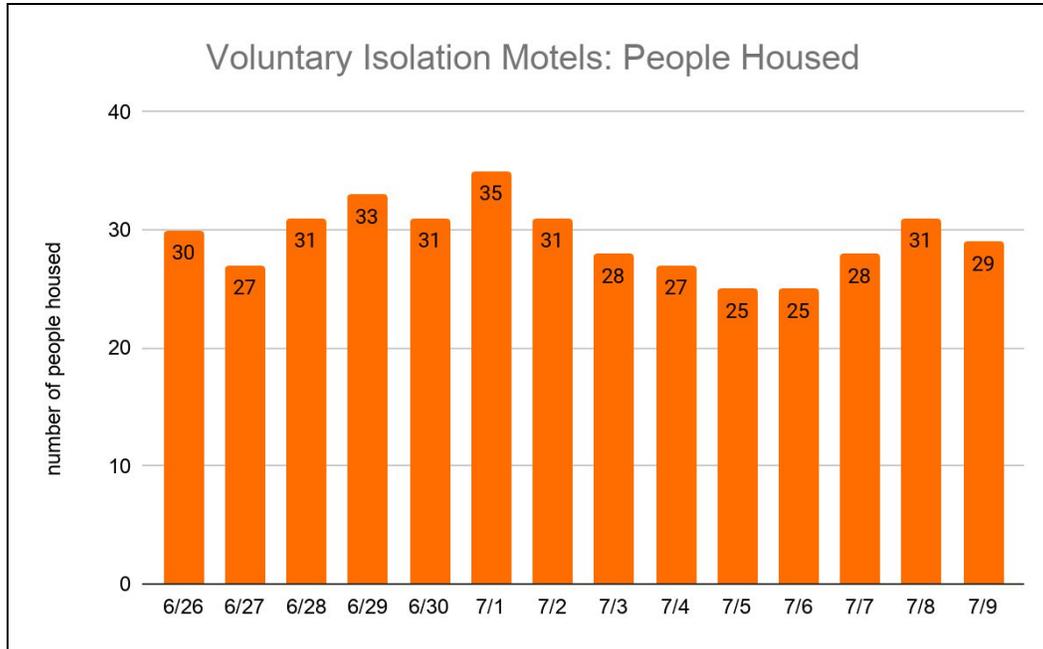
Daily Metrics: The Mass Care and Shelter Unit tracks how many people are housed in Physical Distancing Shelters and Motels, and in Voluntary Isolation Motels each day. The charts below show the number of people housed for each day of the past two weeks.



Notes: This chart shows corrected data for 6/29, 7/3, 7/4, 7/8 and 7/9.

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.

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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.

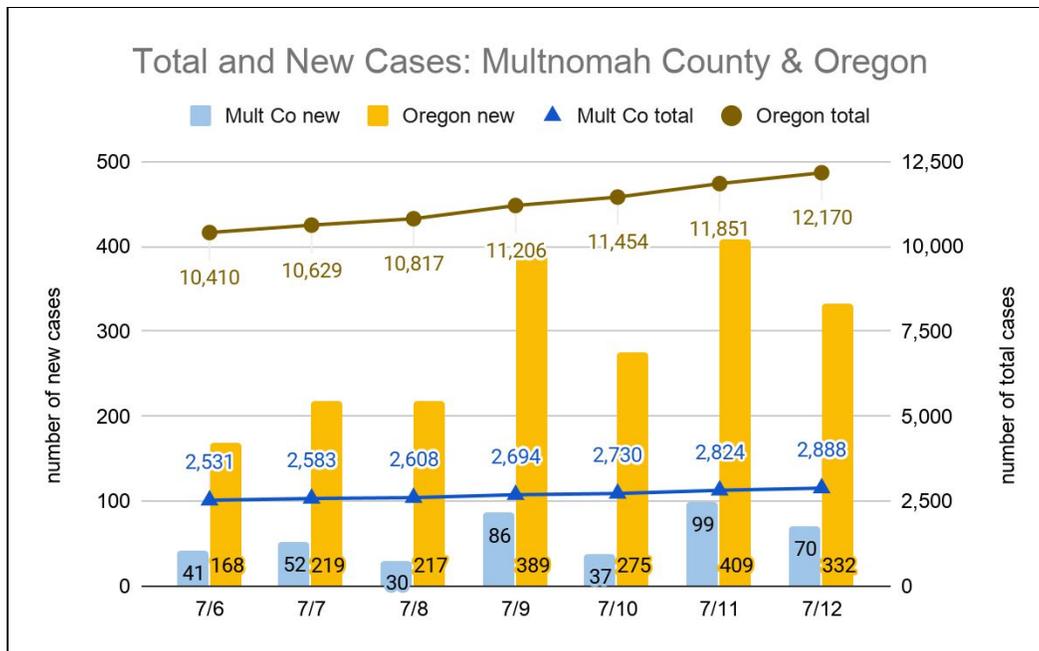
Epidemiology Data

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 **332 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases** reported in Oregon on July 12. **Seventy** of these new cases are in Multnomah County. Since the pandemic began, there have been a total of **2,888** confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County and **12,170** cases in Oregon. Multnomah County cases make up **24%** of the state’s total. The chart below shows cases over the past week.

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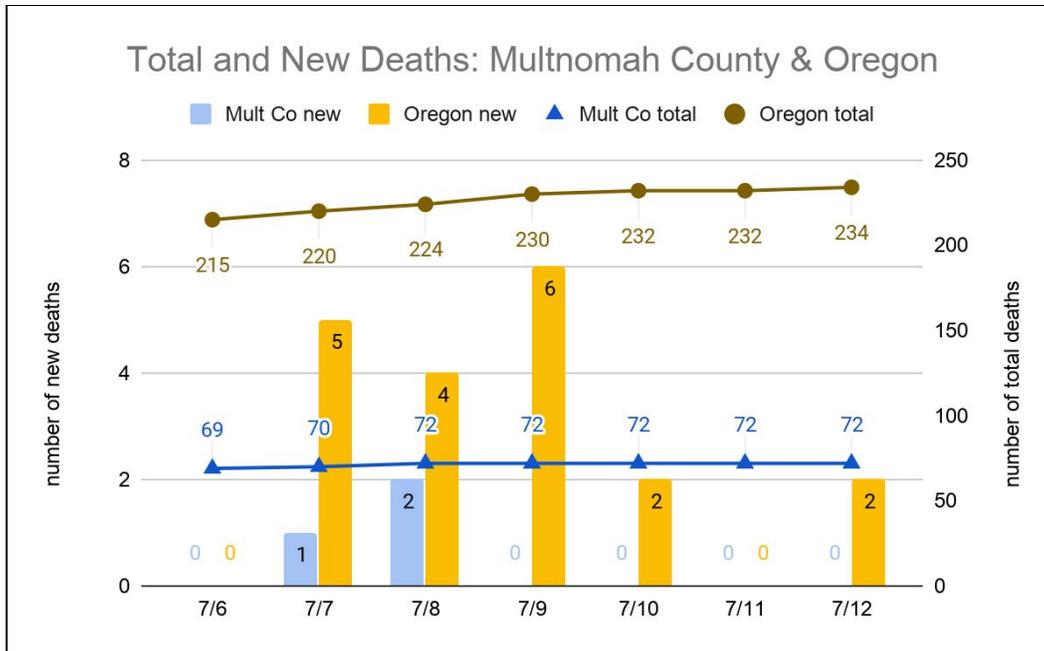


(Source: [Oregon Health Authority](#))

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 OHA’s [Testing and Outcomes by County](#) summary table, in order to be consistent with OHA data. On weekends, our Multnomah County total case counts are obtained from [OHA’s daily press releases](#).

There were **two new COVID-19 deaths in Oregon** reported on July 9. **None** of these deaths were 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 **234** known COVID-19 deaths in Oregon, statewide. Multnomah County deaths make up **30%** 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](#).

**Multnomah County is transitioning to a new case/contact data system, and as of July 12, there is a delay in updating the [Regional COVID-19 data dashboard](#). COVID-19 race and ethnicity data for Multnomah County will be published in future Multnomah County Situation Reports, when current data is available.**

#### EOC Section: [Logistics](#)

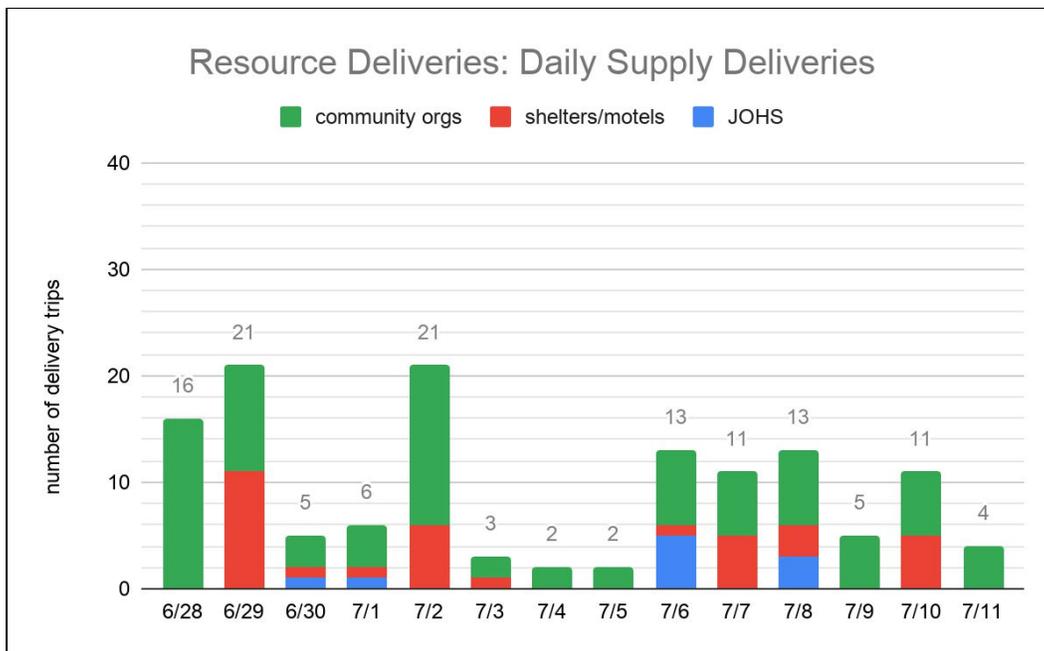
The Logistics Section supports the response actions of all other EOC sections. Logistics focuses on procedures for activating, dispatching, distributing, allocating, tracking, and deactivating resources needed for emergency and disaster operations from government, private, or volunteer sources. For Multnomah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

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.

## General

- [What Works Cities](#) and the Open Cities team are hosting a webinar on strategies that cities are using to engage with non-English speaking communities in their first language: [Remote Community Engagement: Connecting with Non-English Speaking Communities](#) will take place Tuesday, July 14, at 10:00 am.

## 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](mailto: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.

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## Local Updates

### Media and Announcements

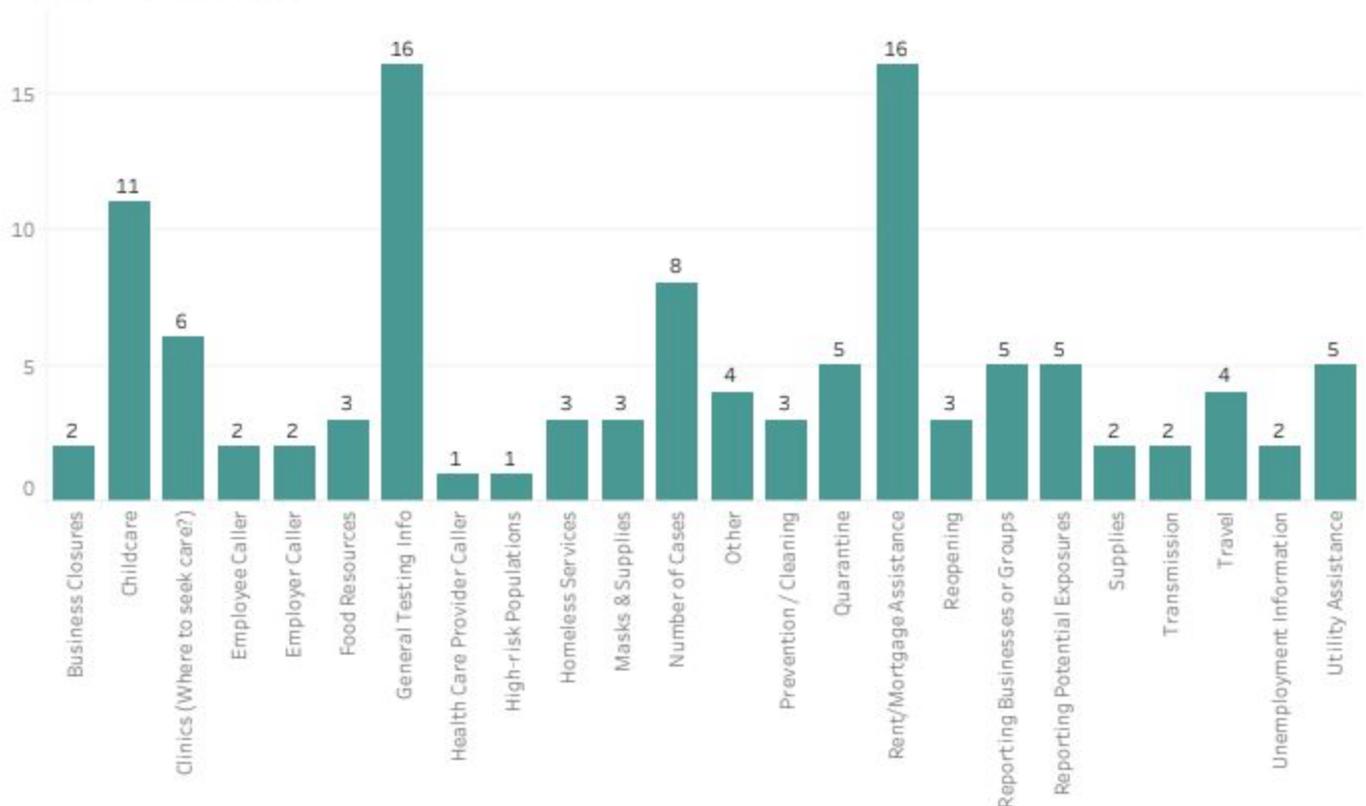
- In a July 9 [article about the possibility of local schools reopening for in-person learning](#), *Portland Monthly reported* quoted Portland Association of Teachers President Elizabeth Thiel: “If educators, students, and families cannot be reasonably assured that any plans for re-opening schools will prevent the spread of Covid-19, re-opening is the wrong choice.”

- On July 10, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported on the unexpected death of a 34-year old Vancouver man from COVID-19](#). “At 34, Dahn Tran is among the youngest to die of the illness in the Portland metro area,” the article said. He had no known underlying medical conditions.
- On July 10, [OPB reported that workers at the Montavilla location of Burgerville went on strike Friday](#), “due to concerns related to one staff member testing positive for COVID-19,” delaying the reopening of the restaurant.
- On July 11, [OPB reported that “Portland Public Schools said Saturday it is still working out what the beginning of the school year will look like](#). Its current plan includes some in-person learning, with physical distancing and other precautions in place.”
- On July 12, [The Oregonian/OregonLive published an article about restaurants around the Portland area that are focusing on outdoor dining](#), as a way to serve customers “in an environment where experts say the risk of contracting COVID-19 is lower.”

## 211 Calls

- There were 86 calls to 211 on Sunday, July 12.
- The most common reasons people called was to ask about rent/mortgage assistance and general testing information. Other frequent inquiries were about childcare, the number of cases and clinics (where to seek care).

Reason for Contact



Data for July 12, 2020.

# State of Oregon and Regional Updates

## Media and Announcements

- On July 8, the [Bend Bulletin](#) reported that “A steep drop in lottery funds due to the COVID-19 crisis has killed the sale of \$273 million in state bonds to pay for major projects.”
- On July 9, [OPB reported](#) that “COVID-19 infection rates among Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders in Oregon are 10 times the state average and 20 times the infection rate of white Oregonians, according to data from the Oregon Health Authority.”
- On July 9, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported](#) that some Oregon hospitals are reporting improved COVID-19 survival rates.
- On July 9, the [Salem Statesman Journal reported](#) that “The embattled owner of Glamour Salon, who reopened her downtown Salem salon on May 5 in violation of the state’s ‘Stay Home, Save Lives’ shutdown order, filed a \$100,000 civil rights lawsuit against Gov. Kate Brown, the State of Oregon and several state agencies.”
- On July 9, [OPB published an article about Oregon universities’ efforts](#) to navigate [new regulations from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#), which may force international students to leave the country this fall if their universities switch to online-only instruction.
- On July 10, [The Oregonian/OregonLive published an article about the Oregon Employment Department’s efforts to work through 70,000 unprocessed claims by August 8](#), saying “The department’s beefed up staff managed to process about 9,000 claims in its first two weeks, about 30% shy of its goal.”
- On July 10, the [Salem Statesman Journal reported that “The City of Woodburn is suing Marion County](#) over a COVID-19 isolation shelter at a local Super 8 Hotel and is accusing the county of violating the law and putting the community at risk of the coronavirus.”
- On July 10, [OPB reported that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission \(OLCC\) visited 800 businesses in person over the Fourth of July weekend, to assess businesses’ compliance with face covering and social distancing requirements](#). The article reports that OLCC inspectors “issued 74 verbal instructions to bars and restaurants to comply with coronavirus-related rules,” and that the OLCC forwarded “reports to the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) about nine bars and restaurants in the state that may have violated social distancing and face covering requirements.”
- On July 11, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported](#) on a new project that the Oregon Health Authority and the nonprofit Vive Northwest are collaborating on: a call center designed specifically for Lincoln County’s the county’s indigenous Guatemalan population to get information about COVID-19.
- On July 11, [OPB ran a story about Senate Bill 1606](#), a new anti-discrimination law passed in the recent special session of the Oregon Legislature. The law bars hospitals from requiring that patients have advance directives about end-of-life care.
- On July 11, [Willamette Week reported](#) that “In a tweet earlier this week, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown drew a contrast between herself and President Donald Trump on the issue of reopening schools during the pandemic.”

## Health System Capacity

As of July 10, 2020:

Data current as of 9:00am 2020-07-10		
Hospital Capacity and Usage in Oregon as reported to HOSCAP*		
Overall Capacity	Available	Total Staffed
Adult ICU Beds	117	770
Adult non-ICU Beds	680	4,343
NICU/PICU Beds	103	322
Pediatric non-ICU Beds	99	353

COVID-19 Details	Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19	Only Patients with Confirmed COVID-19
Current Hospitalized Patients	208	139
Current Patients in ICU Beds	56	46
Current Patients on Ventilators	30	26

Available Ventilators	776
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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 8, [PBS NewsHour reported](#) on challenges throughout the United States in providing adequate testing to assess the spread of COVID-19.
- On July 9, [The Washington Post reported](#) on political divides complicating the work of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The article notes, “Analysts say the deepening divide is undermining the authority of one of the world’s premier public health agencies, which previously led fights against malaria, smallpox and HIV/AIDS. Amid the worst public health crisis in a century, the CDC has in recent months altered or rescinded recommendations on topics including wearing masks and safely reopening restaurants and houses of worship as a result of conflicts with top administration officials.”

- On July 10, [CBS News reported](#) on disparities between men and women in COVID-19 outcomes. The article reports, “Researchers have been studying the effects of the coronavirus on both men and women, and they’ve found that men are more likely to suffer worse outcomes from the disease, and are as much as 2.4 times more likely to die.”
  - On July 10, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association, and the School Superintendents Association issued a [joint press release about reopening schools](#). They said, in part, “Returning to school is important for the healthy development and well-being of children, but we must pursue re-opening in a way that is safe for all students, teachers and staff. Science should drive decision-making on safely reopening schools. Public health agencies must make recommendations based on evidence, not politics. We should leave it to health experts to tell us when the time is best to open up school buildings, and listen to educators and administrators to shape how we do it.” This story was covered by [NPR](#). One day before the AAP’s press release, on July 9, [Education Week published an article outlining differences](#) between the Centers for Disease Control’s recommendations for school reopening and the American Academy of Pediatrics’ recommendations.
  - On July 11, the [Associated Press published a story about challenges tribes are facing distributing federal funding from the CARES Act](#): “Tribes are wrestling with competing needs, restrictive laws and inadequate staffing to deal with the financial windfalls on a tight deadline amid the debilitating pandemic. They must meet strict federal guidelines on the spending or risk having to send the money back. Congress approved \$8 billion for tribes in March under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. The money was supposed to go out within 30 days. But the payments to tribes were delayed as the Treasury Department grappled with how to dole out the funding, and some tribal nations sued the federal agency over which entities are eligible for a share.”
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## 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
<a href="#">211 Call Center</a>	211	<a href="mailto:help@211info.org">help@211info.org</a>	seven days a week, 8:00 am - 11:00 pm
<a href="#">Mental Health Call Center</a>	503-988-4888 Toll-free: 800-716-9769 TTY: 711		open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
<a href="#">Aging &amp; Disabilities Resource Connection</a>	503-988-3646	<a href="mailto:adrc@multco.us">adrc@multco.us</a>	information and assistance to older people, people with disabilities, and caregivers, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
<a href="#">City County Information and Referral</a>	503-823-4000		Mondays-Fridays, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Help and Resources

- **Having symptoms?**
  - [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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