Situation Report

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Incident Name: COVID-19 MultCo Coordination	

OERS Number: 2020-0279	

EOC: Activated	**Incident Commanders**: Kim Toevs, Multnomah County Health Department Alice Busch, Multnomah County Emergency Management Casey Layton, Department of County Management Jessica Guernsey, Multnomah County Health Department

Date: 7/20/2020	**Time:** 10:20 hours	Situation Reports are released on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at approximately 10:00 am. All posted Situation Reports are archived on the County's website.

To submit updates/actions to this report, email the Multnomah County EOC Situation Unit at eoc.situationunit@multco.us with the subject line: Update for COVID-19 Situation Report.

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 and is subject to change.
  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

- At present the drive through test sites are very busy. OHSU begins to turn people away from the line when they fear they won't complete testing before closing at 4. Currently 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 16, an alert to clinicians in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties provided an update on local testing capacity, as well as guidance for clinicians treating patients who have tested positive, and information for members of the public who have tested positive or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive.

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

- Join a weekly COVID-19 webinar for long-term care facilities, adult foster homes, residential treatment and other group living facilities, hosted by Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington County public health departments.

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury's website

- Updates to the County's COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium Information page were translated into Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Chuukese, Farsi, French, Japanese, Korean, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Thai, Tigrinya, and Vietnamese.
- Updates to the County's Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium page were translated into Amharic, Arabic, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Chuukese, Farsi, French, Japanese, Korean, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Thai, Tigrinya, and Vietnamese..

Social media highlights

- Multnomah County Health Department Facebook
  - Get there with care: ways to reduce COVID-19 risk while traveling—Hitting the road this summer? Making stops along the way for gas, food or bathroom breaks can put you and your companions in close contact with other people and surfaces. Ways to reduce your risk for COVID-19 when you travel.
- Multnomah County Twitter
  - Face coverings work to block the droplets (video): COVID-19 is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks and another person inhales those respiratory droplets . . . face coverings work to block the droplets — and staying six feet apart helps even more.
- Multnomah County Health Department Twitter
  - Hitting the trail this weekend? Don't forget to bring a face covering and use it.
- Multnomah County Health Department YouTube
  - Contact Tracing: What it is and How it Works—What can you expect if a contact tracer reaches out to you?
  - Rastreo de contactos: qué es y cómo funciona—What can you expect if a contact tracer reaches out to you? (Español)

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 the needs of people living in congregate (group) settings, 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.
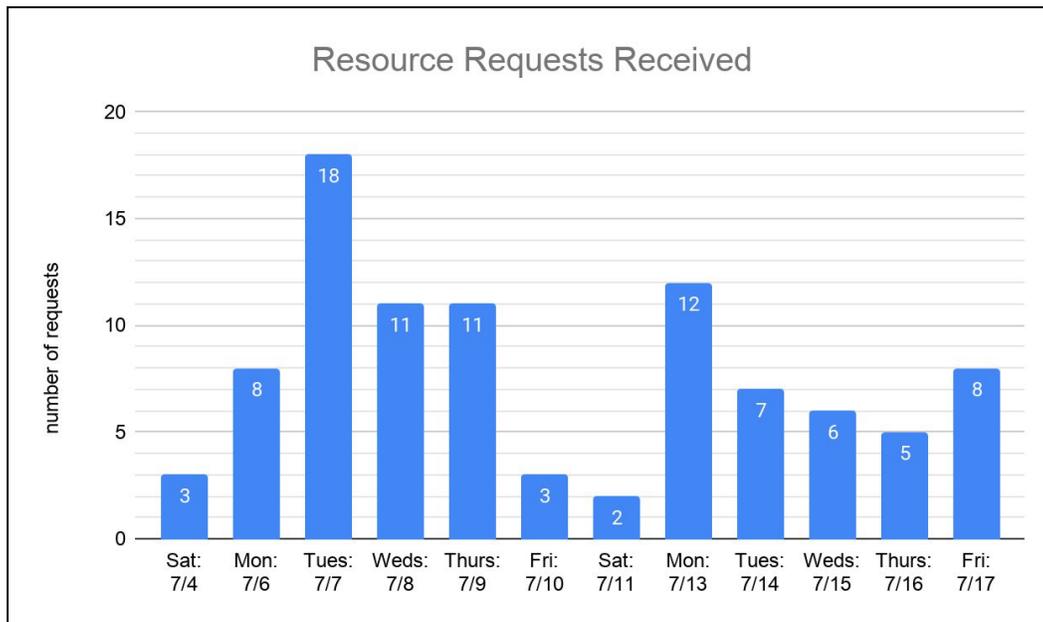

The Resource Request Unit operates Mondays-Saturdays.

Call Center

The EOC Call Center answers 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 updates 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, and scheduling appointments for the County's low-barrier COVID-19 testing.

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.

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Call Center: Calls/Emails by Topic

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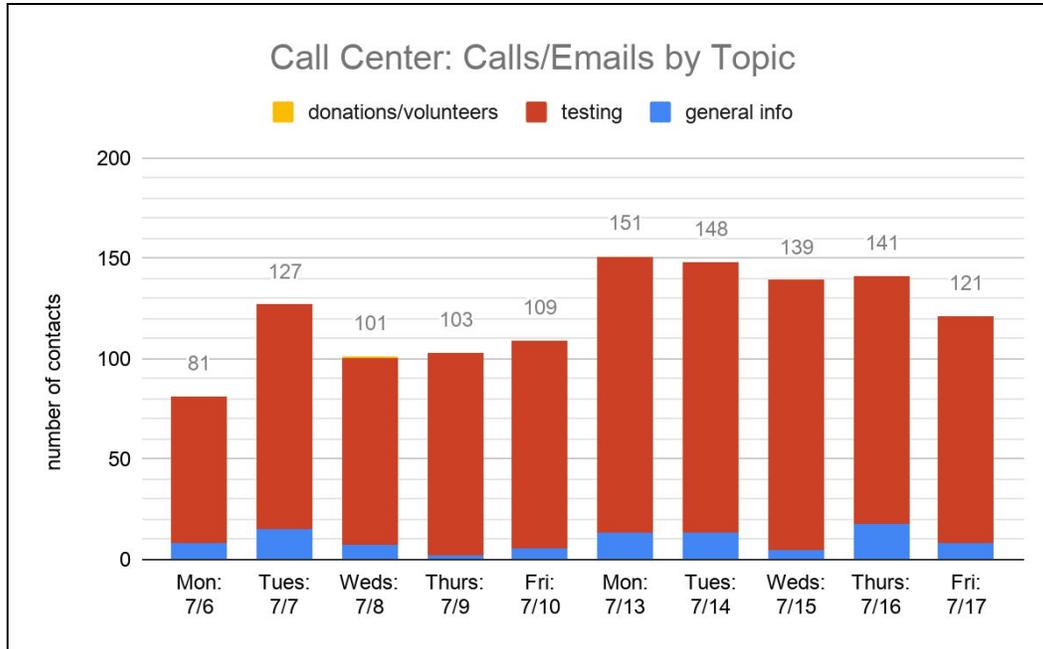
The Call Center is open Mondays-Fridays.

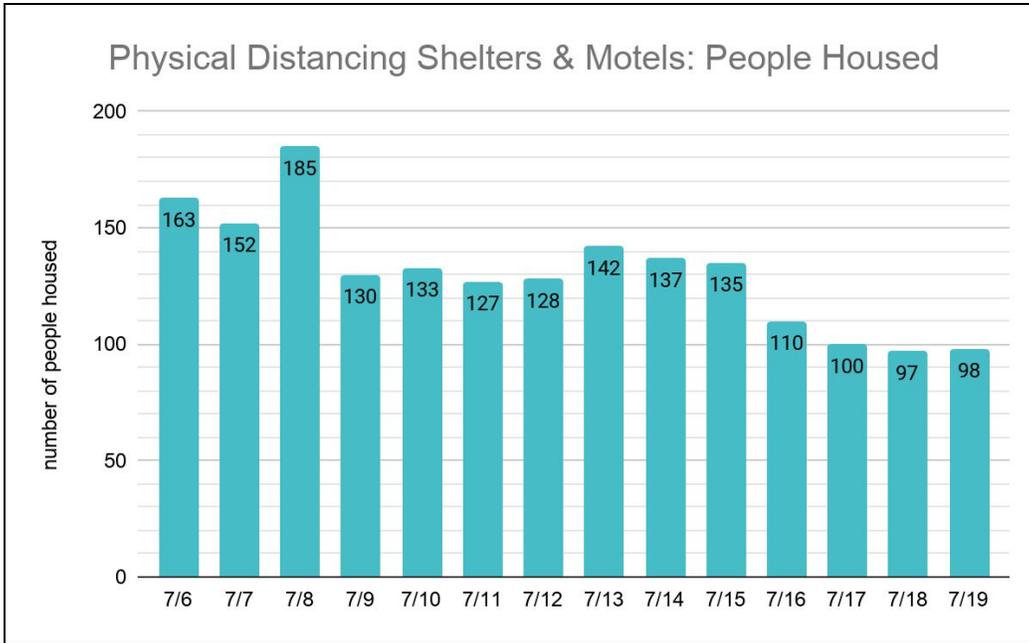## EOC Section: Mass Care and Shelter (Emergency Support Function 6)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Multnomah County has opened several temporary shelters and motels designed with physical distancing measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19 among people who are experiencing houselessness. Starting July 1, the County began a process of transitioning its Physical Distancing Motels to non-profit providers for long-term operations. Human Solutions, Inc. now operates a 53-room Physical Distancing Motel, Transition Projects, Inc. operates a 53-room motel, and Do Good Multnomah operates two motels, one with 40 rooms and one with 42. As these four properties transition to non-profit management, they will no longer be reported in this Situation Report.

Updates

- On July 15, the County began the process of closing one of its Physical Distancing Shelters. Guests at that shelter are being transferred to the new 43-room Physical Distancing Motel that is operated by Do Good Multnomah, or to the shelters where they were housed before the pandemic.
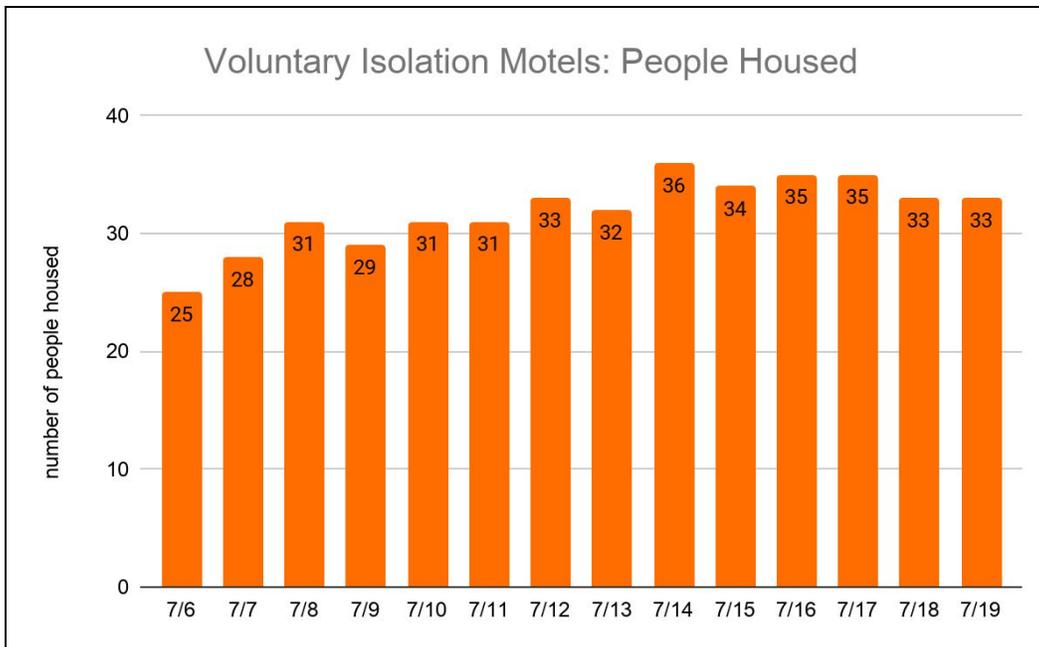
Daily Metrics: The Mass Care and Shelter section currently operates three Physical Distancing Shelters (with a total capacity of **315 beds**) and two Isolation Support Motels (with a capacity of **120 beds**). The charts below show the number of people housed in these shelters and motels for each day of the past two weeks.

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Physical Distancing Shelters & Motels: People Housed

number of people housed

Date	People Housed
7/6	163
7/7	152
7/8	185
7/9	130
7/10	133
7/11	127
7/12	128
7/13	142
7/14	137
7/15	135
7/16	110
7/17	100
7/18	97
7/19	98

Note: Data for 7/14 and 7/16 are estimates.

On July 15, the County began transferring 120 beds of Physical Distancing Shelter/Motel capacity to non-profit organizations 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.

Voluntary Isolation Motels: People Housed

number of people housed

Date	People Housed
7/6	25
7/7	28
7/8	31
7/9	29
7/10	31
7/11	31
7/12	33
7/13	32
7/14	36
7/15	34
7/16	35
7/17	35
7/18	33
7/19	33

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 **436 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases** reported in Oregon on July 19. **One hundred twenty-three** of these new cases are in Multnomah County. Since the pandemic began, there have been a total of **3,486** confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County and **14,579** cases in Oregon. Multnomah County cases make up **24%** of the state's total. The chart below shows cases over the past week.

For the second time in one week, Multnomah County has seen a new high for the County's single day increase in COVID-19 cases.
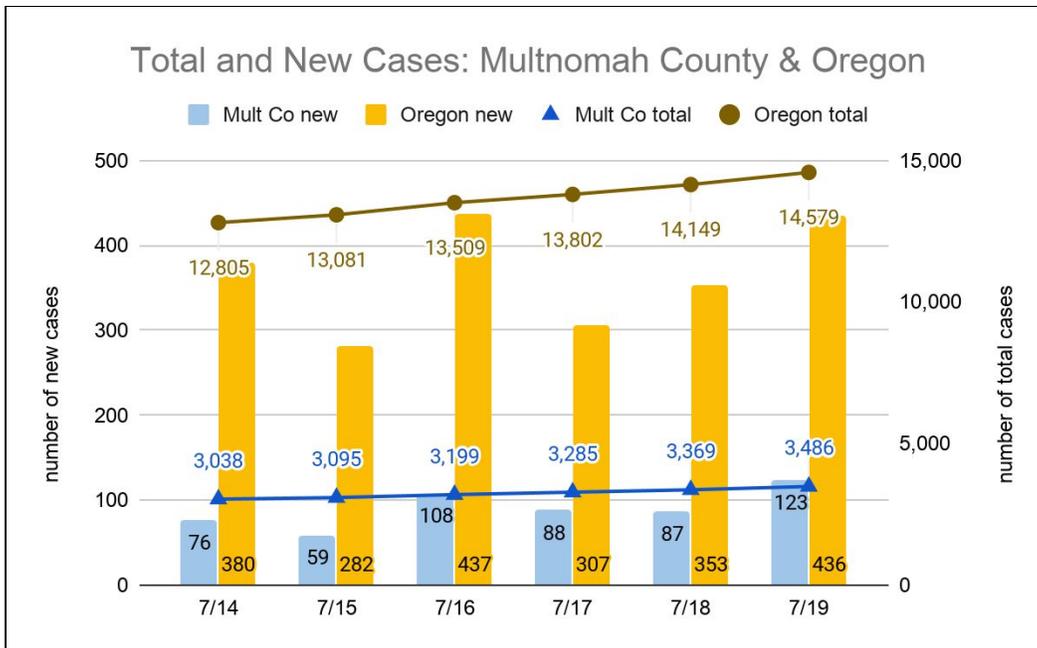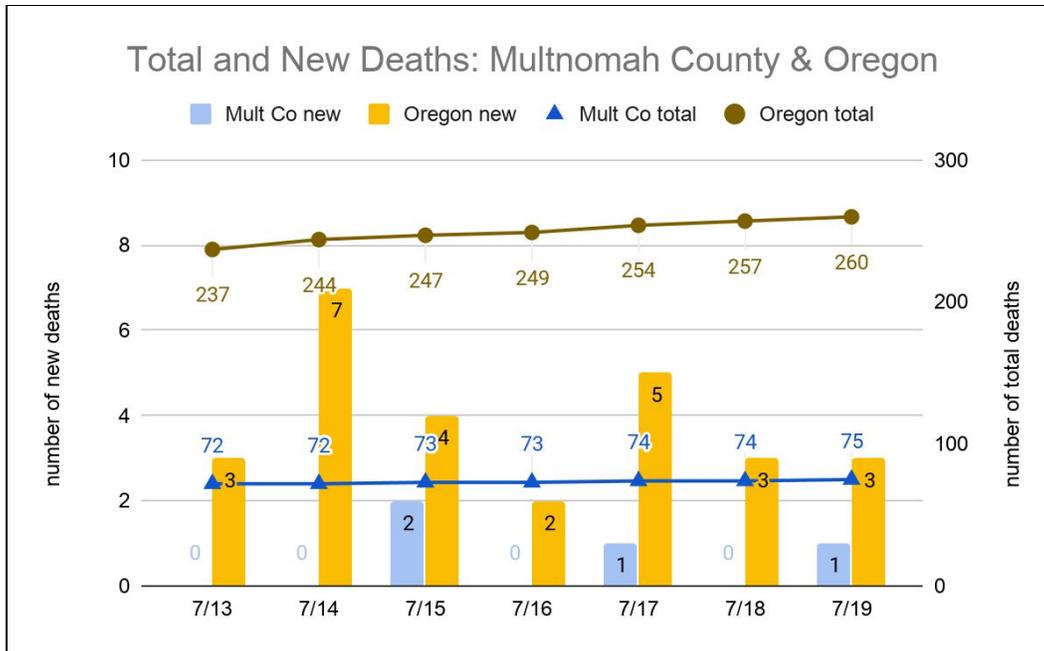

(Source: [Oregon Health Authority](#))

There were **three new COVID-19 deaths in Oregon** reported on July 19. **One** of these deaths was in Multnomah County. A total of **75** people are known to have died of COVID-19 in Multnomah County since the pandemic started, and there have been **260** known COVID-19 deaths in Oregon, statewide. Multnomah County deaths make up **29%** of the state's total. The chart below shows deaths over the past week.

Note: A July 15 OHA News Release included an important correction. The release notes, "The death of a 71-year-old woman from Multnomah County who died on May 5 was accidentally reported twice — once in the May 7 press release as Oregon's 120th death, and again in the May 8 press release as Oregon's 124th death. We regret the error. The total number of deaths today has been amended to reflect this change." The data in Multnomah County's Situation Report has been amended to reflect OHA's correction.

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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.
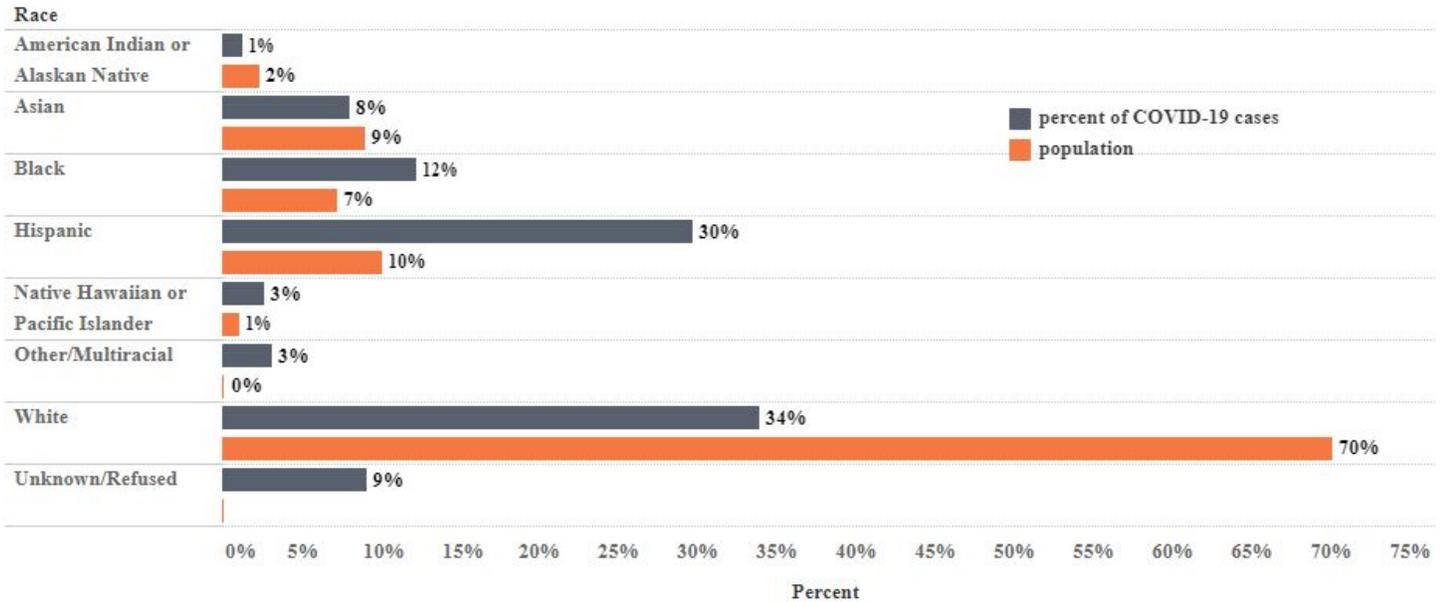
Race and Ethnicity Impact in Multnomah County

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. National data on racial disparities in the COVID-19 pandemic is updated daily in the COVID Racial Data Tracker, which is a joint project of the COVID Tracking Project at *The Atlantic* and the Center for Antiracist Research.

The charts below show **the percentage of total cases, deaths, and hospitalizations by race and ethnicity (in gray)**, as of July 18. 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.

(charts on the following pages)

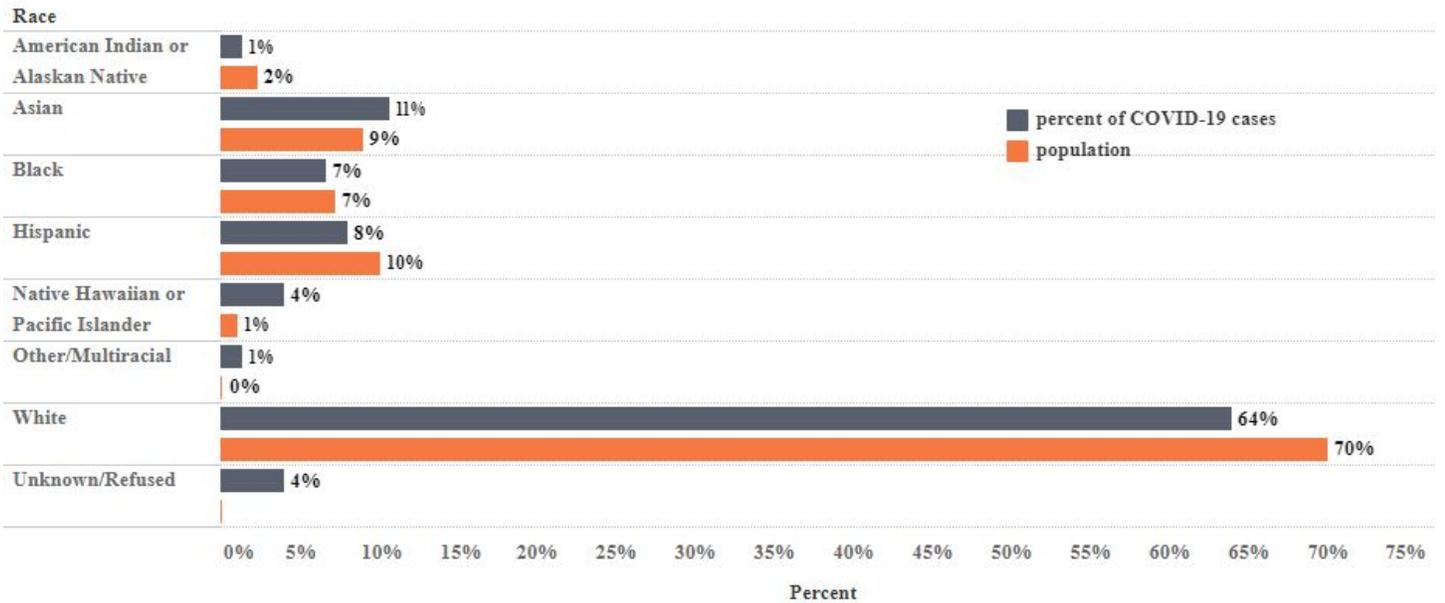## Cases by race/ethnicity and population proportions

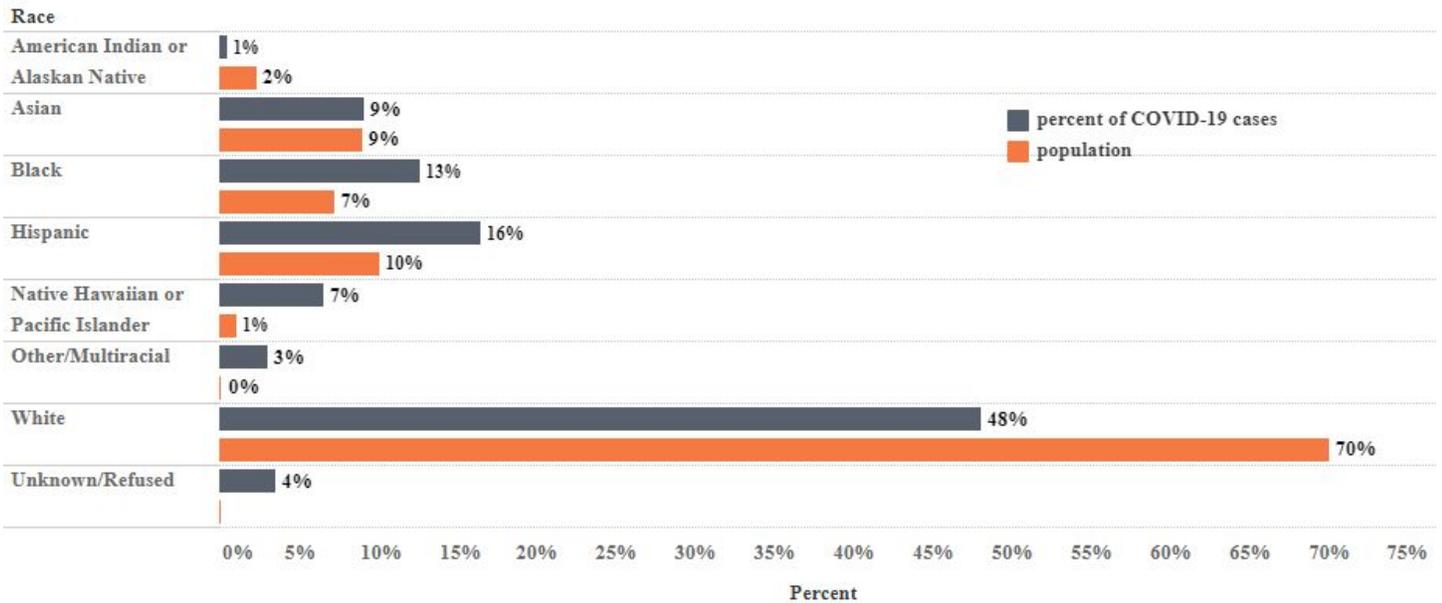*Percent of COVID-19 Cases Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions*

Race

Race	percent of COVID-19 cases	population
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	2%
Asian	8%	9%
Black	12%	7%
Hispanic	30%	10%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3%	1%
Other/Multiracial	3%	0%
White	34%	70%
Unknown/Refused	9%	

Percent

Data current as of July 18, 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

Race

Race	percent of COVID-19 cases	population
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	2%
Asian	11%	9%
Black	7%	7%
Hispanic	8%	10%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	4%	1%
Other/Multiracial	1%	0%
White	64%	70%
Unknown/Refused	4%	

Percent

Data current as of July 18, 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

Race

Race	percent of COVID-19 cases	population
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	2%
Asian	9%	9%
Black	13%	7%
Hispanic	16%	10%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	7%	1%
Other/Multiracial	3%	0%
White	48%	70%
Unknown/Refused	4%	

Data current as of July 18, 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.

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.
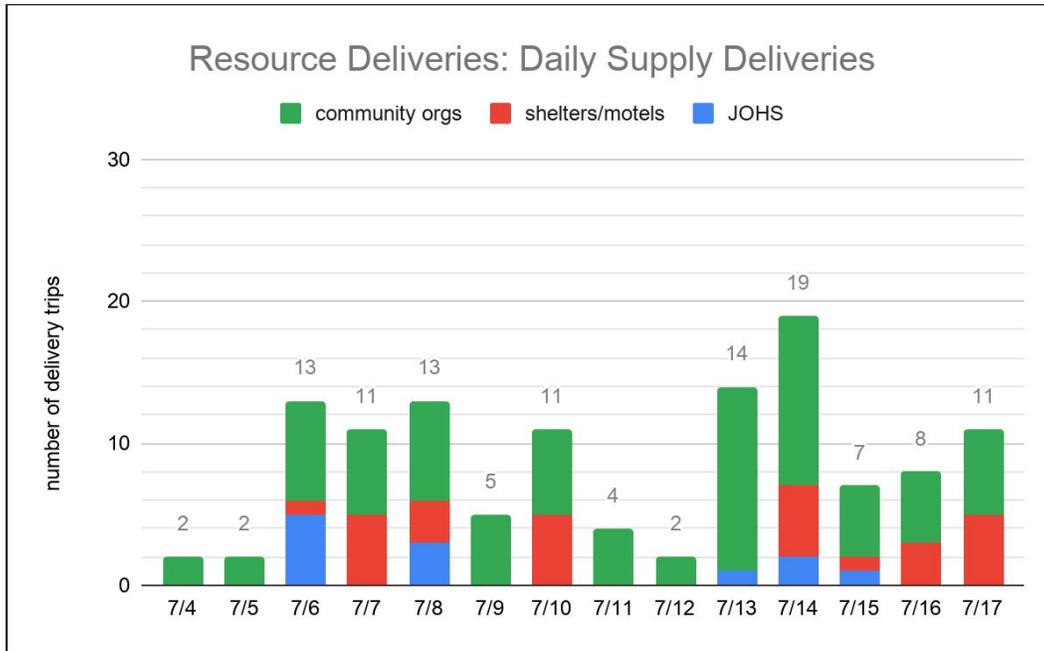
EOC Section: Community Liaisons

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

- Oregon Occupational Safety and Health (Oregon OSHA) is encouraging use of its online form for COVID-19-related workplace complaints, which can be used by employees or members of the public. Oregon OSHA will address inquiries and complaints, and provide advice to employers related to any potential violation of existing Oregon OSHA rules or directives issued by Oregon Governor Kate Brown, if they involve potential workplace exposure. See Oregon OSHA's COVID-19 FAQ for more information.
- The closure of pools and splash pads has the County's Health Officer worried about children's safety as families head to rivers and lakes to cool off. Practice water safety as temperatures rise.

Business

- The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is offering free permits so businesses can use public space and expand their square footage during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

- ○ The [Healthy Businesses permit](#) allows businesses and organizations to temporarily take up portions of sidewalks, parking spaces, or streets in order to meet the requirements for physical distancing to limit the spread of Covid-19.
- ○ Is your business owned by people who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC)? If so, you may also qualify for free professional design resources for your outdoor business space, free use of limited temporary street equipment, and free paint for decorative uses in your Healthy Businesses project.
- ○ For inquiries, contact PBOT at (503) 823-4026 or PBOTBusinessToolkit@portlandoregon.gov.

Small Business and Community Organizations

- The COVID-19 pandemic has taken an unprecedented toll on our local small businesses. Thanks to generous support from Business Oregon, [Point West is offering a limited number of grants for qualifying small businesses](#). Take their [pre-application survey to begin the application process](#). Grants will be made in the amounts of:
  - ○ $2,500 (no verification required); or
  - ○ up to $5,000 (verification of 60 days fixed expenses)

Grants will be awarded on a first-come-first served basis with a focus on sole proprietorships. All applications are due to Point West by no later than July 31, 2020

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**
	Taylor Steenblock	eoc.liaisonofficer@multco.us	**503-988-0071**
	Jade Budden	eoc.liaisonofficer@multco.us	**503-988-0071**
	Tiffany Colburn (Schools)	eoc.liaisonofficer@multco.us	**503-988-0071**
Deputy Liaison Unit Co-Leader	Devin Wilde	eoc.liaisonofficer@multco.us	**503-988-0071**
	Marianne Tanner	eoc.liaisonofficer@multco.us	**503-988-0071**
	Vanessa Tharp	eoc.liaisonofficer@multco.us	**503-988-0071**
	Lizzie Fussell	eoc.liaisonofficer@multco.us	**503-988-0071**
Affordable Housing	Shalynn Robinette	affordhousing.covid19@multco.us	503-988-0056
Aging and Disabilities, Veteran Services, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Jenna Stormwich	advsd.covid@multco.us	503-988-0057
	Rosemary Schmidt	advsd.covid@multco.us	503-988-0057
Businesses-Grocery	Debbie Herron	business.covid19@multco.us	503-988-0064
	Cynthia Malen	business.covid19@multco.us	503-988-0064
County Clinics (ICS)	Dawn Shatzel	outpatientclinic@multco.us	503-988-6546
	Ryan Linskey	outpatientclinic@multco.us	503-988-6546
Culturally Specific Communities	Robin Davis	community.covid19@multco.us	503-988-7352
	Walter Rodriguez	community.covid19@multco.us	503-988-7352
	Regina Ingabire	community.covid19@multco.us	503-988-7352

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HIV Services	Amanda Hurley	hivsvc.covid19@multco.us	503-988-5926
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Maternal and Child Health	Ronnie Meyers	mch.covid19@multco.us	503-988-5946
	VaSheeta Charles	mch.covid19@multco.us	503-988-5946
Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers	Daniel Garcia	msfw.covid19@multco.us	
Neighborhood Emergency Teams	Jeremy Van Keuren	net@portlandoregon.gov	503-988-9429
Outpatient Clinics	Christine Bernsten	outpatientclinic@multco.us	503-988-6475
	Peg King	outpatientclinic@multco.us	503-988-6475
Parks	Shelby Coshow	parks.covid19@multco.us	503-988-5928
Pharmacies	James Slater	pharm.covid19@multco.us	503-988-9126
School Liaison (K-12, Childcare, Universities)	Gregory Beslile	eoc.liaisonschools@multco.us	503-988-0061
	Brooke Chilton-Timmons	eoc.liaisonschools@multco.us	503-988-0061
Small Business Liaison	Nathan Clarke	small.business.covid@multco.us	503-988-6790

| Violence Prevention	Alix Sanchez	vp.covid19@multco.us	503-988-7522
Youth Liaisons	Sara Ryan	youth.covid19@multco.us	503-988-0093
	Nicole Meyer	youth.covid19@multco.us	503-988-0093

Local Updates

Media and Announcements

- On July 19, *The Oregonian* reported that, after unexpected delays, furloughed Oregon teachers have begun to receive jobless benefits. According to the article, "The employment department says it has made significant progress on the Work Share program that schools and many private employers are using to compensate employees during temporary layoffs. The department said it has paid 42,000 Work Share claims thus far and that 1,420 employers are participating in the program."

211 Calls

- There were 111 calls to 211 on Sunday, July 19.
- The most common reason people called was to ask about general testing information. Another frequent inquiry was about rent/mortgage assistance.

Reason for Contact
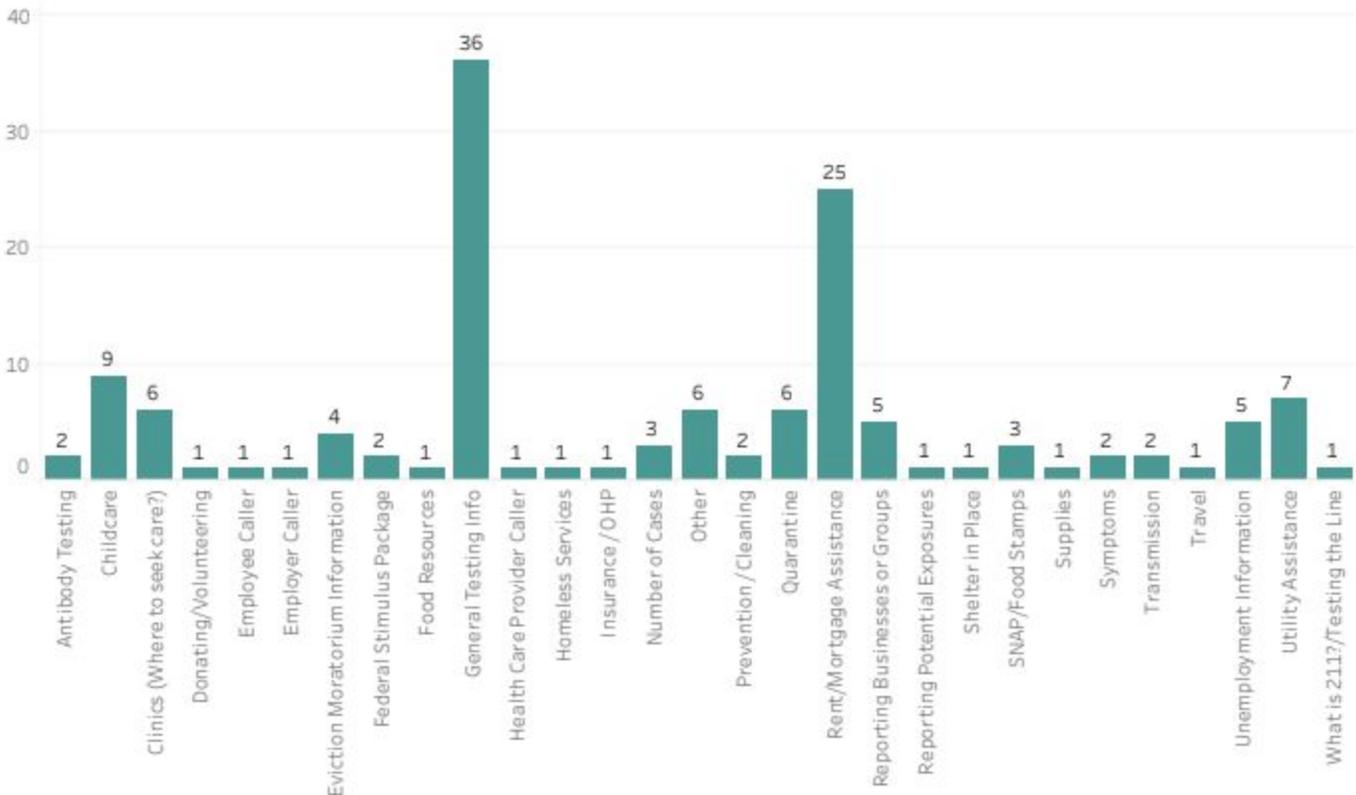
Data for July 19, 2020.

State of Oregon and Regional Updates

Media and Announcements

- On July 16, OPB reported on the impact of COVID-19 as it sweeps rural Oregon as well as urban areas. The article states, "Multnomah County, with the most cases in Oregon, is also the state's most populous county. But the five counties with the highest per-capita number of cases are all rural, and the four hardest-hit counties are located in the dry, eastern side of the state. For every hundred people in Umatilla, Malheur, Union, and Morrow counties, almost 1.5 people have the new coronavirus — about five times higher than the rate in Multnomah County. And that's just confirmed cases."
- On July 16, KPTV presented a short video providing tips from the Oregon Health Authority on helping children use face coverings.
- On July 16, KPTV.com reported delays in COVID-19 test results. The article quotes Oregon State Medical Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger saying, "What we're seeing with many laboratories, particularly commercial laboratories, that process specimens from multiple states, is that the delay in getting results can be a week or more. This is impacted by shortages in supply chains for chemicals that are used in the lab as well as the increase in case counts not just here in Oregon, but across the United States." The article goes on to report, "Sidelinger said because of that high demand, the OHA is working to prioritize tests for people who have been potentially exposed and people in high-risk settings like congregate workplaces or housing."
- On July 16, OPB reported the proposed closing of two state prisons to redirect funds toward Oregon schools struggling with unexpected costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The article notes, "Two Oregon prisons are on the chopping block, as state lawmakers wrestle with how to close a yawning budget gap spurred by the coronavirus pandemic," and continues, "[w]hile not a final product, the [proposed budget] framework includes a mix of nearly $400 million in cuts and administrative savings, pulling another $400 million from a state reserve fund for schools, and tapping a series of resource adjustments that allow the state to close a nearly $1.1 billion budget gap."
- On July 17, in an interview on OPB's *Think Out Loud*, Governor Kate Brown addressed Oregon's growing COVID-19 caseload.
- On July 18, the *Associated Press* reported on the impact of an increasing COVID-19 caseload in rural Oregon communities. The article notes, "Umatilla County has Oregon's highest number of confirmed infections per capita, sometimes reporting a figure this month above that of Multnomah County, which is 10 times larger and includes Portland. The surge in Umatilla and most of Oregon's rural counties is driving the state's rise in confirmed cases."

Health System Capacity

As of July 17, 2020:

Hospital Capacity and Usage in Oregon as reported to HOSCAP*		
Overall Capacity	**Available**	**Total Staffed**
Adult ICU Beds	143	764
Adult non-ICU Beds	750	4,387
NICU/PICU Beds	86	322
Pediatric non-ICU Beds	102	348

COVID-19 Details	Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19	Only Patients with Confirmed COVID-19
Current Hospitalized Patients	242	158
Current Patients in ICU Beds	64	50
Current Patients on Ventilators	34	28

Available Ventilators	779

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 17, [*The Oregonian*/OregonLive reported on the increasing incidence of COVID-19 in school age children](#). The article notes, "While the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has long maintained on its website that those younger than 18 make up only 2% of cases, state data paint a much less rosy picture. California and Mississippi, for instance, are recording rates nearing 10% of overall cases. Florida has found that about a third of all children tested there are infected."
- On July 18, NPR reported [a surprising shift in COVID-19 reporting requirements](#), with information now flowing to the US Department of Health and Human Services instead of the Centers for Disease Control.

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 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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