

Situation Report

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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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If possible, please call ahead at 503-988-8939 to make an appointment. **NOTE: Due to near 100-degree weather forecasted for Monday, July 27, the Multnomah County East County Testing Site will only be open in the morning hours from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.**
- [Oregon Health and Sciences University \(OHSU\) offers mobile, drive-through testing sites in Portland and Hillsboro](#). OHSU offers testing for people with symptoms ages 2 months and older, and for people in specific risk groups. [See who can be tested on OHSU's website](#). Testing is walk-in only; no appointments. There may be a long wait if demand is high. For more information, call the OHSU Coronavirus Hotline: 833-647-8222.
Testing locations are:
 - Portland Expo Center, 2060 N Marine Dr., Portland, Monday-Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 - Gordon Faber Recreation Center, Hillsboro Stadium, 4450 NE Century Blvd., Hillsboro, Monday-Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:00 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 23, Multnomah County Public Health Director Rachael Banks, Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Vines, and Communicable Disease Director Kim Toevs presented a [COVID-19 Response briefing to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners](#). The COVID-19 Response briefing begins at 53:00 minutes into the video.
- On July 24, the Oregon Health Authority released an update to its modeling report, [COVID-19 Epidemic Trends and Projections in Oregon](#). The authors state that modelling indicates “transmission increased substantially after reopening, then decreased somewhat, and is now about 15 percentage points higher than immediately before reopening. . . . If transmission remains at current levels, we expect continued growth in infections; however, a reduction of 10 percentage points may be sufficient to stop growth.” The report goes on to outline three scenarios, all of which show COVID-19 infections increasing. By mid-August, the scenarios estimate between 600 and 3,900 new COVID-19 infections each day, and between 83,200 and 128,900 cumulative infections. These estimates are a little lower than those in OHA's [July 8 modeling report](#). [KGW](#) and [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#) ran stories discussing the new modeling report.

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 Corona COVID-19](#) website

- Updated the [Business Reopening Tools](#) and [Guidance for Employers with a Positive Case](#) pages with information about COVID-19 testing and employees who are returning to work. New points emphasized are:

- Employees should not be required to show negative tests to return to work.
- If an employer requires testing as a condition of employment, they must pay for that expense.
- We ask employers and their employees to cooperate with case investigators and contact tracers.

Social media highlights

- [Multnomah County Facebook](#)
 - [As temperatures rise this weekend, and COVID-19 forces pools, libraries and theaters to remain closed, consider ways to beat the heat:](#) find a shady spot, drink more water, take a cool shower, wear light or loose clothing, and turn on a fan. Avoid alcohol, sugary drinks or turning on the oven. And check on elderly neighbors with a phone call or a physically distanced knock on the door.
- [Multnomah County Twitter](#)
 - [City of Portland voters have until Thursday, August 6 to safely mail back their ballot for the August 11, 2020 Special Runoff Election](#) You can also use any official ballot drop site listed here: <http://multco.us/dropsites>. That includes 24-Hour Book Drop boxes at libraries.
 - [Track the status of your ballot](#) and get a virtual “I Voted” sticker? Text, email, or voice alerts tell voters when ballots have been mailed and received. @MultCoElections voters can [sign up online](#).
- [Multnomah County Health Department Facebook](#)
 - [Face coverings are now one of the 10 Essentials](#) Bring one on every outdoor adventure and wear it whenever you encounter others to help limit #COVID19. #MaskUpOR #BeOutdoorSafe
- [Multnomah County Health Department Twitter](#)
 - [Young and healthy? If you get #COVID19, you still might be sick for a REALLLLLY long time.](#) Currently, people in their 20s and 30s are the most likely to get sick with COVID19. Stay 6 feet apart, wash hands and #MaskUp to stay healthy!

EOC Section: [Operations](#)

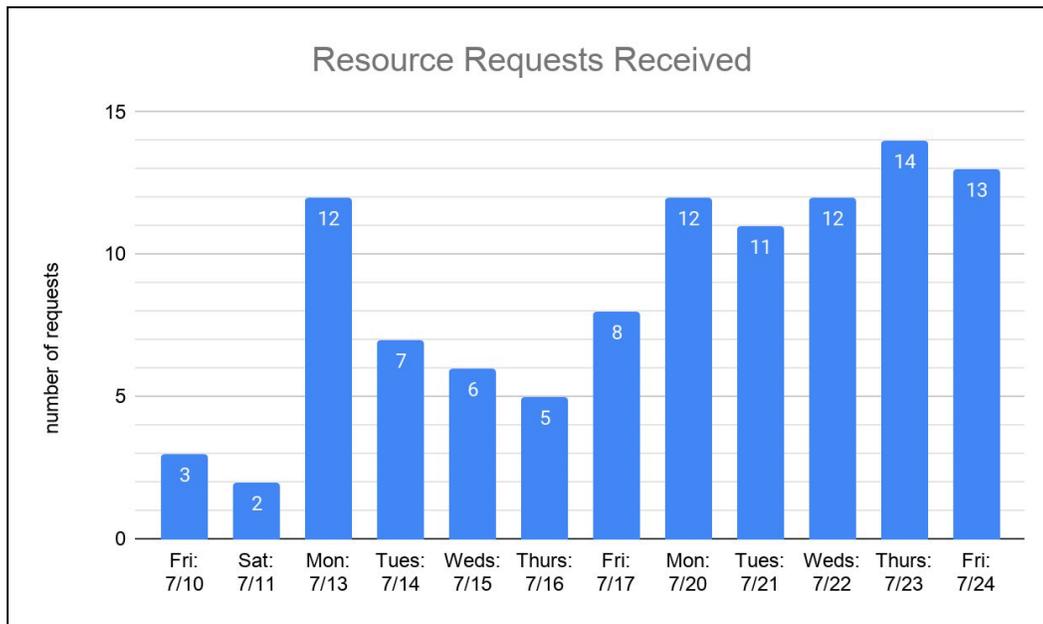
The Operations section has several operational areas, each of which report on daily metrics. Weekly metrics are reported each Wednesday.

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.



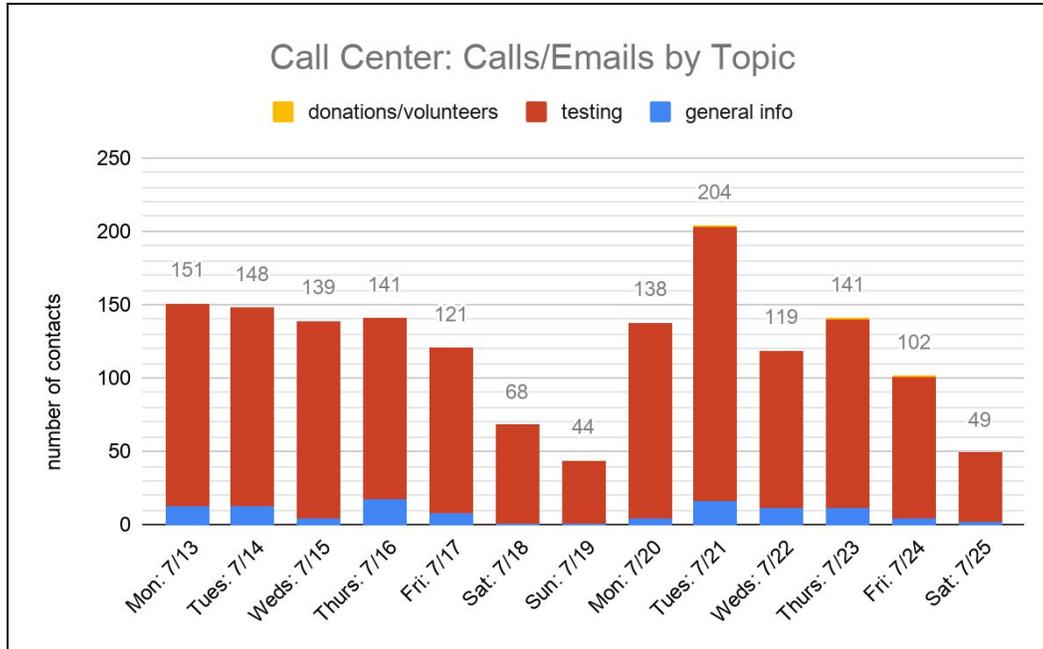
Note: the Resource Request Unit operates Mondays-Saturdays.

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 began as a Monday - Friday operation but on June 18, due to high demand, the Call Center shifted to a seven day per week operation. 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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Note: the Call Center is open Mondays-Fridays.

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

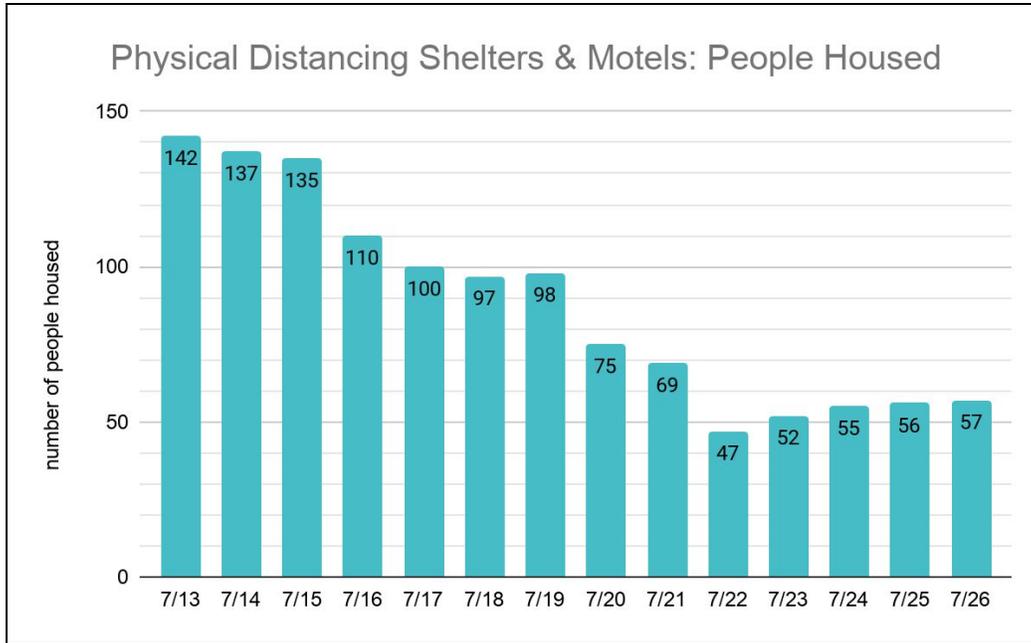
During the COVID-19 pandemic, Multnomah County has opened several temporary shelters and motels designed with physical distancing measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19 among people who are experiencing houselessness. Starting July 1, the County began a process of transitioning its Physical Distancing 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 22, the County successfully transferred guests from two of its Physical Distancing Shelters. These patrons were transferred to the new Physical Distancing Motel, or to Voluntary Isolation Motels, depending on their needs. These moves allow patrons to have greater access to the supports and services provided by Do Good Multnomah, Human Solutions, Inc., and Transition Projects, Inc.

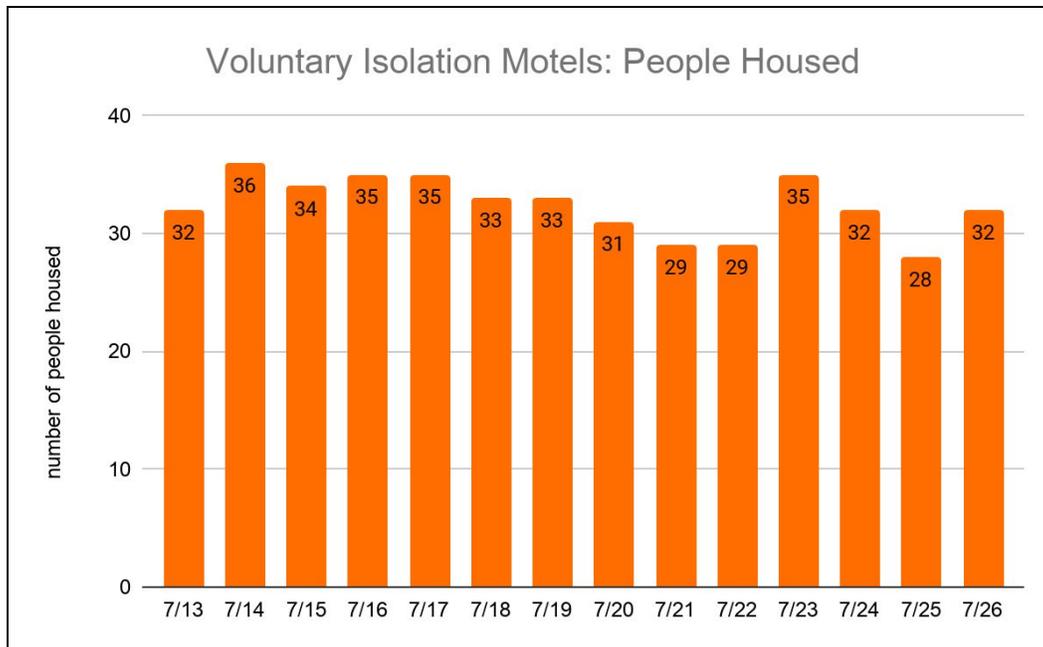
Daily Metrics: The Mass Care and Shelter section currently operates one Physical Distancing Shelter (with a total capacity of **120 beds**) and two Voluntary Isolation Motels (with a total capacity of **120 beds**). The charts below show the number of people housed in these shelters and motels for each day of the past two weeks.

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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.



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. This Section contains Units that

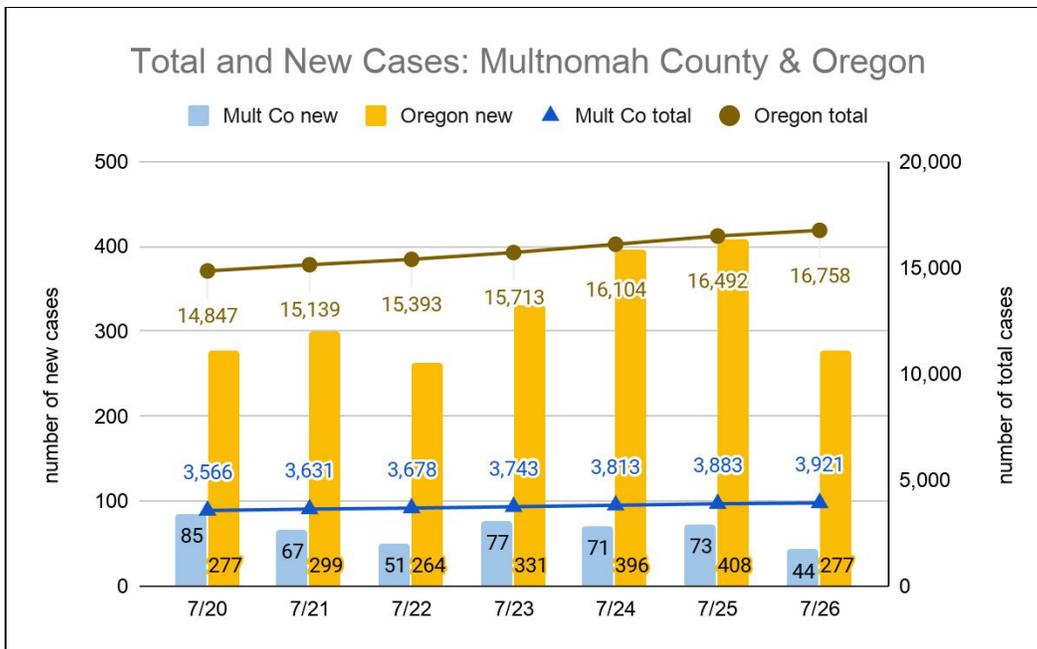
support Fatality Management, Region 1 Hospital and Health Systems, Emergency Medical Services, COVID Testing, and Communicable Disease Investigations which includes Epidemiology, Case Investigation and Contact Tracing.

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

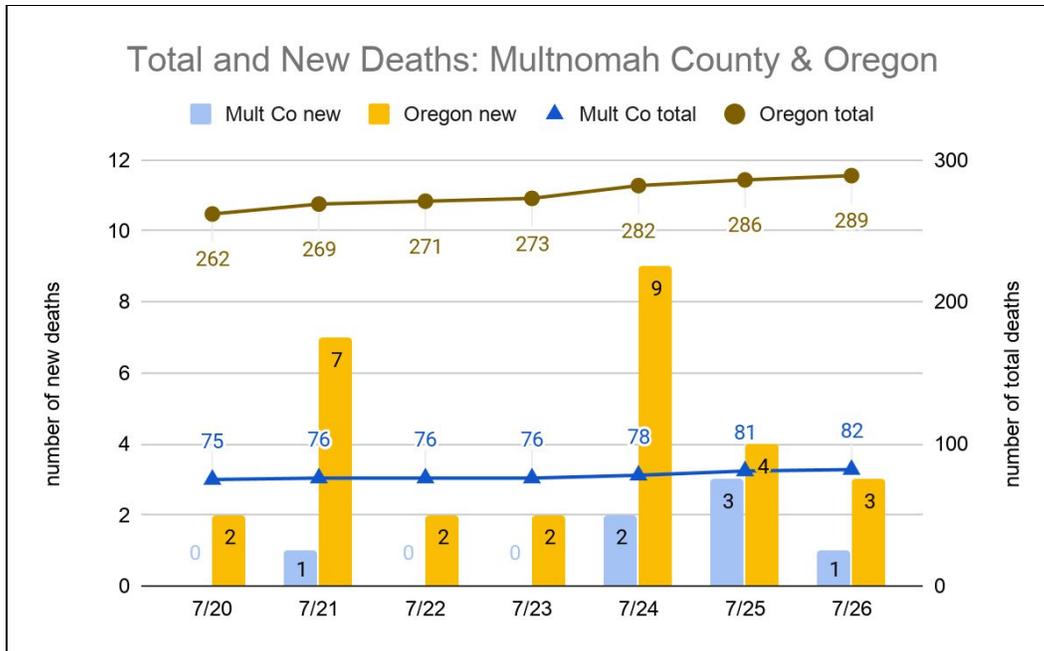
There were **277 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases** reported in Oregon on July 26. **Forty-four** of these new cases are in Multnomah County. Since the pandemic began, there have been a total of **3,921** confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County and **16,758** cases in Oregon. Multnomah County cases make up **23%** of the state’s total. The chart below shows cases over the past week.



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

There were **three new COVID-19 deaths in Oregon** reported on July 23. **One** of these deaths was in Multnomah County. A total of **82** people are known to have died of COVID-19 in Multnomah County since the pandemic started, and there have been **289** known COVID-19 deaths in Oregon, statewide. Multnomah County deaths make up **28%** 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

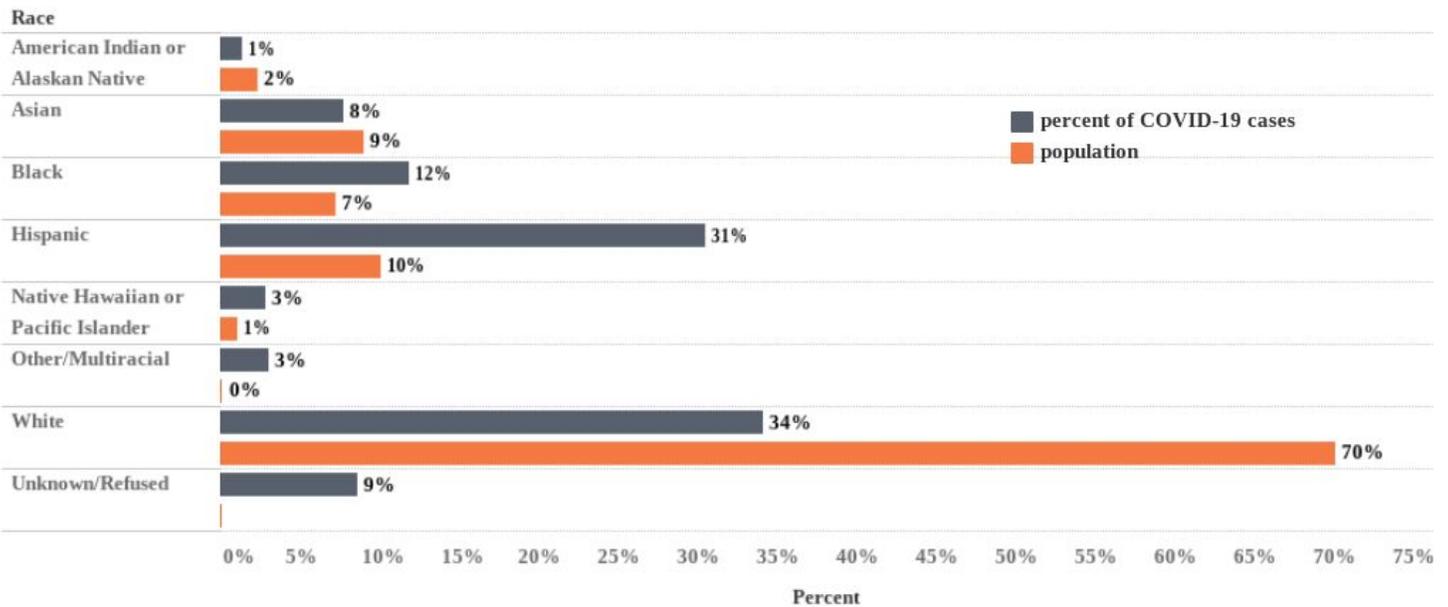
Detailed local data, including demographics (race, sex, age, and housing status) are available in the [Regional COVID-19 data dashboard](#) hosted by Multnomah County. The dashboard also contains data on case counts, hospitalizations, symptoms and coexisting conditions, and testing. For statewide data on COVID-19 cases in Oregon by sex, age group, race, and ethnicity, consult the Oregon Health Authority’s [Demographics and Disease Severity dashboard](#). 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 25. 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

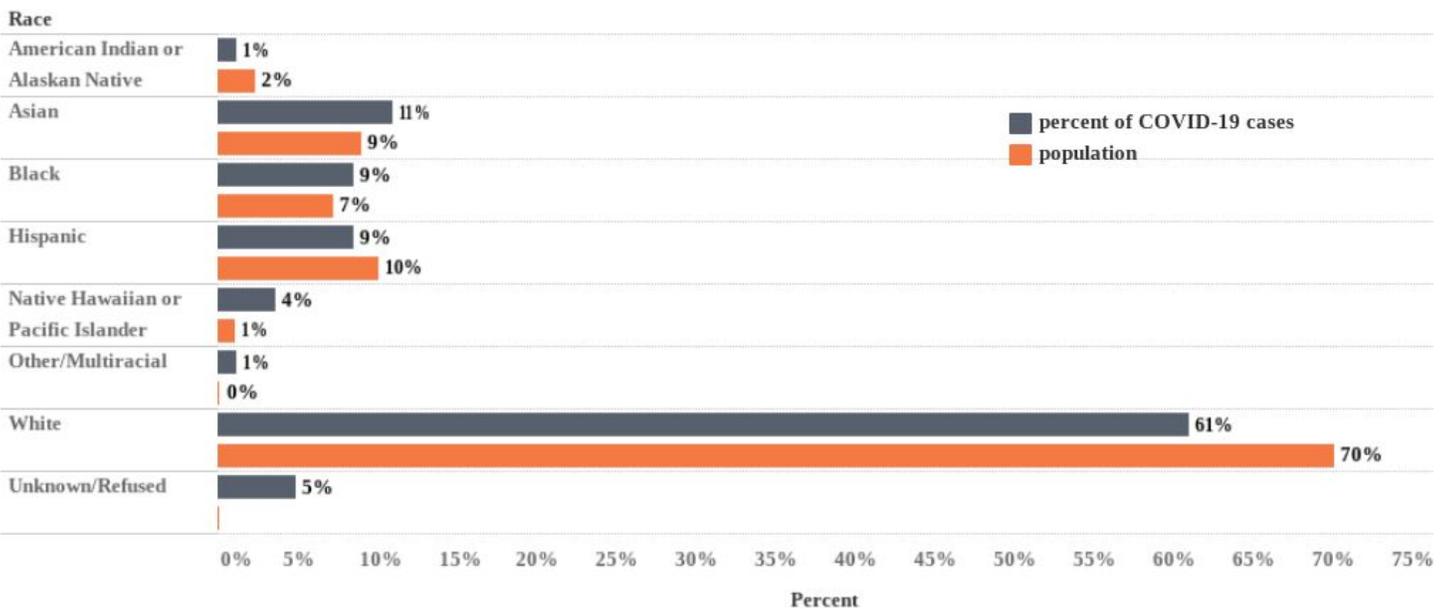
Percent of COVID-19 Cases Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions



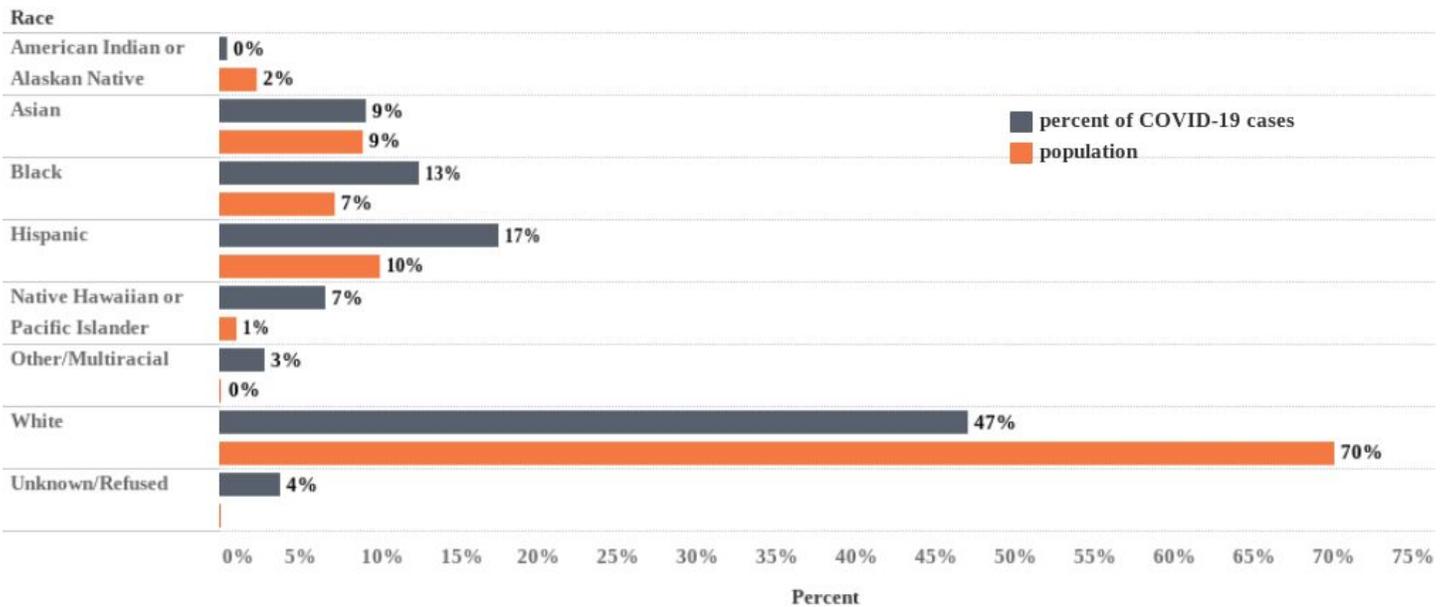
Data current as of July 25, 2020 (source: [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)).

Deaths by race/ethnicity and population proportions

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



Data current as of July 25, 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 25, 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.](#)

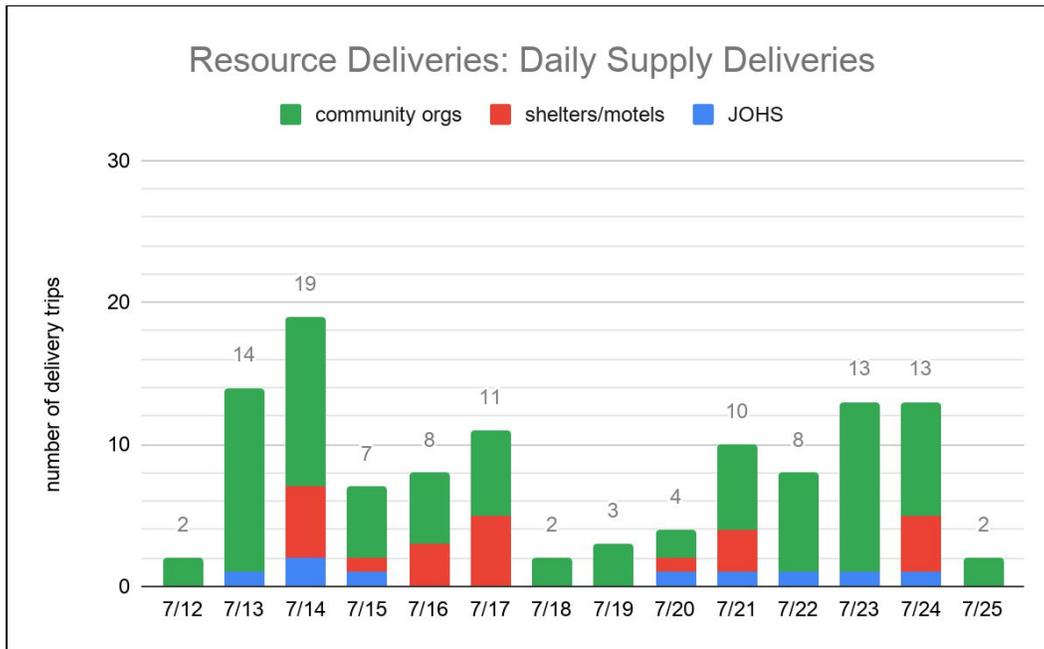
Food Unit

The Food Unit supports guests at Physical Distancing Shelters and Voluntary Isolation Motels, as well as volunteers and staff contributing to emergency response operations. This team supports a 24 hour, 7 day a week operation and organizes, sources, and delivers more than 1,400 meals each week. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to place increased pressure on the local restaurant industry, the Food Unit prioritizes agreements with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)-owned businesses. This is one example of

the many ways County resources are being leveraged to mitigate the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on BIPOC communities.

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

On Tuesday, July 28, the EOC Community Liaison team will be hosting our second bi-weekly Liaison Community Building meeting with the goal of all of our community-based liaisons learning from one another, building trust and sharing resources and knowledge.

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**.
- [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.liasonofficer@multco.us	503-988-0071
	Taylor Steenblock	eoc.liasonofficer@multco.us	503-988-0071
	Jade Budden	eoc.liasonofficer@multco.us	503-988-0071
	Tiffany Colburn (Schools)	eoc.liasonofficer@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
Event Venues	April Severson	eventvenues.covid19@multco.us	503-988-0074
Faith-Based/ Community Organizations	Srikanth Kalluri	fbcocovid19@multco.us	503-988-0067
	Anne Trudeau	fbcocovid19@multco.us	503-988-0067
	Amber Ziring	fbcocovid19@multco.us	503-988-0067
	Catherine Gonzalez-Maddux	fbcocovid19@multco.us	503-988-0067
Fire	Scott Lewis	fire.covid19@multco.us	503-988-0059
Food Access	Frances Hall	foodaccess.covid19@multco.us	503-988-8942
Food, Pools, Lodging, & Hospitality	Jeff Martin	FPLH.COVID19@multco.us	503-988-9317
Governmental & Served Agencies	Taylor Steenblock	taylor.steenblock@multco.us	503-988-0063
HIV Services	Amanda Hurley	hivsvc.covid19@multco.us	503-988-5926
Homeless Congregate Housing	Celeste Duvall	JOHS-em-duty@multco.us	503-349-9946
Hospitals	Kathryn Richer	kathryn.a.richer@multco.us	503-988-8646
	Robin Holm	robin.m.holm@multco.us	503-988-8735
Law Enforcement	Harry Smith	lawenforce.covid19@multco.us	503-988-8943

LGBTQ+	Tyler TerMeer	LGBTQ.COVID19@multco.us	503-988-5942
Licensed Residential Facilities	Leticia Sainz	behavioralhlth.covid19@multco.us	503-988-9956
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

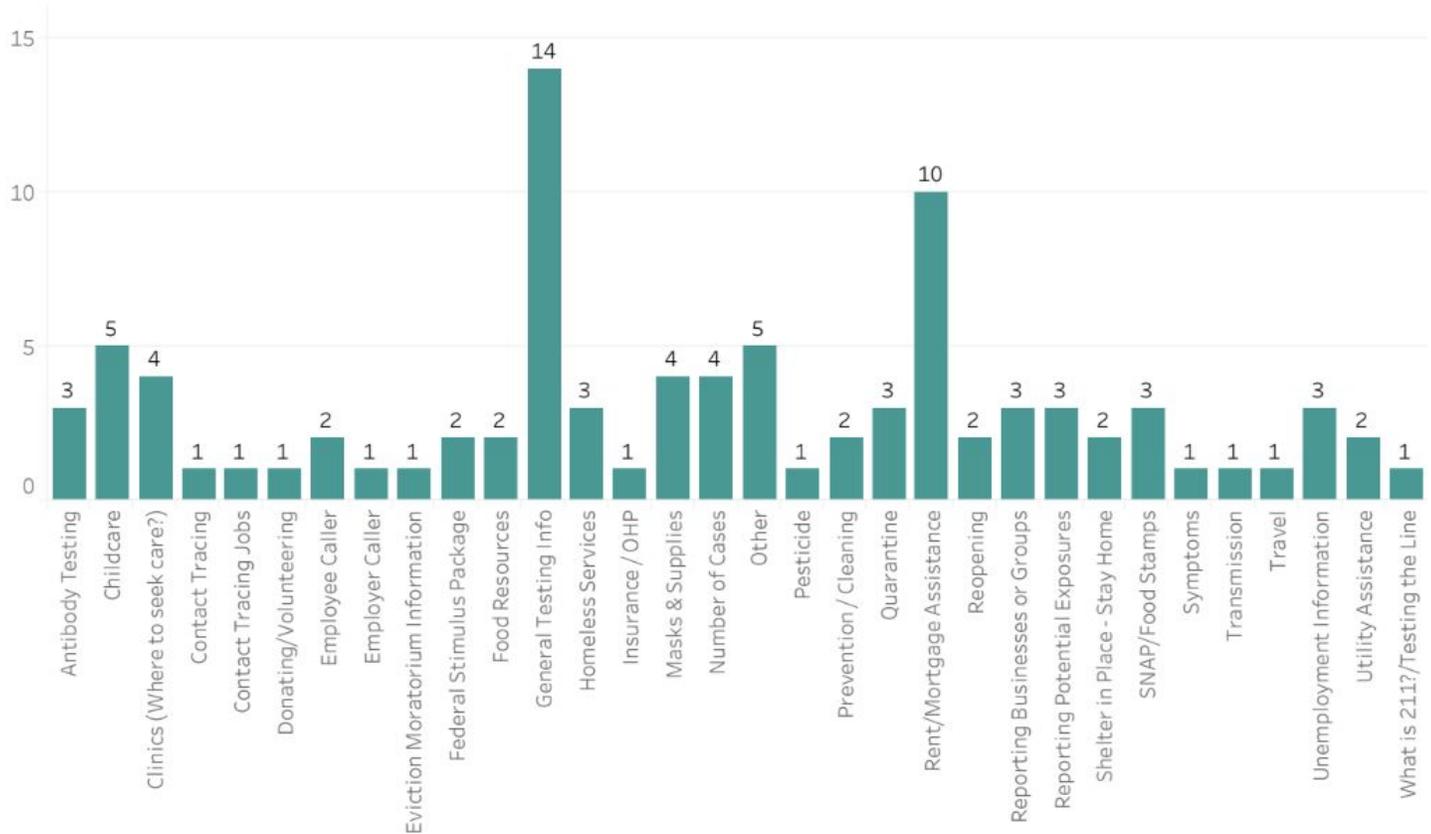
Media and Announcements

- On July 24, [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#) reported that restaurant owners and Portland city officials are [noticing online delivery apps failing to comply with the new city-wide cap on commissions](#), which was enacted to protect restaurants that are struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

211 Calls

- There were 65 calls to 211 on Sunday, July 26.
- The most common reason people called was to ask about general testing information. Other frequent inquiries were about rent/mortgage assistance and childcare.

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Reason for Contact


Data for July 26, 2020.

State of Oregon and Regional Updates

Media and Announcements

- On July 22, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) published a new website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) with details about the legal requirement to wear face coverings in Oregon, as well as information about how to wear a mask, masks and disabilities, masks and kids, and how the mask requirement is enforced. For more information, read [OHA’s press release about the new website](#).
- On July 23, [Willamette Week](#) reported that “The Freedom Foundation, a conservative nonprofit, today filed a motion asking the Oregon Court of Appeals to block Gov. Kate Brown’s statewide mask requirement.” On July 24, [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#) and [KATU](#) published articles on this topic as well.
- On July 24, the Oregon Health Authority updated its [General Guidance for Employers on COVID-19](#), as well as its statewide guidance regarding: [Mask, Face Shield, Face Coverings](#); [Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Togethers](#); [School Aged Summertime Day Camps](#); and [Reopening Guidance – Operators of Indoor and Outdoor Entertainment Facilities](#).

- On July 24, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported](#) that the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program, which has provided unemployed Oregonians with an extra \$600 a week in unemployment benefits since March, was set to expire in Oregon on July 25.
- On July 24, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reviewed choreographer Nicolo Fonte's new online work](#) with Oregon Ballet Theatre, "Interval." [Watch the ballet on OBT's YouTube channel.](#)
- On July 24, [OPB reported on plans for school this fall in the three eastern Oregon school districts: Monument School District in Grant County, Baker School District, and Umatilla School District.](#) Officials from all three districts were interviewed on OPB's *Think Out Loud* on July 23; a [recording of the show is on OPB's website.](#)
- On July 24, [OPB reported that Washington governor Jay Inslee is "tightening restrictions throughout the state in restaurants and bars, for weddings and funerals, and at gyms in a further effort to stem a surge in COVID-19 cases."](#)

Health System Capacity

As of July 24, 2020

Data current as of 9:00am 7/24/2020		
Hospital Capacity and Usage in Oregon as reported to HOSCAP*		
Overall Capacity	Available	Total Staffed
Adult ICU Beds	142	779
Adult non-ICU Beds	701	4,364
NICU/PICU Beds	72	322
Pediatric non-ICU Beds	94	341

COVID-19 Details	Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19	Only Patients with Confirmed COVID-19
Current Hospitalized Patients	233	168
Current Patients in ICU Beds	58	48
Current Patients on Ventilators	30	30

Available Ventilators	769
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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 23, [Global Health NOW](#) published an article that attempts to answer the question, “[How can the US turn its coronavirus response around?](#)”
 - On July 23, [NPR](#) ran an article discussing three recent studies “[that have called into question how long people carry antibodies after infection.](#)”
 - On July 23, [Morning Edition](#) reported that during a briefing, President Trump stated that public schools “[should delay reopening in coronavirus hotspots](#), but should open fully if they want to receive tens of billions of dollars in new federal aid.”
 - On July 24, [NPR](#) published a story outlining some researchers’ view that [herd immunity to COVID-19 is not achievable without a vaccine, and that the virus may be with us forever](#). The article also discusses some possible consequences of trying to reach herd immunity before a vaccine is available.
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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
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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