

Situation Report

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Need testing?

- **Call your doctor or clinic:** If you have insurance or a regular care provider, contact your doctor's office or clinic to discuss whether you should be tested.
- **If you don't have a doctor:** Call 211 for help finding a clinic. They can help you even if you don't have insurance. You can also call the Health Department's [Primary Care Clinics](#) at 503-988-5558 to enroll as a new patient.
- **Multnomah County community testing:** [no-cost testing by appointment only](#), for anyone with [symptoms](#). You don't need to be a clinic or Multnomah County patient to get tested. Limited testing may be available for people without symptoms. We focus on reaching Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities, people without health insurance, and people without a regular health care provider. **Call 503-988-8939 for an appointment.**

Location and hours:

- East County Health Center (parking lot), 600 NE 8th St., Gresham, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
- **Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) community testing:** [drive-through/walk up 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 or drive-through only; no appointments. There may be a long wait if demand is high. For more information, call the OHSU Coronavirus Hotline: 833-647-8222.

Locations and hours:

- 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.

Announcements and Featured Media

- On August 7, the Oregon Health Authority released an update to its modelling report, [COVID-19 Epidemic Trends and Projections in Oregon](#). Oregon's State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger said about the modelling report, "The predicted resurgence in cases following reopening has stabilized. But there are warning signs that tell us cases could spike again. . . Our new modeling report reinforces the uneasy balance of our current situation." This story was covered by [KOIN](#), [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#), and the [Portland Tribune](#). For information specific to Multnomah County please visit the [Regional COVID-19 data dashboard](#).

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.

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

- Translated the [How to Get Healthcare at a Multnomah County Clinic](#) poster into [Haitian Creole](#).
- Translated the [Where Can I Get Tested?](#) poster into [Amharic](#), [Arabic](#), and [Haitian Creole](#).
- Translated the [What to Expect Poster From Your COVID-19 Test](#) into [Amharic](#), [Arabic](#), and [Haitian Creole](#).

Social media highlights - Please share widely

- [Multnomah County Facebook](#)

- [The Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted Thursday, Aug. 6 to refer the Preschool for All measure to Multnomah County voters in the November 2020 election.](#)
- [Enjoy the outdoors safely. Wear a face covering \(ages 2+\) if:](#) It's tough to stay 6 ft from others or if people are singing, shouting or chanting. Stay home if you're sick. Wash your hands often. Cover your coughs & sneezes.
- [Multnomah County Twitter](#)
 - [Have you dropped off your ballot yet for the #CityofPortland Special Runoff Election?](#) They're due by 8pm Tuesday, August 11, 2020. [Find an official ballot drop site or library drop box near you.](#)
- [Multnomah County Health Department Facebook](#)
 - [Quarantine Fund for Oregon farmworkers](#) can help with lost wages if you need to self-quarantine due to #COVID19. [Learn more.](#)
 - [Asking employees who have had #COVID19 to provide a negative test result](#) before returning to work is not recommended. [There are better ways, such as employee screening, to protect your workplace from COVID19 infection.](#)
- [Multnomah County Emergency Management Facebook](#)
 - [Curious about contact tracing?](#) Multnomah County Senior Communicable Disease Epidemiologist Taylor Pinsent walks us through the process [in this video.](#)

EOC Section: [Operations](#)

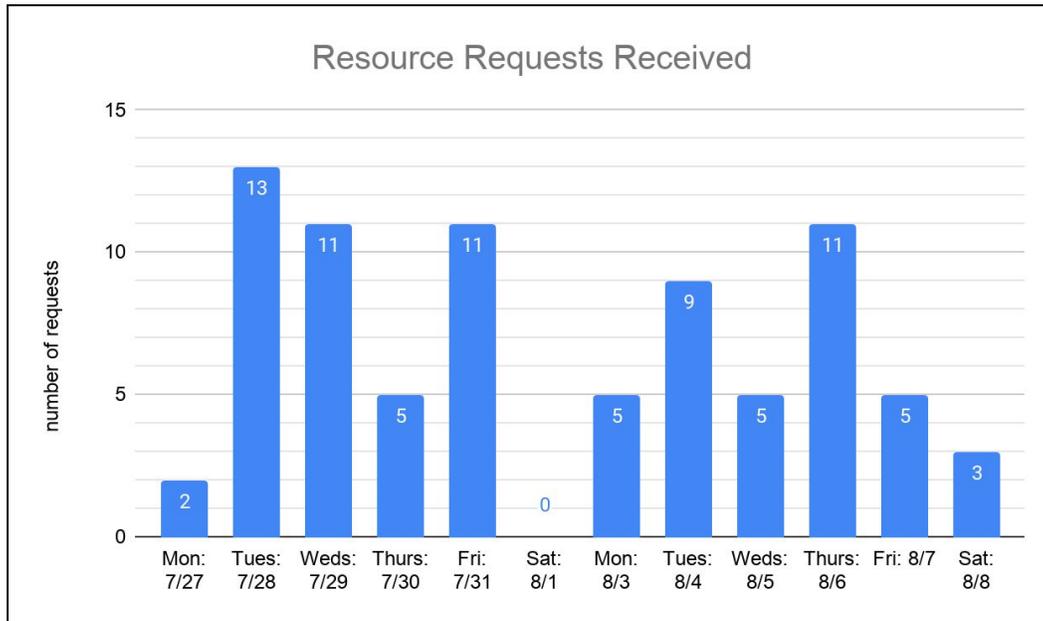
The Operations section has several operational areas, each of which report on daily metrics. Weekly metrics are reported each Wednesday.

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.



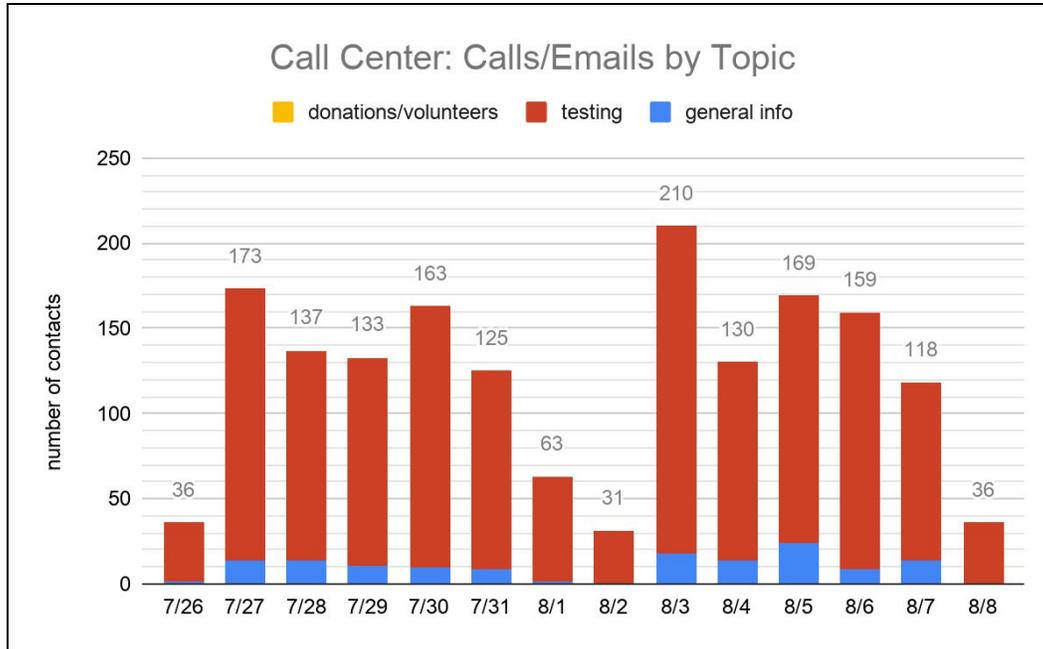
Note: the Resource Request Unit operates Mondays-Saturdays.

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 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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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. Human Solutions, Inc. 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 have transitioned to non-profit management, they will no longer be reported in this Situation Report.

Section Updates

Mass Care and Shelter currently operates one Physical Distancing Shelter (PDS) with a total capacity of **120 beds**, and two Voluntary Isolation Motels (VIMos) with a total capacity of **120 beds**. The Section’s focus includes:

- Supporting County guests who need space to isolate and quarantine outside of congregate or multi-generational settings.
- Responding with compassion and action as increasing numbers of guests are referred into the County PDS from partner shelters.
- Supporting the Joint Office of Homeless Services in operating the 120 bed capacity Voluntary Isolation Motels (VIMos).

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.

Schools Blueprint

The County in close collaboration with the Multnomah Education Service District is supporting local school districts and schools in their development of Operational Blueprints and other tools to guide their safe reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic. The County's Emergency Operations Center is supporting schools as they develop these blueprints, helping to ensure that OHA-mandated communicable disease response plans including things like symptom screening, isolation space, cleaning, and other safety protocols are in place. By August 17, schools will publish their blueprints on their websites, and will submit them to the local Public Health review team and to the Oregon Department of Education for approval. As deadlines approach for schools -- both K-12 and higher education -- to submit their plans for reopening, a multi-disciplinary team of reviewers has been assembled to meet the state requirement for local public health review. Currently, this team is laying out frameworks to evaluate both types of plans while overlaying equity considerations into review criteria.

The Schools Liaison is working with various partners including Public Health, Youth Liaisons, and the Public Information section to develop a public health "Back to School" communications plan and toolkit, as well as continuing to support schools and districts as they work toward welcoming students back virtually or in person for the 2020-2021 school year.

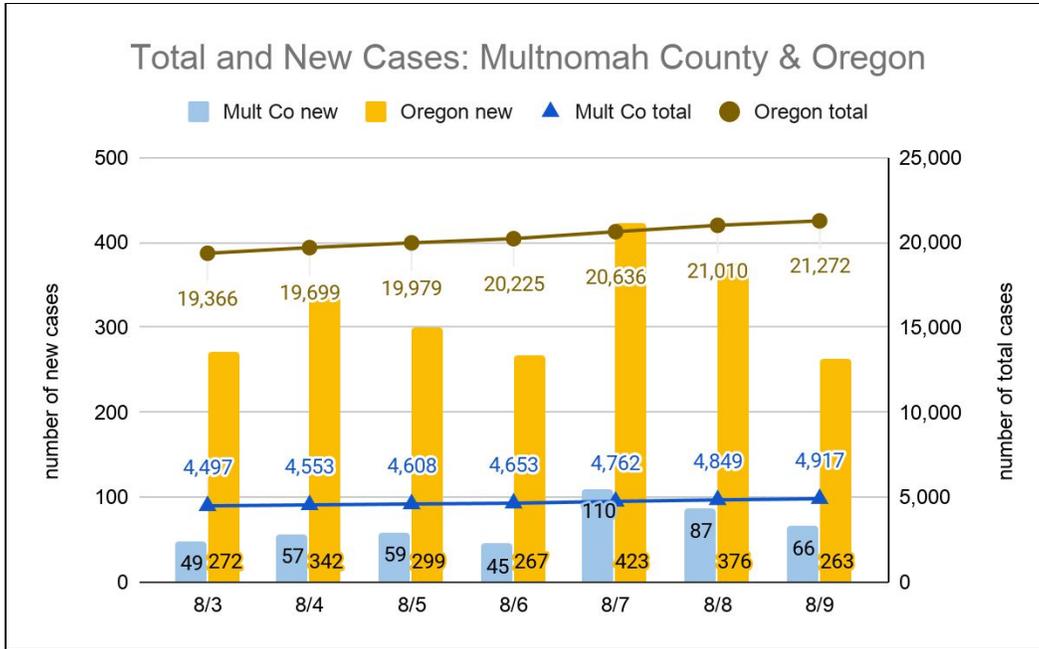
Epidemiology Data

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

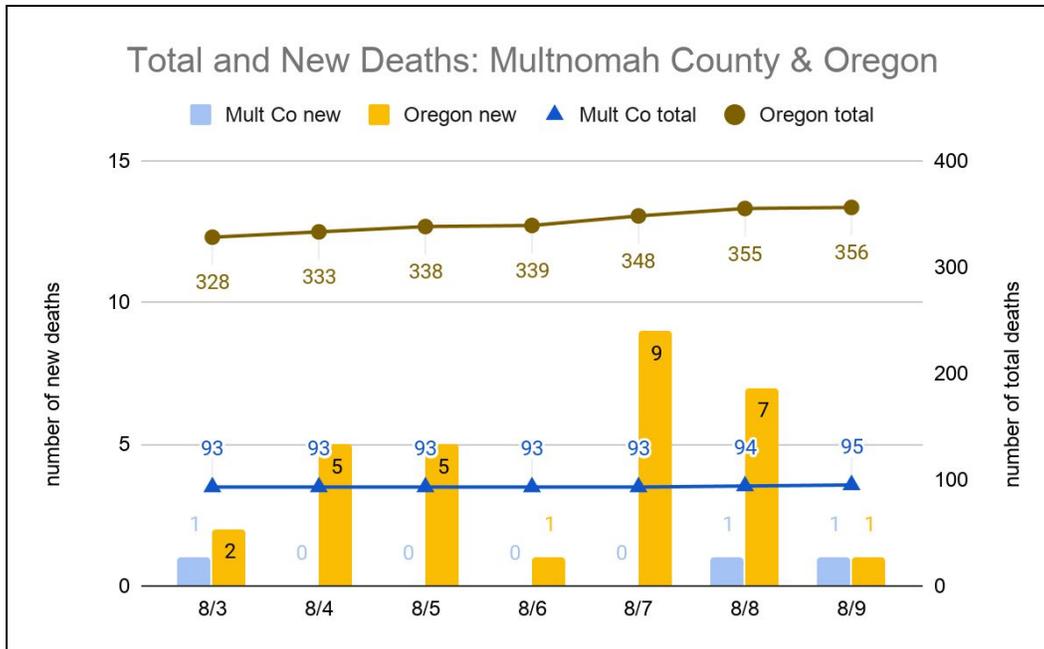
There were **263 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases** reported in Oregon on August 9. **Sixty-six** of these new cases are in Multnomah County. Since the pandemic began, there have been a total of **4,917** confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County and **21,272** cases in Oregon. Multnomah County cases make up **23%** of the state's total. The chart below shows cases over the past week.

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

There was **one new COVID-19 death in Oregon** reported on August 9, and that **one** death occurred in Multnomah County. A total of **95** people are known to have died of COVID-19 in Multnomah County since the pandemic started. There have been **356** known COVID-19 deaths in Oregon, statewide. Multnomah County deaths make up **27%** of the state's total. The chart below shows deaths over the past week.



(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](#).

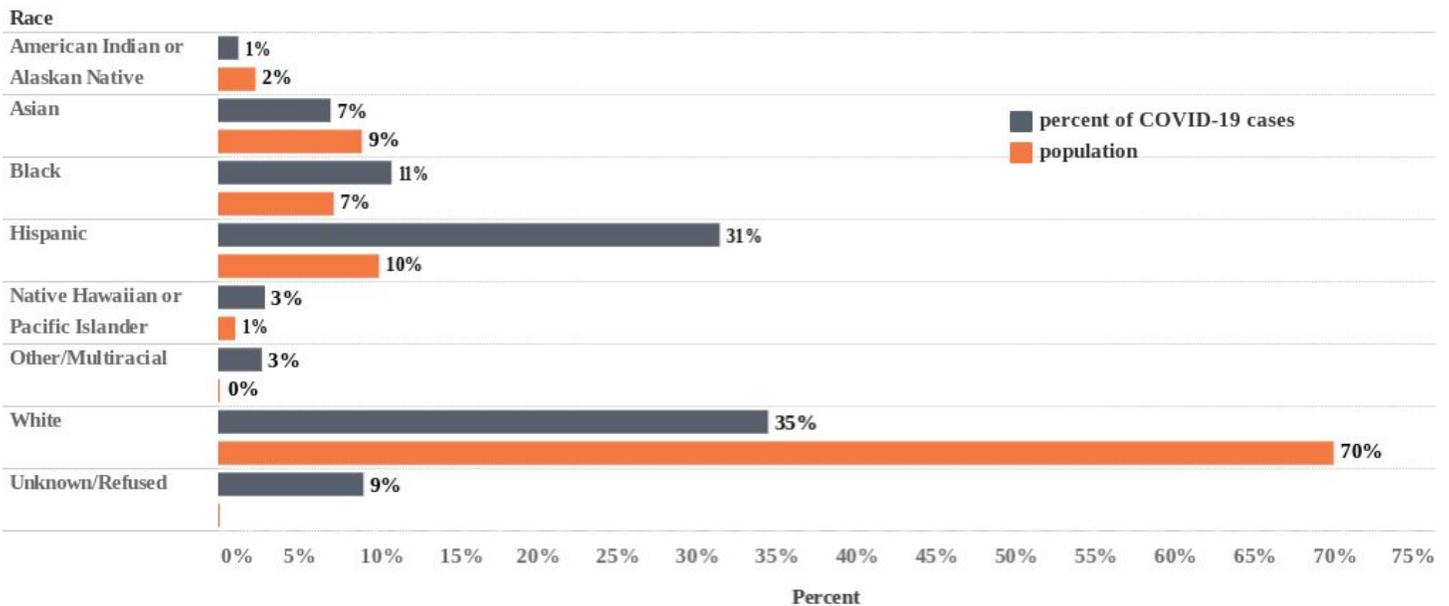
Race and Ethnicity Impact in Multnomah County

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 August 8. 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.

Cases by race/ethnicity and population proportions

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

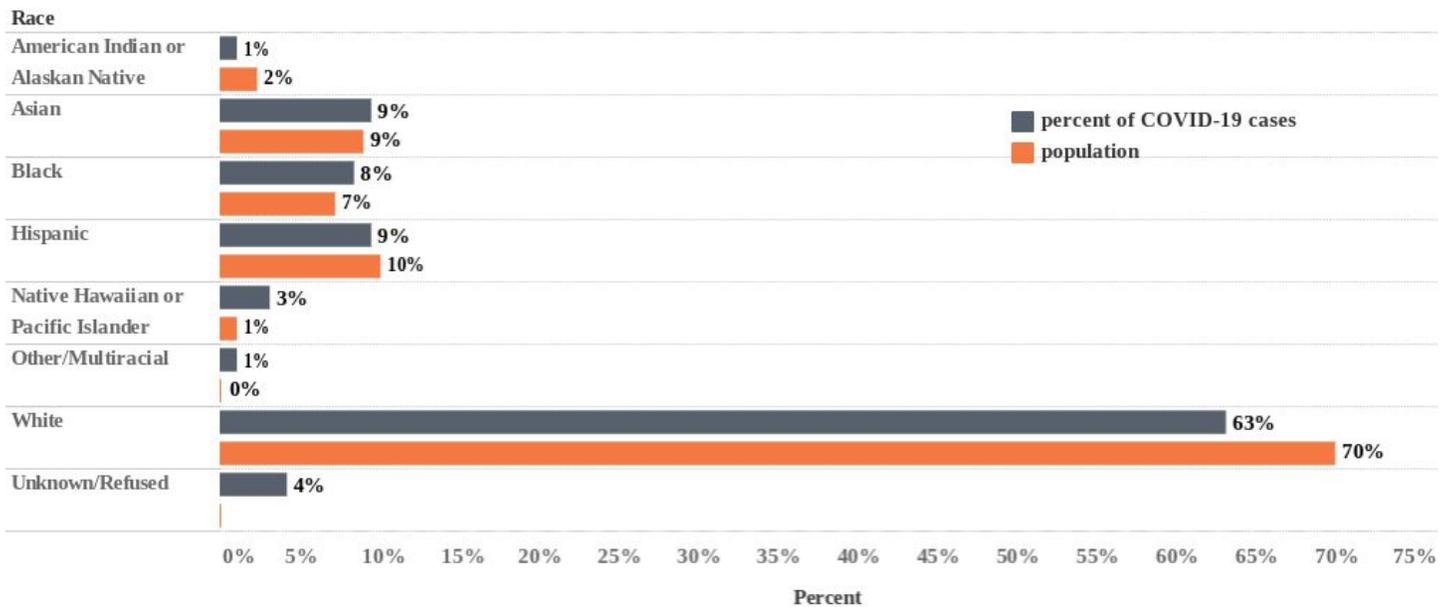


Data current as of August 8, 2020 (source: [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)).

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Deaths by race/ethnicity and population proportions

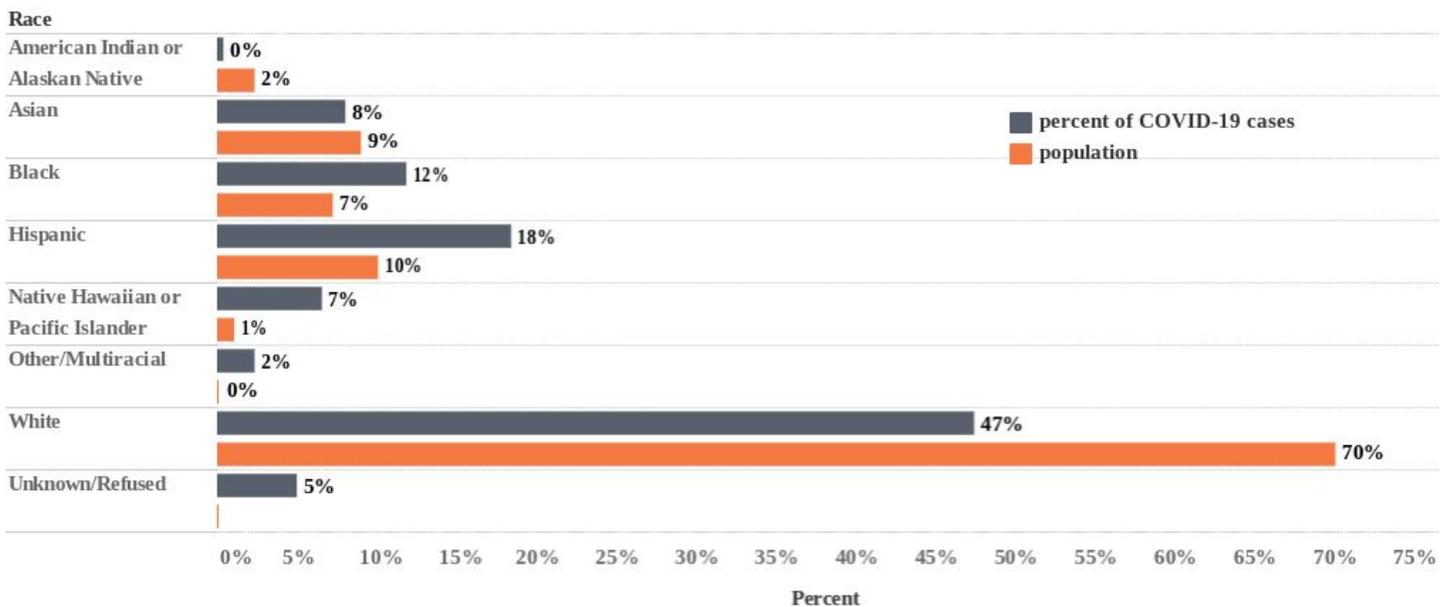
Percent of COVID-19 Deaths Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions



Data current as of August 8, 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 August 8, 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.](#)

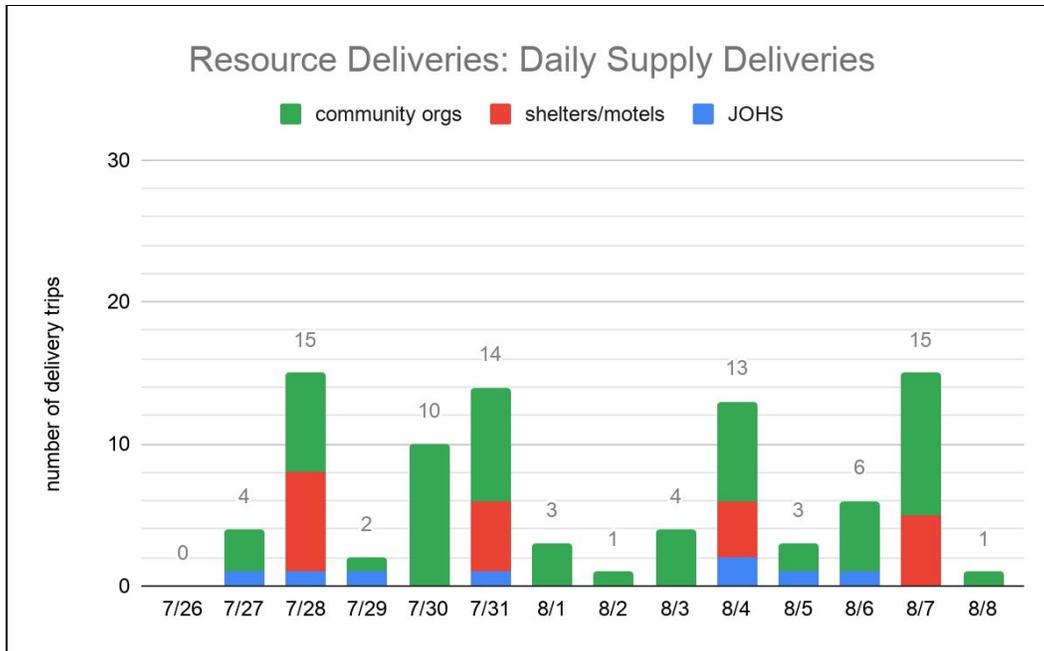
Food Unit

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.

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EOC Section: [Community Liaisons](#)

The Liaison Unit is made up of four Liaison Officers and five Deputies who support 47 community liaisons across 27 sectors. Liaison Officers and Deputies foster community connection and information sharing by creating spaces to problem solve, share resources, and discuss community experiences. In addition, they track and identify trends within the community and elevate them to response leadership to inform outreach and policy. Community Liaisons use their subject-matter expertise to act as a critical link between the COVID-19 response mission and the audience it affects. They answer sector specific questions, ensure understanding of local and State guidelines as it pertains to their sector, and manage communication and information sharing between sector organizations and the Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center.

Business

- Roughly \$1.5 million in COVID-19 relief grants are still available for Oregon businesses with fewer than 25 employees. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$12,500 and will be given to businesses that have not yet received any federal relief (such as a Paycheck Protection Program loan). For more information or to apply, contact the four credit unions that are partnering with Business Oregon to offer the grants: [Consolidated Community Credit Union](#), [Trailhead Credit Union](#), [Point West Credit Union](#), and [Central Willamette Credit Union](#).

Community Liaison Team

The liaison unit includes 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.

Sector Contact Information and Conference Call Schedule

If you have specific questions, or to attend a regularly scheduled sector conference call, please [contact the sector liaison](#) via email.

Local Updates

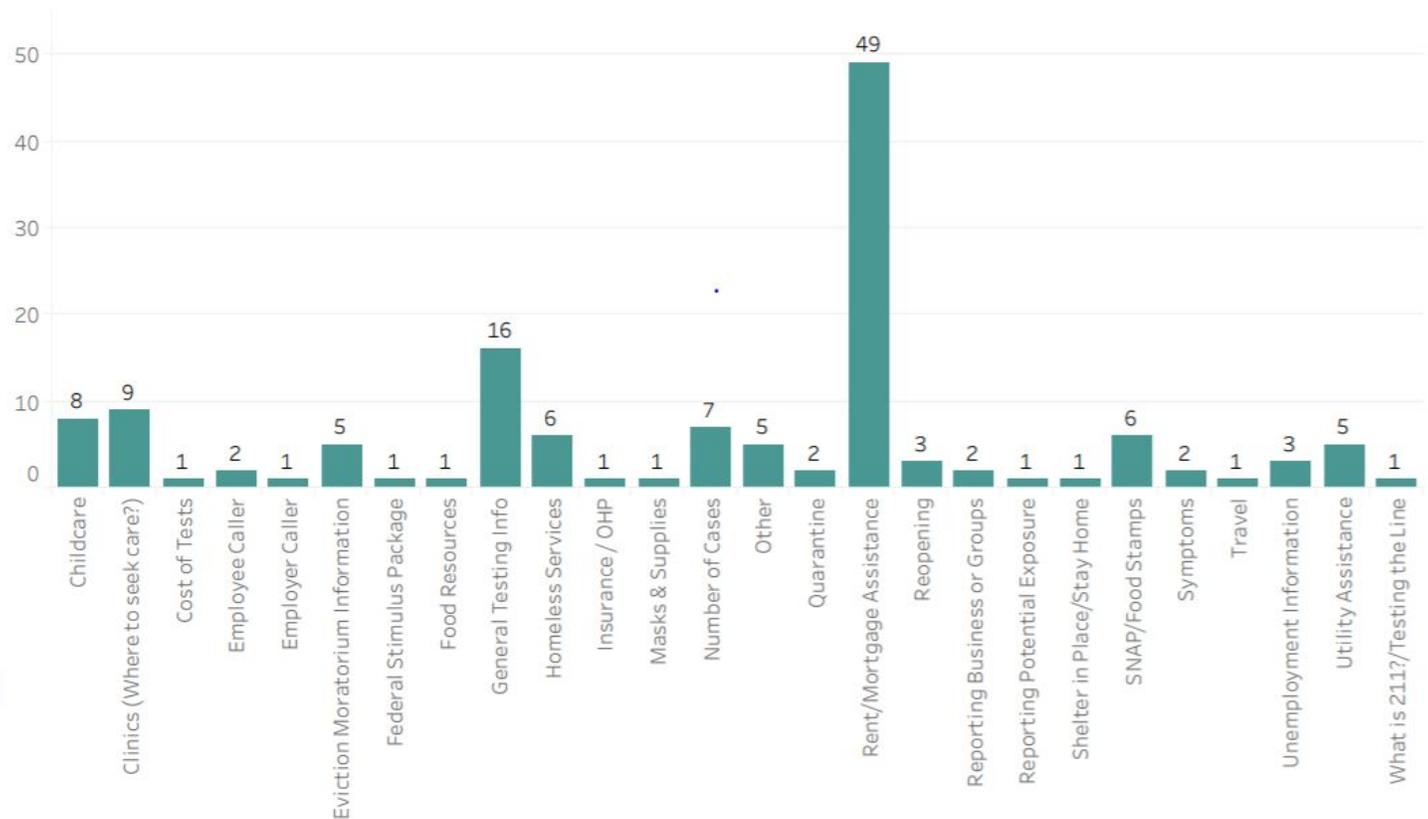
Media and Announcements

- On August 6, the Portland Housing Bureau, the Joint Office of Homeless Services, Multnomah County's Department of County Human Services, and regional housing authority Home Forward announced that they have banded together to deploy \$29 million in rent assistance to COVID-impacted households throughout Multnomah County over the next several months. Read more in the [press release from the city of Portland](#) or at the city's [CARES Funding Housing Assistance Programs](#) webpage. This story was covered by [KPTV](#).
- On August 6, the [Portland Mercury reported](#) that "As the Oregon Employment Department (OED) continues to be overwhelmed with unemployment benefit claims, and the federal government quibbles over renewing coronavirus relief funds, Portlanders who lost work back in March are still struggling to get by—and full of questions about their futures."
- On August 7, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported](#) that "According to public records, 23 TriMet employees filed complaints with the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health division from July 1 through July 24, the same day TriMet announced plans to reduce distancing requirements on buses and trains from six to three feet."
- On August 7, KATU reported that White House COVID-19 Response Director [Dr. Deborah Birx suggested Portland may be considered a COVID-19 "hotspot."](#) The article notes pushback from Multnomah County Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Vines, who is quoted as saying, "I listened to the actual phone call of her speaking and she throws out the term of 'high levels of virus' without really specifying and then she lists off several cities and Portland is among them. I'm not completely clear what she's using to predict Portland may be headed for a hot spot. Our test percent positivity in Multnomah County has hovered right around 5% level which is the threshold for action."
- On August 8, [OPB reported that some Portland bartenders are urging the legislature to allow to-go cocktails.](#)
- On August 9, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that a large crowd gathered along Portland's waterfront on Saturday evening "in defiance of state orders to prevent the spread of COVID-19."](#) The article goes on, "They came to see Sean Feucht, a controversial worship leader and political activist who has held similar crowded outdoor services on the beaches in California in defiance of coronavirus restrictions there."
- On August 9, [The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that "After an initial wave of excitement, Portland-area salons and barbershops are struggling to fill chairs."](#)

211 Calls

- There were 121 calls to 211 on Sunday, August 9.
- The most common reason people called was to ask about rent/mortgage assistance. Other frequent inquiries were about general testing information and clinics/where to seek care.

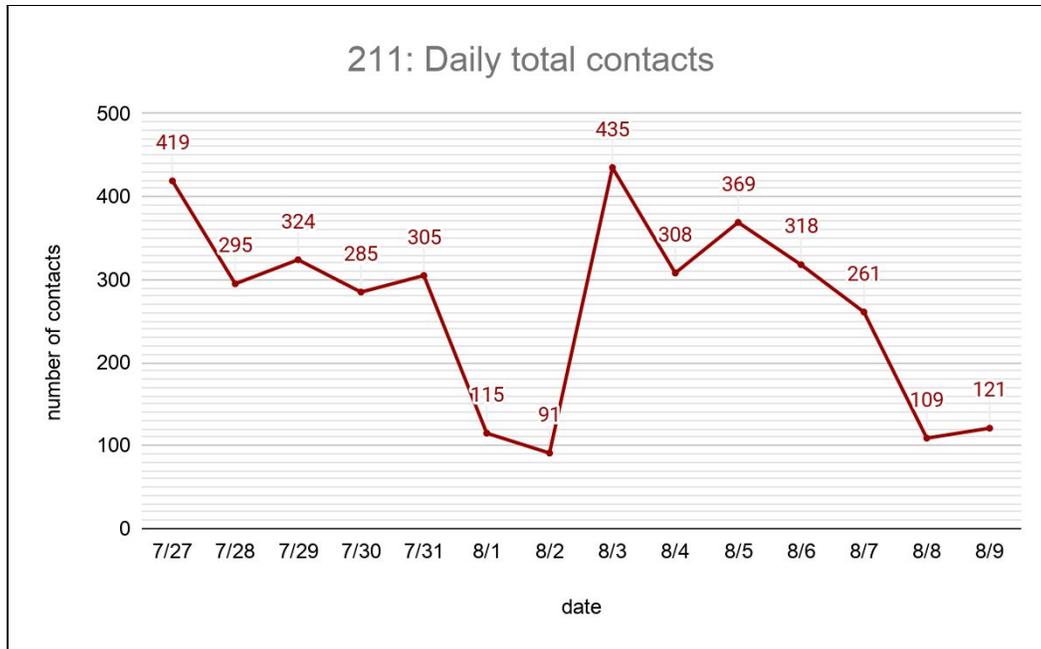
Reason for Contact



Data for August 9, 2020.

Aggregated data: The chart below shows the total number of 211 contacts each day, over the last two weeks.

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State of Oregon and Regional Updates

Media and Announcements

- On August 5, [Oregon Governor Kate Brown joined her counterparts in Washington, Colorado and Nevada in announcing a multi-state agreement “to work together to identify best practices that support telehealth services for residents of our states.”](#) The governors outlined seven principles that will guide their work: access, confidentiality, equity, standard of care, stewardship, patient choice, and payment/reimbursement. Read more in [Governor Brown’s press release](#).
- Also on August 5, [Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced the results of spot checks that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission \(OLCC\) conducted over the last month.](#) Over the last month, OLCC inspectors visited more than 3,600 bars, restaurants, and other establishments that serve alcohol, to enforce state face covering and physical distancing requirements, and “More than 93% have been found to be in compliance with physical distancing and face covering requirements.”
- On August 6, [Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced that “Lake County has succeeded in reducing the spread of COVID-19 sufficiently enough to be removed from the County Watch List.”](#) Baker, Hood River, Jefferson, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Umatilla, and Wasco counties all remain on the state’s COVID-19 [Watch List](#). This story was reported by [KDRV \[Medford\]](#) and the [Portland Tribune](#). [Note: the *Portland Tribune*’s COVID-19 coverage is accessible by providing an email address for a free account.]
- On August 6, [Willamette Week reported on the ongoing controversy around bars being allowed to stay open in some parts of the state](#), and criticism being directed at Governor Brown.
- On August 6, [OPB reported that “Oregon’s Legislative Emergency Board faced a revolt Wednesday over how to spend the last of its federal aid for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.”](#)

- On August 6, [KOIN](#) reported that Washington governor Inslee announced a phased plan to allow compassionate care visits in long-term care facilities. This story was also reported by [KOMO \[Seattle\]](#).
- On August 7, [OPB](#) reported that “OHA says data shows ‘no significant transmission’ at Oregon bars and restaurants, but they’re also not tracking it specifically.” This story was also reported by [KATU](#) and [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#).
- On August 7, [The Oregonian/OregonLive](#) reported on higher education reopening plans in the state, saying “Whether to open schools this fall is a difficult issue requiring school and government officials to balance public health concerns with the financial and practical impact on students, their families and their colleges.”
- On August 7, the [Portland Tribune](#) reported that the Oregon Employment Department has worked through a backlog of 70,000 claims, “But the agency’s acting director acknowledges that, while more people are starting to receive payments, tens of thousands are still waiting for benefits because their claims require more detailed review.”
- On August 8, [KGW](#) reported that while some states are separating statistics of people who have died from COVID-19 with people who have died from underlying health conditions while having a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, Oregon does not.

Health System Capacity

As of August 7, 2020:

Hospital Capacity and Usage in Oregon as reported to HOSCAP*

| Overall Capacity | Available | Total Staffed |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Adult ICU Beds | 173 | 763 |
| Adult non-ICU Beds | 649 | 4,360 |
| NICU/PICU Beds | 81 | 327 |
| Pediatric non-ICU Beds | 94 | 331 |

| COVID-19 Details | Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 | Only Patients with Confirmed COVID-19 |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Current Hospitalized Patients | 204 | 145 |
| Current Patients in ICU Beds | 51 | 42 |
| Current Patients on Ventilators | 18 | 16 |

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|-----------------------|-----|
| Available Ventilators | 779 |
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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 August 6, [Kaiser Health News reported on growing concerns in the scientific community that a COVID-19 vaccine may be less effective in obese individuals.](#)
- On August 7, the [Associated Press reported on the continuing efforts among national lawmakers to reach an agreement on COVID-19 aid.](#) The article notes, “A breakdown in the talks would put at risk more than \$100 billion to help reopen schools, a fresh round of \$1,200 direct payments to most people and hundreds of billions of dollars for state and local governments to help them avoid furloughing workers and cutting services as tax revenues shrivel.”
- On August 7, the [Associated Press reported on the spread of misinformation about COVID-19 vaccine efforts across Facebook and other websites.](#) The article notes, “As various countries race to produce a successful coronavirus vaccine, disinformation experts are bracing for a steady drum of misleading claims and propaganda aimed at undermining competing countries’ efforts to develop an antidote.”
- On August 7, [NPR reported on new projections forecasting dire COVID-19 death rates in the US.](#) The article notes, “By Dec. 1, the U.S. death toll from COVID-19 could reach nearly 300,000. That’s the grim new projection from researchers at the University of Washington’s Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation — one of the more prominent teams modeling the pandemic.”
- On August 7, [CNN reported that “Covid-19 patients not showing symptoms may have similar amounts of the novel coronavirus in their bodies as those who do show symptoms, according to a new study from South Korea.”](#)
- On August 8, [NPR reported](#) that “Five months after the coronavirus forced houses of worship across the country to close their doors, a new survey finds that two-thirds of regular churchgoers feel it’s now safe to resume in-person worship.”
- On August 8, the [Associated Press](#) and [NPR](#) both reported that President Donald Trump had issued four executive actions to provide economic relief during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On August 9, the [Associated Press reported](#) that “With confirmed coronavirus cases in the U.S. hitting 5 million Sunday, by far the highest of any country, the failure of the most powerful nation in the world to contain the scourge has been met with astonishment and alarm in Europe.”

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 |
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| 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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