

Innovator Agent Update for IHN Regional Community Advisory Council (January 11th, 2021)

- January 6th marked a day of protest and violence in Washington, D.C.; those events overshadowed that, on that same day, the United States saw the highest number of COVID-19 cases in a single day since the pandemic began. Los Angeles, CA experienced 70 COVID-19 deaths/hour over the most recent weekend.
- Current IHN Region COVID-19 Data (as of Friday, January 8th)
Week of Tuesday, January 5th = WARNING WEEK
Week of Tuesday, January 12th = MOVEMENT WEEK

	Benton	Linn	Lincoln	Oregon
Total Cases (+ and presumptive)	1,500	2,877	934	122,847
Total Deaths	11	36	17	1,575
Total Tests	79,2201	84,679	30,943	2,786,624
Overall Positivity Rate	3.0%	6.4%	6.1%	6.0%
*Current Risk Status for 1/1-1/14	Extreme	Extreme	High	
Cases (12/13-12/26)	226	488	84	
Rate/100,000 (12/13-12/26)	239.5	385.6	174.1	325.3
Positivity Rate (12/13-12/26)	3.9%	6.8%	4.7%	7.1%
Projected Risk Status for 1/15-1/28	High	Extreme	Extreme	
Cases (12/20-1/2)	179	408	105	
Rate/100,000 (12/20-1/2)	189.7	322.4	217.6	352.3
Positivity Rate (12/20-1/2)	3.9%	6.7%	5.5%	7.1%

*County Risk Levels are updated every two weeks in response to how COVID-19 is spreading in our communities. On Tuesday of Week One (called the Warning Week), data for the previous two weeks is published so counties can prepare for potential risk level changes the following week. On Tuesday of Week Two (called the Movement Week), updated data is published, and County Risk Levels are determined. Risk Levels take effect on Friday and remain in effect for the next two weeks while this process repeats.

- COVID-19 Vaccine has arrived in Oregon with vaccinations beginning with those in the 1a priority group. See Oregon's Phase 1a. Sequencing Plan here: <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/1e3527.pdf> The plans is available in Spanish, Russian, Somali, Hmong, Marshallese, Traditional Chinese and Arabic.

A separate Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) Document on the Phase 1a Vaccine Sequencing Plan is also available in English and Spanish on the OHA COVID-19 Vaccine Website at <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>

- Oregon’s COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) met for the first time on January 7th to discuss how critical workers and populations will be prioritized in the state’s vaccine rollout. The Vaccine Advisory Committee will co-create a vaccine sequencing plan focused on health equity to ensure the state’s vaccine distribution plan meets the needs of populations who are most at-risk and hardest hit by the pandemic. These populations include communities of color, tribal communities and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The next Vaccine Advisory Committee meeting will stream live on Thursday, **January 14th** from 10 a.m. to noon. You can watch the first meeting of the group at this link: <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/> .
Learn more on the committee’s website: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINESIMMUNIZATION/IMMUNIZATIONPARTNERSHIPS/Pages/COVID-19-Vaccine-Advisory-Committee.aspx>
- At a press conference on Friday, January 8th, Governor Kate Brown announced that to reach the goal of administering 12,000 vaccines a day, she has deployed the National Guard to provide vaccination support. They started by providing logistical and nursing support for a Salem Health mass vaccination event over the weekend at the state fairgrounds. Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen laid out the plan to ramp up COVID-19 vaccination to reach the goal of 12,000 vaccinations per day by the end of next week. For more information on OHA’s strategy for increasing COVID-19 vaccination, watch this video explanation by OHA Director Pat Allen: https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=f-ZVwGW4X_U&feature=youtu.be
- The national Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care will work closely with Oregon’s Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) to vaccinate staff and residents of these facilities. See more about the partnership here: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>
Home Care workers are eligible to be vaccinated with other health care workers in Phase 1a.
- Oregon has received 225,000 doses of COVID-19 Vaccine and have administered close to 105,000 doses. Track current vaccination numbers by county at this new OHA website: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19#!/vizhome/OregonCOVID-19VaccinationTrends/OregonStatewideVaccinationTrends>.

Doses given to date to people in the IHN Counties:

Benton County: 2,131
Lincoln County: 1,104
Linn County: 2,396

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) participants have been granted an Extension of additional SNAP benefits from January 1st through June 30th, 2021. Also, the approval of the “no interview” waiver for SNAP applicants and recertifications now extends through Feb. 28th, 2021.
- “You Are Not Alone” <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-not-alone> contains resources in 12 languages. The goal of “You Are Not Alone” is to reduce isolation and to prevent and address abuse, neglect and exploitation during the pandemic.

- OHA's Smokefree Oregon is running advertising campaigns in Spanish and English, from mid-December 2020 through April 2021 to help people in Oregon quit tobacco and nicotine addiction. A parallel Spanish-Language Campaign: *Vive sin Fumar* created by and for Latin-ex individuals will run at the same time. Every year, many people are motivated to quit as a New Year's resolution. This year, helping people quit is more important than ever because:

Cigarette, e-cigarette and cigar prices increased significantly on January 1st. Smoking a pack/day will now cost close to \$3,000 per year.

As the number of COVID-19 cases surges, quitting smoking and vaping is an important way for people to protect themselves from developing serious complications from COVID-19.

- Oregon will swear in newly-elected legislators on Monday, January 11th in preparation for the 2021 Legislative session. This year, OHA has requested twenty-seven bills, and is supporting the Governor's health priority bill, Cover All People. OHA requests are grounded in health equity and are intended to advance the organization's 10-year strategic goal to eliminate health inequities in Oregon. Very broadly, they fall into three categories related to behavioral health, public health and health care transformation.
- OHP Enrollment has increased 15.65% since the beginning of COVID-19 in Oregon.

