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# IHN-CCO Community Advisory Council

## OHA Innovator Agent Update

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# COVID-19

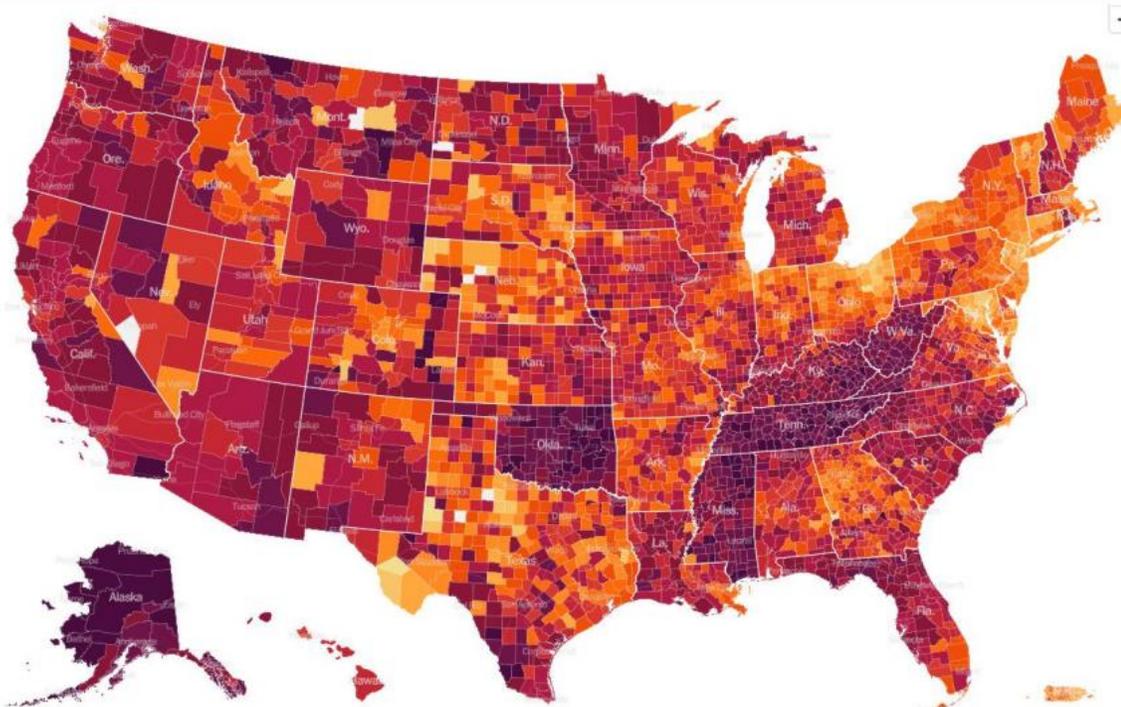
**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The date that the first COVID-19 case was identified in Oregon

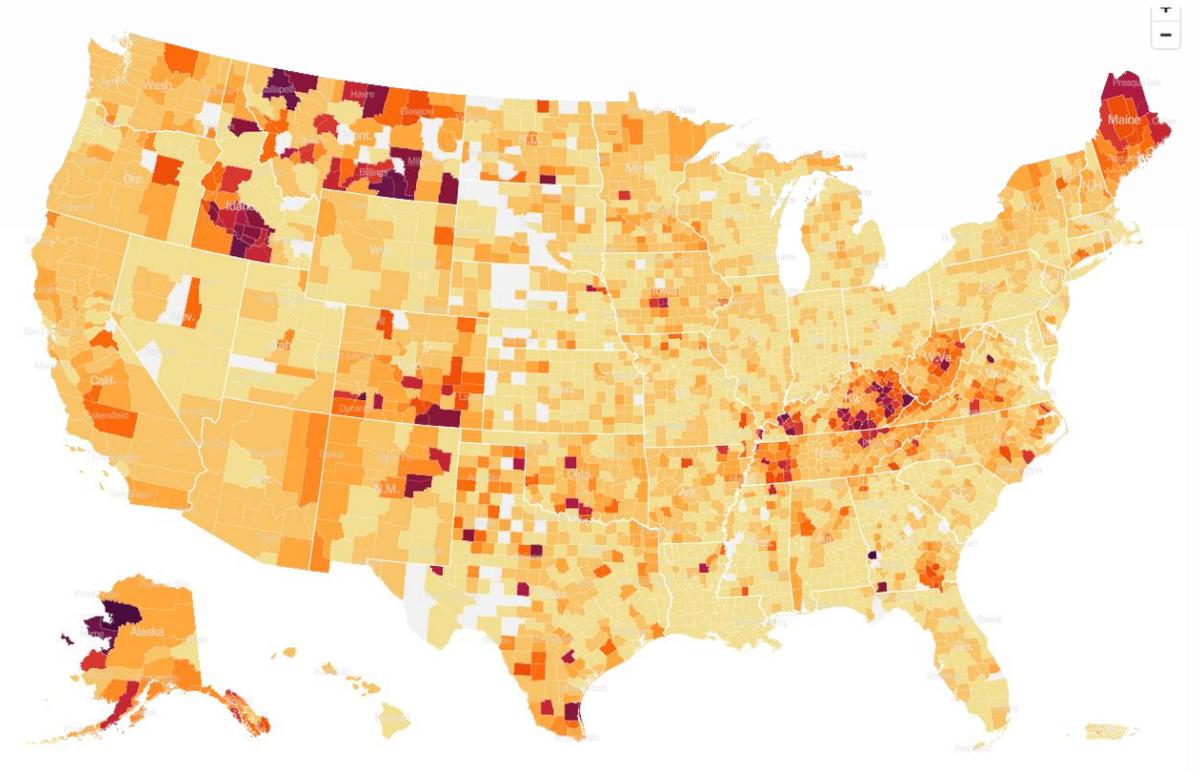


# Current Heat Map of U.S. COVID-19 Cases

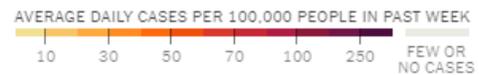
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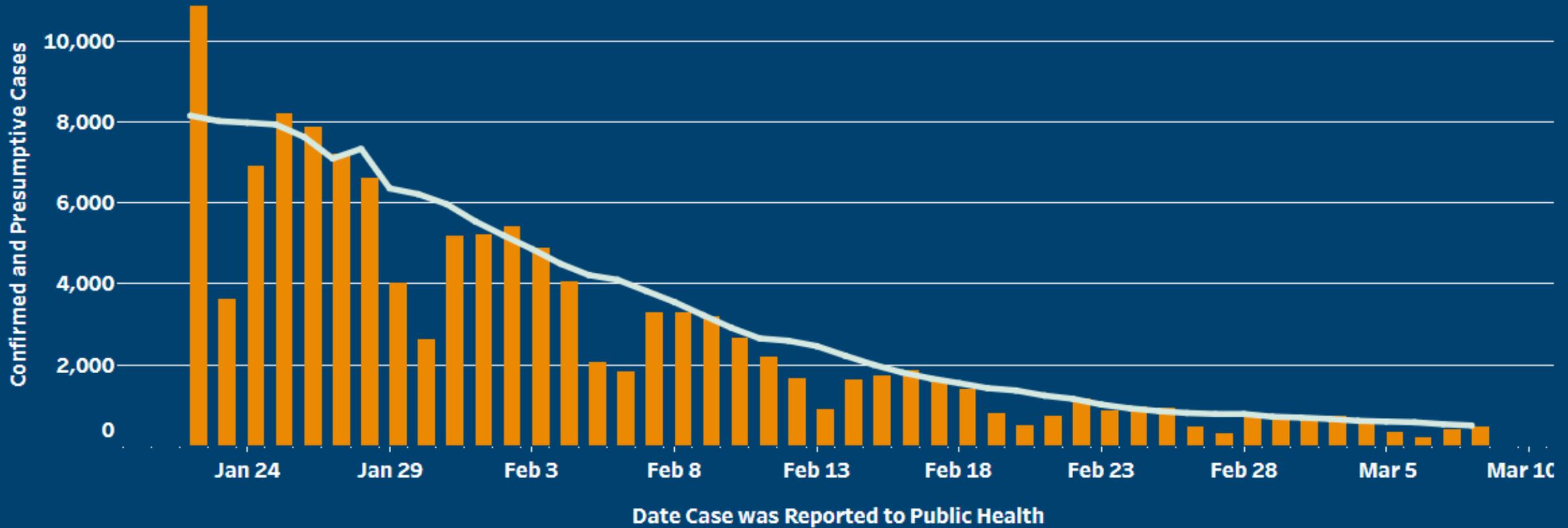
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## Hot spots



## Daily Cases and 7 Day Moving Average over the Previous Six Weeks

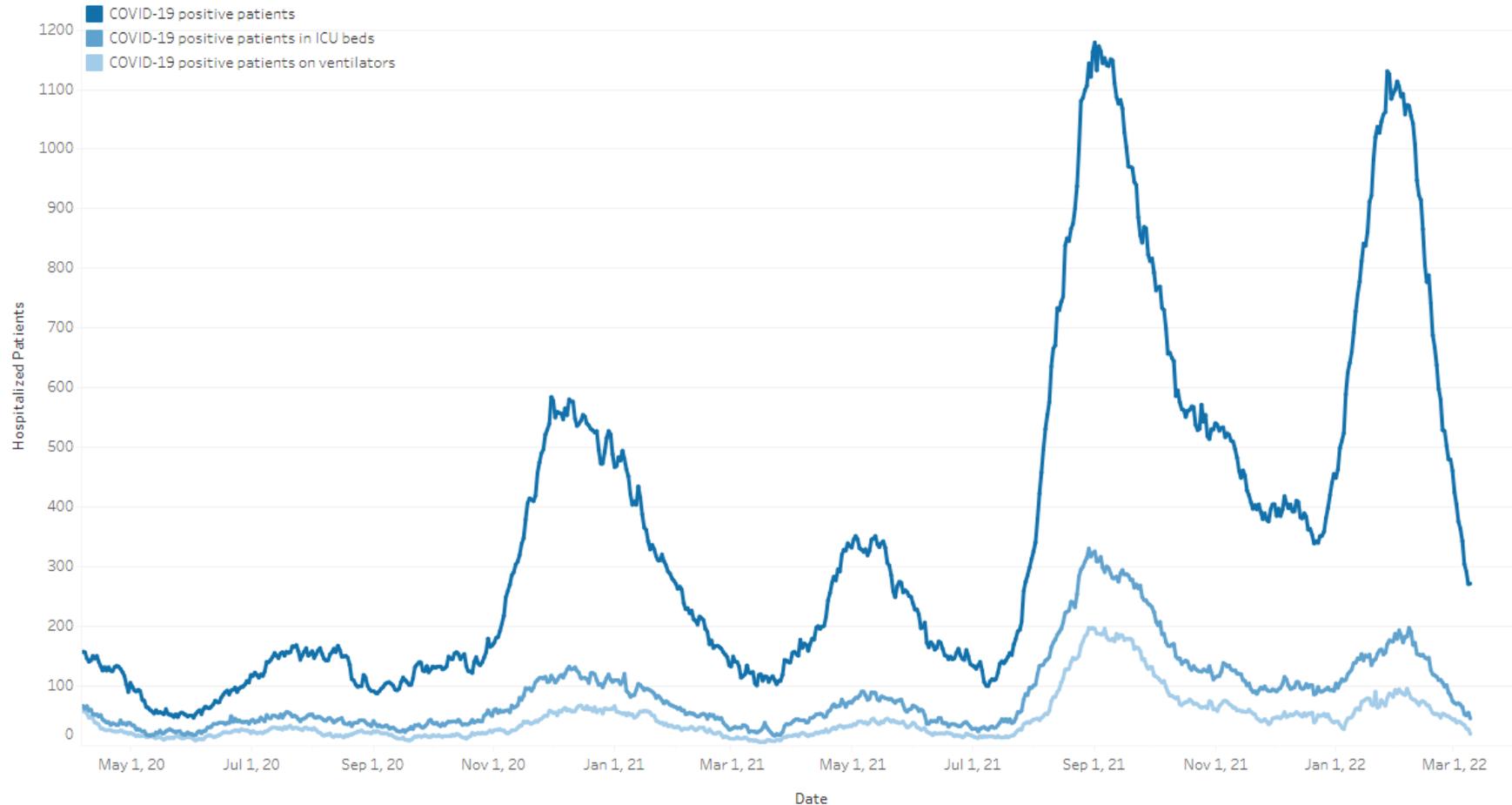


# The slow winding down of the pandemic

Case Counts have dropped 94% since the peak of Omicron during the week of Jan 17-23

| Location/<br>Case Counts | Feb.6  | Feb.13 | Feb. 20 | Feb. 27 | Deaths  |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>United States</b>     |        |        |         |         | 961,620 |
| Oregon                   | 18,065 | 9,877  | 5,584   | 4,105   | 6,854   |
| Benton                   | 579    | 233    | 175     | 103     | 64      |
| Linn                     | 835    | 427    | 214     | 242     | 239     |
| Lincoln                  | 274    | 144    | 85      | 41      | 78      |

# Hospitalized Patients in Oregon



- New COVID-19 associated hospitalizations (Feb. 27- March 5.) are down 35% from the previous week.
- As of March 10<sup>th</sup>, there is 271 COVID-19 related hospitalizations.

# End to the Indoor Mask Mandate

- **Oregon ended its indoor mask and school mandate requirement on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.**
  - ✓ Masks still required in healthcare settings
  - ✓ School districts can make their own decisions on mask requirements
  - ✓ Business can still choose to require masking
  - ✓ Some people should consider continuing masking (over 65 years, those with chronic/serious conditions, etc.)

## Masks will still be required in health care settings

Once masks requirements are lifted for most indoor settings, you'll still need to mask in health care settings to keep everyone safe.

Health care settings include:

- Hospitals
- Doctor offices
- Dentist offices
- Urgent care
- Dialysis centers



More information at:  
[www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus)

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# Is COVID Going Away?



“There won’t be a clean end to the pandemic, but it will stop being so front-and center. As cases go down, protective measures will wane. At certain points, there will be surges in cases and some efforts to reduce spread of disease, like masking, may come back into our lives temporarily. Additional boosters might be needed.”

*Tara Kirk Sell, senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and an assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.*

# Kaiser Family Foundation Poll

- Majority of adults are worried about some of the possible consequences of *both lifting and not lifting* pandemic restrictions such as mask requirements and testing. Six in ten are worried about immune-compromised people being left behind due to their increased risk of getting sick (61%) while about half are worried there will be an increased number of deaths in their community if the government lifts pandemic restrictions (49%) or that they personally wouldn't be able to get needed medical care because local hospitals could be again overwhelmed if restrictions are relaxed (48%).
- On the other hand, majorities of the public are also worried that if masking and testing requirements are not lifted that kids' and teenagers' mental health will suffer (65%) or that local businesses will suffer due to loss of revenue (63%). About four in ten (38%) are worried that their own family's personal financial situation will get worse.

# What should I do to protect myself now?

- ✓ Vaccinations and boosters.
- ✓ Assess individual risk and household risk; you may still choose to wear a masks to protect yourself and other you are close to.
- ✓ When you choose a mask, consider the most effective masks available.
- ✓ Follow the information about your community risk status from your local public health agency.
- ✓ Be aware and monitor COVID symptoms in yourself and household members.
- ✓ Access COVID tests to know your status.

# COVID-19 Tests

- Free Home Tests:  
[www.COVIDtests.gov](http://www.COVIDtests.gov)
- Test dispensed by pharmacies to OHP members at no cost.
- Test required to be reimbursed/covered by insurance for those with other insurances



# OHA launches state's pandemic recovery plan: RISE

*RISE: Resilience in Support of Equity* launched on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, outlines near-term priorities Oregon will pursue to monitor COVID-19. The plan focuses on:

1. Ongoing distribution of vaccines, tests and masks to people at risk through partnership with nonprofits, health clinics and community groups.
2. Tracking disease spread through wastewater sampling and maintaining capacity for vaccines, treatments, testing supplies and laboratory capabilities.
3. Expand access to vital health care by maintaining or expanding health coverage to as many as 350,000 and distributing \$200 million in workforce development grants.
4. Keep schools open for students, staff and families by developing a communicable disease management plan, manage COVID-19 outbreaks and support students' mental health.
5. Listening and supporting priorities of local communities through listening sessions and seeking input in other ways on how OHA can support communities in building resilience.

# Other Updates

- **President Biden extended the federal emergency declaration beyond March 2022**
  - ✓ States will get 60 days notice before the declaration ends
  - ✓ Protection for OHP coverage in place until the end of the federal emergency declaration. Currently an estimated 1.4 million Oregonians are receiving OHP benefits.
  - ✓ After the federal emergency declaration ends, eligibility will be verified for all OHP members
    - We highly encourage members to keep their contact information is up to date by:
      - Using the ONE account to report changes online
      - Visiting and ODHS Self Sufficiency Office: [Find an office here](#)
      - Sending a secure email to [Oregon.Benefits@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:Oregon.Benefits@dhsosha.state.or.us)
      - Calling 800-699-9075
  - ✓ An estimated 300,000 OHP members will not be eligible for ongoing coverage. The goal is to keep as many people as possible covered through a [“bridge health plan”](#) and transitions into the marketplace.

# Oregon's 1115 Waiver Renewal

- OHA submitted the 1115 Waiver Application to CMS on February 18<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ Priority areas:
    - Maximizing Coverage through the Oregon Health Plan
    - Improving Health Outcomes by Streamlining Life and Coverage Transitions
    - Value Based Population Payment
    - Incentivizing Equitable Care
    - Focused Equity Investments
  - ✓ Summary of waiver proposal: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Documents/2022-2027-Waiver-Application-Final.pdf>
  - ✓ OHA will now begin negotiating with CMS on the terms of the waiver.
  - ✓ Current waiver expires on June 30th, 2022; there will likely be an extension.
  - ✓ Changes will not be “seen” until 2024-2025, through CCO contracts.

# Healthier Oregon

- ✓ In 2021, the Oregon legislature passed HB 3352, expanding Cover All Kids to include adults within a \$100 million expenditure limit. This was previously known as Cover All People.
- ✓ Coverage will supplement current CWM (Citizenship Waived Medical) coverage to provide full benefit package: physical, behavioral health, prevention, dental and other services.
- ✓ Starting July 1, people who are **19-25 or 55 and older** will be eligible for full OHP benefits regardless of immigration status.
  - ✓ People in these age groups who are enrolled in CWM will automatically move to Healthier Oregon and will have full OHP benefits starting July 1, 2022.
- ✓ OHA's communication goals include partnering with CCOs, providers, community organizations and other stakeholders to support new Healthier Oregon members.

# Resources and Learning

## • Free Trauma Informed Oregon training modules

- ✓ Contact: [info@traumainformedoregon.org](mailto:info@traumainformedoregon.org)
- ✓ Link: <https://traumainformedoregon.org/resources/training/tic-intro-training-modules/>
- ✓ Trauma Informed Oregon's Introduction to Trauma Informed Care Online Training Modules include four free, self-directed modules that walk you through the basics of trauma informed care, as well as an introduction and closing video. Each module includes a content video, an additional Voices from the Community video that highlights how trauma informed care is being implemented in a specific community, additional resources that you can read to further your learning, questions that can be used for personal reflection, and a knowledge check followed by a certificate of completion. Complete each module at your own pace. You will need to register for an account and log in to access these free training modules. After registration, you can log in using your account credentials to take track your progress within the course, take the modules and knowledge checks, and download your certificate(s) of completion.



# Questions

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