The time is always right to do what is right.

~Martin Luther King Jr.
New Leadership

Change and Rebuilding a Team
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**Purpose of COVID-19 Member Briefings:**

*Provide members with up to date information and resources for testing, vaccines and any emerging COVID-19 response needs.*

**Member Briefings will take place:** First Tuesday and third Wednesday of the month at 2pm, January – March 2021
Where to find the latest COVID-19 information

- OPCA’s Member Update: Sign up at [https://action.orpca.org/newsletter_signup/](https://action.orpca.org/newsletter_signup/)
  » Check your spam or junk folders to ensure you are receiving these
- Visit OPCA’s website for COVID-19 resources: [www.orpca.org](http://www.orpca.org)
- Follow us on Twitter @OregonPCA
  Facebook @OregonPrimaryCareAssociation
  or LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/company/oregon-primary-care-association](http://www.linkedin.com/company/oregon-primary-care-association)
Warm Up Poll

How are you gearing up for vaccinating people in Phase 1b? How are you incorporating health equity into this process?

*Respond by unmuting yourself or typing into the Zoom chat*
COVID Data: Quick Look
Week of January 1, 2020

• Oregon FQHC’s COVID positivity rate is 20%. This is a 3% increase from last week.
  » Comparatively, OHA reported a positivity rate of 6% for the entire state.
• Patients of a racial and/or ethnic minority make up a majority of the positive cases at 56%.
• Currently, 5% of CHC staff cannot work and 14 health center sites are closed.
Mentimeter- Issues & Concerns Poll

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 54 90 55 4

What are you the most concerned about at your health center right now?

*Keep this menti open for questions at the end of this presentation.*
OPCA COVID-19 Vaccine Workgroup

Join OPCA’s Vaccine Workgroup and Wednesday calls to get up to date information and connect with your peers about how they are rolling out vaccines at their site.

Email Terese Cook, tcook@orpca.org, to join the workgroup and receive invitations for our workgroup calls.

Calls take place on:
• 1st & 3rd Wed 4:00 – 5:00 pm
• 2nd & 4th Wed 8:30am - 9:30 am
As we work to make vaccines widely available, the fastest way to get our schools, businesses and communities back open is to keep working together. We’re going to have to continue to use the tried-and-true methods we know stop the spread of this disease: wear a face covering, limit group size, keep distance, wash hands and stay home when sick.

**Safety**
Learn about the different vaccines in development, which are safe and effective.

**Sequencing**
Oregon will use a phased distribution approach to ensure vaccination is done in a fair and equitable way.

**Teamwork**
Keep playing your part—your actions slow the spread of COVID-19.

**Providers**
Resources to support providers in COVID-19 vaccination efforts to achieve community immunity.

[https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/](https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/)
Phase 1A December 12, 2020

Everyone in Phase 1, Groups 1,2,3 and 4 are currently eligible for the vaccine.

Group 1
- Hospital staff with frontline patient care responsibilities
- Urgent care
- Skilled nursing and memory care facility healthcare personnel (HCP) and residents
- Tribal health programs
- Emergency medical services (EMS) providers and other first responders
- All health care interpreters and traditional health workers in any setting within Phase 1a

Group 2
- Other long-term care facilities, including all paid and unpaid HCP, all staff and contractors, including residents who meet the age requirements of:

Group 3
- Individuals working in a correctional setting
- HCPs in outpatient settings serving specific high-risk groups
- Day treatment services
- Non-emergency medical transport (NEMT)
- Paid or unpaid caregivers (including parents or foster parents) of medically fragile children or adults who live at home
- Adults and age-eligible children who have a medical condition or disability who receive services in their homes

Group 4
- Childcare providers, early learning and K-12 educators and staff
- Eligible January 25, 2021

Group 5
- People 80 and older
- Eligible February 8, 2021

Group 3
- People 75 and older
- Eligibility date to be determined

Group 4
- People 70 and older
- Eligibility date to be determined

Group 5
- People 65 and older
- Eligibility date to be determined

Beyond Date TBD

Who’s getting vaccinated in Oregon next

Subsequent groups will be determined in coordination with the Vaccine Advisory Committee and shared on OHA’s COVID-19 vaccine web page. These are examples of groups of people who may included:

- Critical workers in high-risk settings — workers who are in industries essential to the functioning of society and substantially higher risk of exposure
- People of all ages with underlying conditions that put them at moderately higher risk
- People in prisons, jails, detention centers, and similar facilities, and staff

https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/#prioritization
OHA COVID-19-19 Vaccine Info by County

COVID-19 Vaccine Information by County

If you are in Phase 1A, you are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Click on the links below to your county of residence to find out how you can receive a vaccination.

Oregon began vaccinating frontline health care workers, first responders, residents and staff of residents of long-term care facilities and other groups on Dec. 15, 2021. People who work in a childcare, early learning of K-12 school setting will be eligible for vaccinations beginning on Jan. 26, 2021. People who are age 80 and older will be eligible for vaccination beginning on Feb. 8.

Vaccine Information by County

Click on your county to learn where you can find COVID-19 vaccine information in your area.

- Baker County
- Benton County
- Clackamas County
- Clatsop County
- Columbia County
- Coos County
- Clatsop County
- Jackson County
- Josephine County
- Klamath County
- Lane County
- Lincoln County
- Linn County
- Marion County
- Multnomah County
- Polk County
- Sherman County
- Tillamook County
- Umatilla County

https://www.oregon.gov/oha/covid19/Pages/vaccine-information-by-county.aspx?ct=t(N_COPY_01)&mc_cid=556f5bd7ab&mc_eid=d1d40247b7
Stay up to date on vaccine information

OHA Opportunities

- **OHA COVID-19-19 Vaccine Office Hours**
  Mondays @ 12 pm:  
  https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617434298?pwd=b3ZYbjNHN3VxcTUyRGs1aGozMjEvUT09
  Wednesdays @ am:  
  https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1616232776?pwd=cGs0NDA4UjV3UVhyd3BvOFNKWDARUT09

- **OHA COVID-19-19 Healthcare Provider Webinars**
  2nd Thursday of the month @ 12 pm  
  https://www.oregon.gov/oha/covid19/Pages/HealthcarePartners.aspx#197dcd0d-87e5-452a-9b02-d6156760036e

OPCA Opportunities

- **OPCA COVID-19 Vaccine Workgroup**
  Every week, alternating weekly. Interested? e-mail tcook@orpca.org
OHA Vaccine Advisory Committee

• This committee has shared initial recommendations for Phase 1B after Group 5. Not formalized yet.

• After sequencing recommendations the committee will provide OHA outreach and education materials to encourage getting the vaccine.

Vaccine roll out to Phase 1B

- For the next phase of the roll out the primary care arm (vs the max vaccine sites) will be organized through the Local Public Health Authority.

- Consider sending information on the populations you serve and those numbers to your LPHA partner. Also consider ways to build equitable access and distribution of vaccines into your work with the LPHA.
Trusted Communicators

CHCs are trusted in their local communities and with people they serve.

• Are you leveraging this relationships to promote COVID immunizations?

• Vaccine info coming from the advisory group to reach underserved populations.

• What have you learned from the vaccine hesitance among your staff?

• What can you use what you have learned to improve or target vaccine communications to patients?
REALD Clarification

There is NO obligation to report REALD data to OHA for COVID-19 vaccinations

Please continue to enter race and ethnicity information into ALERT IIS.

HB 4212 requires REALD collection during a COVID related encounter with a patient, and requires reporting of that REALD information to OHA when there is a reportable disease/condition obligation under rules adopted under the reportable disease statute, ORS 433.004.

Administering a COVID vaccine would technically qualify as a COVID encounter, but COVID vaccinations are not a reportable disease or condition, so no REALD data should be reported to OHA for vaccinations.
President Biden’s American Rescue Plan

• First step of aggressive, 2-step plan for rescue
  » Omnibus bill/action by Congress in December was a step in the right direction and was “only a down payment”
  » Invests additional $1.9 trillion

• American Rescue Plan
  » Mount a national vaccination campaign ($20B) and safely reopen schools ($130B)
    • Includes provision to expand FMAP to 100% for administration of vaccines
    • Ensures all people – regardless of immigration status – can access vaccine free-of-charge and without cost sharing
    • Scale up testing ($50B), including in schools, prisons and long-term care settings
    • Public Health Jobs program (fund 100,000 public health workers)
      • Individuals would work in communities doing vaccine outreach, contact tracing and transition to longer-term roles to build out public health infrastructure
American Rescue Plan Cont’d

• Address Health Disparities
  » While COVID-19 has devastated the entire country, it has hit some groups and communities of color much harder than others. President-elect Biden is committed to addressing the disparities evident in the pandemic at every step, from ensuring equitable distribution of vaccines and supplies to expanding health care services for underserved communities. His proposal includes funding to provide health services for underserved populations, including expanding Community Health Centers and investing in health services on tribal lands. These funds will support the expansion of COVID treatment and care, as well as our ability to provide vaccination to underserved populations.

  » President-elect Biden is seeking to administer 100 million doses in 100 days.

• $4B SAMHSA and HRSA to expand access to behavioral health services
American Rescue Plan cont’d

» Deliver immediate relief to working families
  • $1,400/person checks (brings total payment to $2,000)
  • Additional evictions and foreclosure protections; $30B in rental and energy/water assistance
  • $5B in emergency assistance to help secure housing for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness
    • Applies to congregate and non-congregate housing, hotel/motel purchase/conversions and resources to homeless services providers to maintain staff, outreach programs and essential services.
  • Calling on Congress to implement emergency paid leave to 106M through September 2021
    • Eliminate exemption for employers with more than 500 and less than 50 employees
    • Reimburses employers with less than 500 employees for cost of leave (through tax credit)
  • SNAP (15% increase), WIC ($3B), TANF ($1B) increase minimum wage, childcare expansions
Federal: General update

• Cabinet Member confirmation hearings + HHS Secretary/Deputy
  » Xavier Becerra named as HHS Secretary (form California Attorney General)
  » Andrea Palm, Deputy Secretary of HHS (Wisconsin’s Dept. of Health and Human Services, MSW)
  » Waiting on HRSA administrator nomination

• COVID-19 Reimbursement
  » Biden Rescue Plan includes FMAP expansion to 100% for administration of vaccine
  » Advocacy strategy:
    • **Medicare**: FQHCs should receive reimbursement at 100% of reasonable costs for vaccine; CMS should also require FQHCs recived interim payments for vaccine administration based on the Part B Physician Fee Schedule then reconcile to actual cost.
    • **Medicaid**: Require states to cover vaccine administration and specimen collection as a mandatory service for FQHCs as a condition of the 6.2% FMAP increase. This would require states to increase the PPS rate or establish an APM.
    • Issue guidance encouraging states to propose APMs that provide upfront payments for vaccine administration to compensate for the additional resources required to meet the demand for vaccinations related outreach and general administration.
State

• “Long” legislative session convened on January 19, 2021
  » Session on hold until Thursday, January 21 as caution for safety and protection of building staff
  » Initial bill drafts are out
    • Expecting over 3,200 bills to be dropped
    • To date, 1,805 are available; OPCA staff reviewing in tandem with Eames Consulting
    • Policy priorities guide our review and positions as does Policy Committee
  » First 3 months will be virtual; challenges for advocates and access to legislators expected
  » *NEW* House Health Care COVID Committee

• $38.1 M from Omnibus bill to Oregon for vaccination
  » “conduct testing, distribution and administration of safe, high-quality COVID-19 vaccines safely and equitably”
    • OHA stated funds will go towards staffing and backfiling positions that have been reassigned to the vaccination effort as well as public outreach efforts to promote vaccine

• $243M for COVID-19 testing, contract tracing, surveillance and containment efforts
State: Governor’s Provider Roundtable

• OPCA in conversation with the Governor’s office and her staff about role of FQHCs
  » OMA, OAHHS, ORCHA and SEIU input on Phase 1a
  » Governor’s office directive from Secretary Azar about “using FQHCs to distribute vaccinations”
    • Exploring what that means with Governor’s staff and how we ensure readiness + health center experience

• Press coverage
  » OPCA featured on KGW, request from OPB
    • https://www.kgw.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/vaccine/health-providers-plan-mass-vaccination-site-at-oregon-convention-center/283-5ead7cd5-fb7e-4ce1-f9202-6cd587b1bd3f
    • Communications team at OPCA looking at continued partnership with state on next releases/communications + Federal partners
Order more BinaxNow

https://www.orpca.org/ chc/operations/36-covid-19-resources

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As of January 20, 2021
# of FQHCs requesting tests: 22
# of tests distributed: 2450
Tests Expiring!

- Check your BinaxNow shipments.
  » Some recent shipments sent to the OHA have early expirations dates. Some of them were then sent to providers before the OHA realized and stopped sending out these tests.

- Please check for and expiration date of early February.

- Marla Rich from the OHA should have sent an email about these expiring tests.
Testing and Billing

Oregon Medicaid COVID-19 Provider Guide


ORH is working on creating COVID-19 billing resources. Content areas or questions you have?
Testing in Schools

Governor announcement on schools – Feb 15\textsuperscript{th}.

\url{https://www.oregon.gov/newsroom/pages/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=53954}

• Schools – How can FQs and SBHCs support re-opening efforts?

• Any examples or ideas to share?
Wellness & Happiness

- What matters to you?
- What is meaningful to staff right now? giving vaccines?
- Who on your teams can you deploy to the work of testing and vaccines?

Key Frameworks:
- **Joy at Work**
- Staff Engagement
- Trauma Informed Organizations
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)
Meeting Evaluation

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 54 90 55 4

Please rate your satisfaction with today’s briefing on a scale of 1-5.

Let us know what information you plan to use from this briefing.
Thank You!