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OPCA COVID-19 Member Briefing

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“being American is more than a pride we inherit, it’s the past we step into and how we repair it”

“If we merge mercy with might, and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change our children’s birthright”

TODAY'S AGENDA

Welcome and Overview
Staff & Provider Wellness
COVID Vaccines
Policy Update
COVID Testing
Next Member Briefing: Tuesday, March 2, 2:00pm

COVID-19 Member Briefings:

Purpose: Provide members with 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

Staff & Provider Wellness

<https://www.safestrongoregon.org/>

**Safe +
Strong**

English

LOVE FINDS A WAY

Stay close. While you're six feet apart.

Warm Up Mentimeter Poll

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 48 52 08 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

COVID Data: Vaccine Information

Survey week of January 29, 2021

	As of January 29, 2021 (4 week total)
Staff Initiated COVID-19 Immunization Series	4,094
Staff Completed COVID-19 Immunization Series	597
Patients Initiated COVID-19 Immunization Series	2,915
Patients Initiated COVID-19 Immunization Series who are a <i>Racial and/or Ethnic Minority</i>	798
Patients Completed COVID-19 Immunization Series	17
Patients Completed COVID-19 Immunization Series who are a <i>Racial and/or Ethnic Minority</i>	7

COVID Data: Challenges

Survey week of January 29, 2021

- Top 3 challenges in deploying the vaccine:
 - » Vaccine supply (67% of health centers said this was a concern)
 - » Staffing to administer the vaccine (57% of health centers said this was a concern)
 - » Financial reimbursement for costs associated with vaccine administration (19% of health centers said this was a concern)

COVID Data: Testing

Survey week of January 29, 2021

- Oregon FQHC's COVID positivity rate is 14%.
 - » Racial and/or ethnic minority patients make up 67% of the positive cases.
- FQHC's are averaging 1,226 COVID tests per week. Keep up the great testing efforts!
- Currently, 5% of CHC staff cannot work and 14 health center sites are closed.

COVID-19 Vaccine Planning

- OHA | Health Centers and Clinics Lead, COVID-19 Vaccine Unit, Oregon Health Authority | -
- Welcome to Kristen Dillon and team

Federal Vaccine Allocations

Direct to health centers

- Phase 1: February 15 – March 1
 - Cohort 2 and 3 begin between Feb. 22 and March 1
 - Participation is voluntary (for any CHC, once open to all)
 - Weekly HRSA surveys are key to determination and reporting
- BPHC used data-driven approach to determine first cohorts, including the following criteria:
 - the number of hard-to-reach patients (e.g., homeless, migrant, public housing resident, limited English proficiency), and CHCs' capacity as indicated on their weekly report,
 - number of patients over age 65, and the size of the general population.
- In terms of specific vaccines, to the extent possible provide CHCs with vaccines that have less extensive requirements re: storage and administration, including:
 - at present, provide CHCs with Moderna vaccines (rather than Pfizer), as they require less expensive freezers.
 - provide CHCs with single-dose vaccines (once they become available), as underserved patients often find it more difficult to return for a second appointment
- CHCs must follow state guidelines at that point in time, in terms of who to vaccinate
 - Health centers may reach within their own populations they serve to reach those who have not yet been vaccinated
 - Do not waste vaccine

Ready, set...vaccinate!

Considerations for readiness

- Vaccine allocations expected to double or triple in next 4-6 weeks
- FQHCs in initial phases/cohorts have been notified as pilot sites
- What this means for *all* health centers:
 - Readiness
 - Logistics
 - Capacity
 - Federal funding + state administrative fees
 - Verifying 1st doses (MSFW)
 - Mass vaccination resources (from early adopters)
- Join vaccine workgroup calls
- Peer-to-peer information sharing on future calls

Vaccine Communications

Resources

- OHA contracted with DHM Research assess vaccine willingness, concerns about vaccine and messaging
 - » Report will be on OPCA COVID-19 page shortly
- Available toolkits:
 - [Helping Older Adults Get COVID-19 Vaccinations: Partner Toolkit](#) (as of Feb. 4, 2021)
 - [USP COVID-19 Vaccine Handling Toolkit](#): Information for those involved in handling COVID-19 vaccines
 - [Health Center Materials To Promote Vaccination from NACHC](#)
 - [OHA COVID-19 Communications Resources](#): Vaccines, specific groups, multiple languages

Policy Updates Including Vaccines

Congressional Update: Health Center funding

- **Dedicated Health Center Funding**
 - » \$7.6B for health centers (includes look-alikes)
 - \$20M set-aside for Native Hawaiian health centers
 - » Awardees may use the amount to cover the cost for eligible uses started from the date of the Public Health Emergency declaration on January 21, 2020.
 - See next slide for eligible uses of funds awarded
 - » Expected to move through the House the week of February 22 and be passed by the Senate no later than March 14.

Policy Update, cont'd

Congressional update

» Eligible uses for funds:

1. To plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer and track COVID-19 vaccines.
2. To detect, diagnose, trace and monitor COVID-19 infections and related activities necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including activities related to, and equipment or supplies purchased for, testing, contact tracing, surveillance, mitigation and treatment of COVID-19.
3. To purchase equipment and supplies to conduct **mobile** testing or vaccinations for COVID-19, to purchase and maintain mobile vehicles and equipment to conduct such testing or vaccinations, and to hire and train lab personnel and other staff to conduct such mobile testing or vaccinations, particularly in medically underserved areas.
4. To establish, expand, and sustain that health care workforce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, and other workforce activities.
5. To modify, enhance, and expand health care services and infrastructure; and
6. To conduct community outreach and education activities related to COVID-19

Policy Update, cont'd

Congressional Update: Other Key Provisions

- Workforce: \$800M NHSC, \$200M Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program, \$331M Teaching Health Center program
- \$40M for evidence-based programs to promote mental and behavioral health among providers; **FQHCs specifically named as grantees.**
- \$7.6B to HHS for public health workforce (included community health workers, contact tracers, epidemiologists etc.)

Policy Updates cont'd

Congressional Update: Other Key Provisions

- Vaccines
 - » \$7.5B to CDC for vaccines
 - » \$1B to CDC to strengthen **vaccine confidence**
- Testing
 - » \$46B to HHS to implement a national testing strategy, contact tracing, surveillance and mitigation strategy
 - » \$1.8B to HHS to support purchase and distribution of tests and testing supplies, PPE and vaccines for staff and individuals in congregate settings

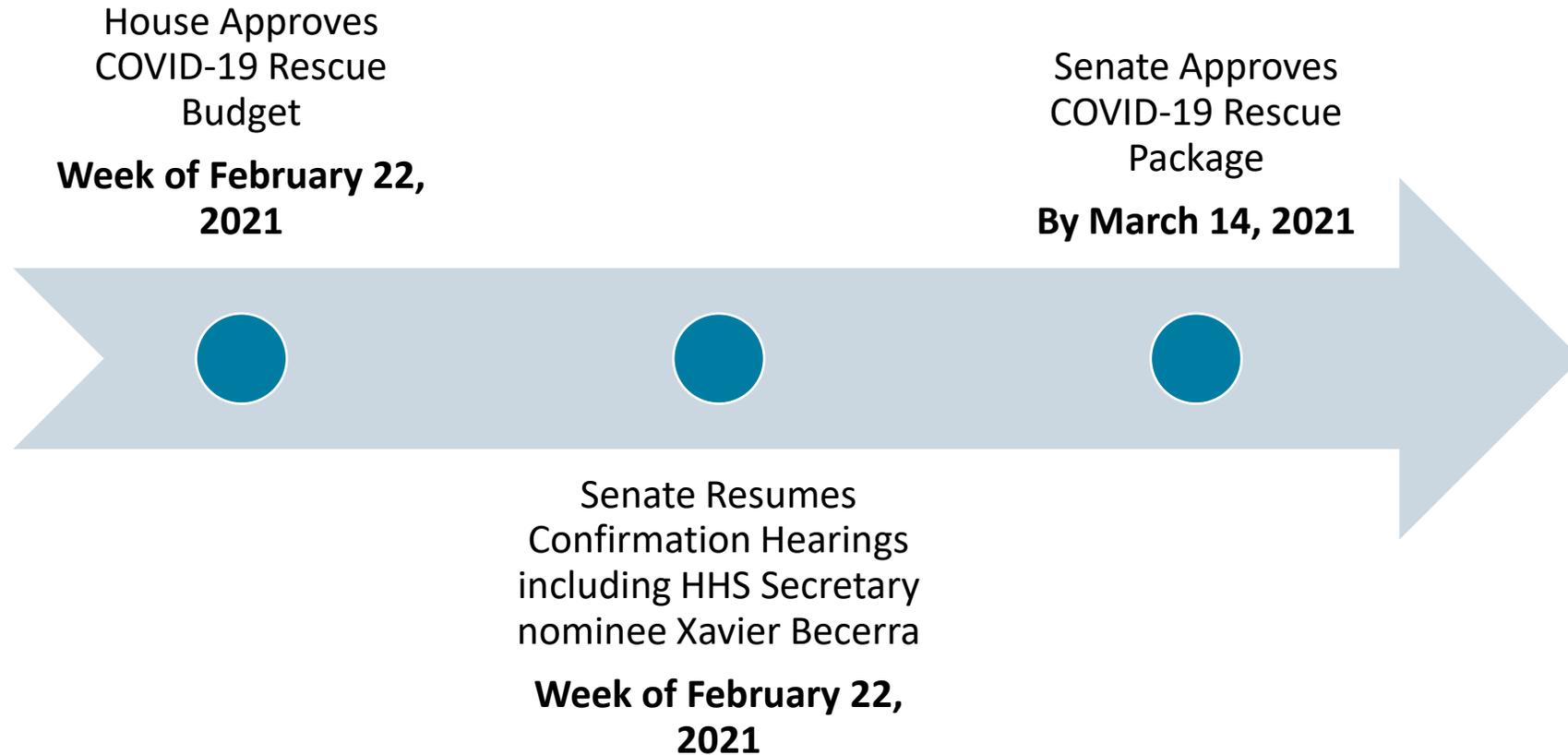
Policy Update cont'd

Congressional Update: Medicaid

- COVID-19 Vaccine and Treatment
 - » Requires Medicaid and CHIP coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and treatment without cost sharing, with vaccines and treatment matched at a **100 percent** federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) through one year after the end of the public health emergency.

 - » Important for OPCA/OHA discussion about vaccine administrative fees/costs
 - Oregon's Medicaid program waiver includes the provision that vaccines are included in the FQHC PPS rate.
 - Exploring whether a vaccine only appointment triggers the rate
 - Only applies to established OHP patients

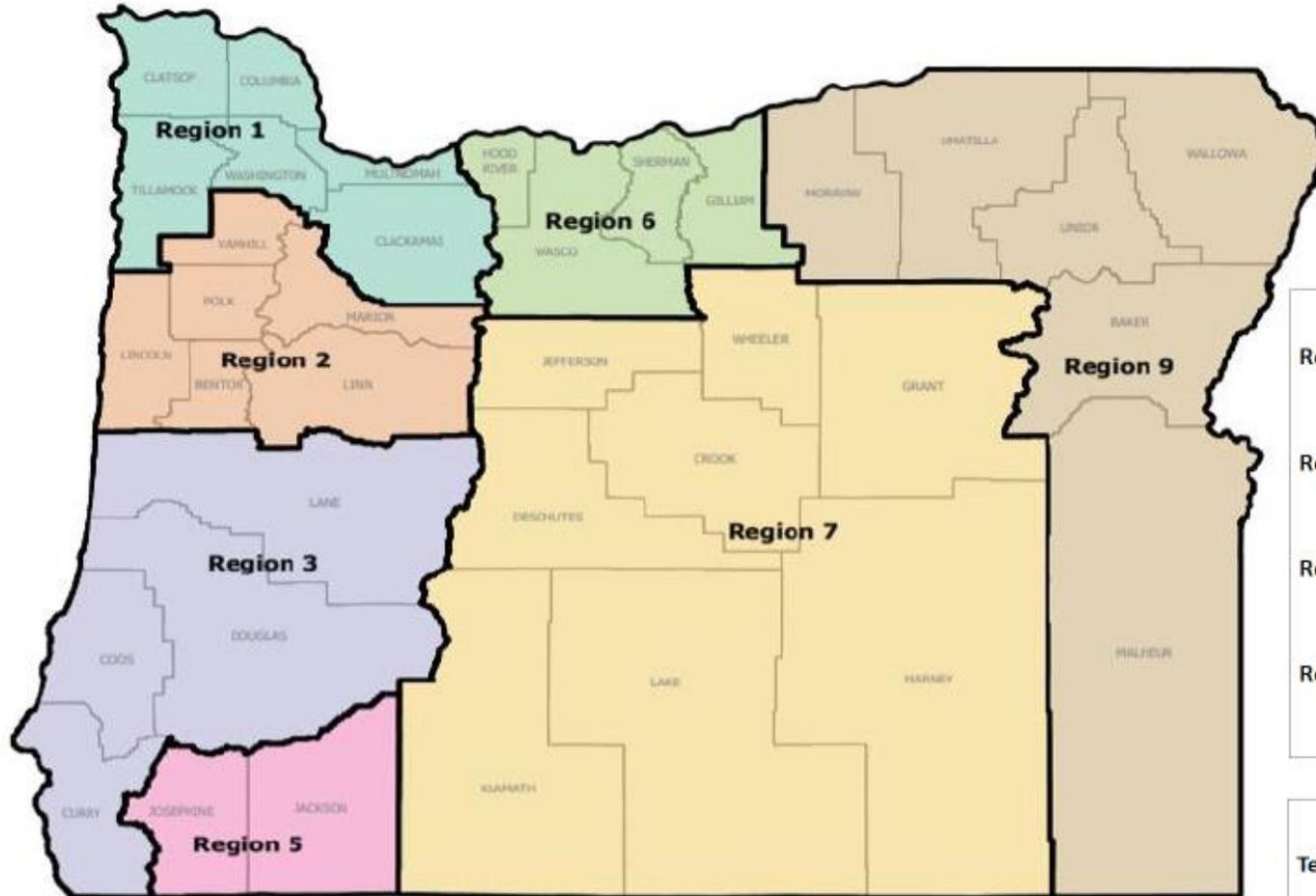
Congressional Timetable



Testing



Testing Coordinator Map



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OHSU Mobile Van Testing

- Opportunities for testing support from OHSU mobile van in Regions 1 and 7
 - » Do any FQHCs in those regions need additional support?

Order more BinaxNow

[Review Test Guidelines](#)

[Order Tests](#)

<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



Where to find the latest COVID-19 information

- OPCA's Member Update: Sign up at 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
- Follow us on Twitter @OregonPCA
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or LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/oregon-primary-care-association

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