



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 9/1/2021

Subject - New Business - COVID 19 update/procedures

Synopsis: The Governor released a new Public Health Rule. It's PH 34-2021, it modifies OAR 333-019-1010, which was first implemented earlier this month.

It applies to all Healthcare personnel, paid or unpaid, specifically including **volunteers**. It imposes an October 18 deadline. At that point the city will need proof of vaccination or proof of an exception:

If a medical exception is claimed, they'll need to bring written documentation corroborated by a medical provider certifying the specified medical diagnosis;

If a religious exception is claimed, it needs to be on a form prescribed by the OHA, describing the way in which the vaccination requirement conflicts with the religious observance, practice or belief;

The program and record keeping burden the rule imposes needs to be in place prior to 10/18. The fine is \$500 a day per occurrence, with a self reporting requirement. There isn't an established penalty if we don't have a program, but our guess is it would be \$500 for every department employee/volunteer a day.

Recommended Motion: Unless instructed otherwise, staff will adopt a policy for requesting and obtaining from every healthcare provider (City and Volunteer firefighters and EMTs) proof of vaccination, religious or health exemption. The City will maintain vaccination records in a confidential health record of employees subject to the OAR.

Legal Analysis: Attorney Peter Watts will be available for questions.

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Clatsop County COVID Vaccine Task Force

Weekly Update – Aug. 27, 2021

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Latest News

VACCINE BOOSTERS

Clatsop County Public Health and the Vaccine Task Force are developing plans to make COVID-19 booster shots available to the general public, once federal health authorities have granted approval.

CDC has shared data showing booster doses of Moderna and Pfizer COVID vaccine are needed due to maintain immunity, and recommends that individuals receive the shot eight months after their second dose.

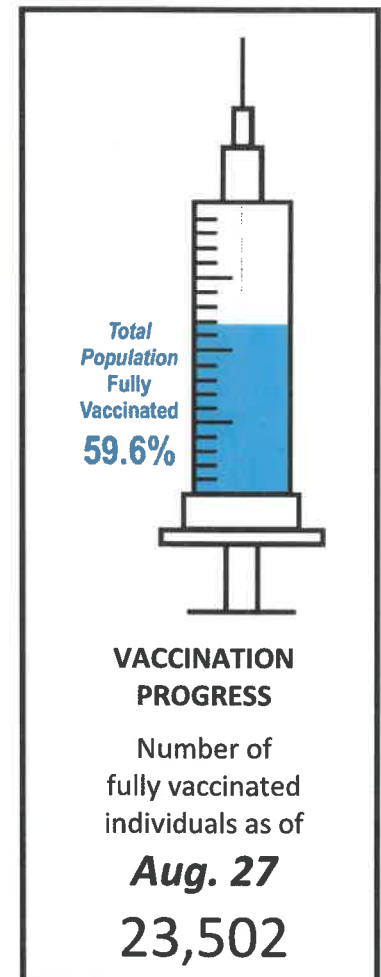
It is anticipated that booster shots will be approved for vaccinated members of the general population beginning in mid- or late September.

The Vaccine Task Force is planning to restart the large-scale vaccination events held weekly earlier this year in Astoria and Seaside – dates, times and locations are still being finalized.

The booster shot roll-out will follow the same sequence as the original vaccination campaign launched in December 2020 – first-responders and health workers first, followed by senior-age residents, then the general public. More information on when groups will be eligible will be coming.

IMMUNOCOMPROMISED BOOSTERS – Booster shots of Moderna and Pfizer vaccine are available NOW to vaccinated people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

Qualifying conditions include: active cancer treatment, organ



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transplant immunosuppressive therapy, advanced HIV infection, or high-dose corticosteroid treatment. [See list of qualifying conditions here](#)

Immunocompromised individuals may receive a booster 28 days or more after their second dose. To schedule a booster shot, contact Clatsop County Public Health at (503) 325-8500, or make an appointment with your primary care home or local pharmacy.

VACCINE OUTREACH

Clatsop County Public Health visited the Pacific Seafood facility in Warrenton on Thursday, Aug. 26 and gave COVID-19 vaccines to 40 employees.

Public Health offers outreach vaccination to businesses in the county interested in offering COVID-19 vaccines to their employees. Go to the [LOCAL BUSINESS VACCINE SURVEY](#) to sign up your business, or call 503-325-8672 for more information.

COVID TESTING

Clatsop County Public Health is working to set up a five-day-a-week COVID-19 testing service at Camp Rilea beginning the week of September 6. Details will be released once finalized.

Please do NOT visit an emergency department for COVID-19 testing, unless you require emergency care for your symptoms. Emergency departments in Oregon are under significant strain responding to the current surge of COVID-19. [You can find a test here.](#)

If you have a medical condition that doesn't require emergency care, contact your provider. An urgent care center may also help you get the care you need and will save emergency departments from added strain.

[Should I Get Tested?](#)

[How to Quarantine](#)

[Symptom Screening](#)

TESTING EVENTS

Clatsop County Public Health is offering the following COVID-19 testing events:

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Ave. A, Seaside
APPOINTMENT REQUIRED - Call (503) 325-8500

Friday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Barbey Center, 2060 Marine Drive, Astoria
APPOINTMENT REQUIRED - Call (503) 325-8500

UPCOMING VACCINATION EVENTS

Medical Teams International, in partnership with Providence Seaside Hospital and Clatsop County Public Health, is offering vaccinations at three pop-up clinics next week along with MTI's regular free dental service outreach program. The events are:

KNAPPA: **Wednesday, Sept. 1**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Knappa High School

ASTORIA: **Thursday, Sept. 2**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Barbey Center

JEWELL: **Friday, Sept. 3**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Jewell School

See the attached flyer for more information.

COVID CASES and VACCINATION

Due to the increase in local COVID-19 infections, Public Health is no longer able to process a weekly break-down of vaccinated versus unvaccinated new cases.

It remains the case, though, that most new infections involve unvaccinated individuals. COVID-19 vaccines are free and readily available from a variety of local providers – [go to this link to learn more.](#)

Total new local cases (Aug. 21-27) - 106

More Information:

[OHA Weekly Breakthrough Report](#)

OUTBREAKS

Outbreaks—22 worksites currently under monitoring

What is an Outbreak?

Oregon Health Authority defines an outbreak as two or more positive COVID-19 cases with a shared “epi-link” – a place or person in common. In the case of an employee or resident of a congregate residential setting, or food chain or agricultural setting, the outbreak threshold is one positive case. [Read more here.](#)

[OHA Weekly Outbreak Report](#)

HOSPITAL DATA

Local COVID-related hospitalizations – Aug. 20-26

Number Admitted:	15
Number Unvaccinated:	13
Number Vaccinated:	2

MORE INFORMATION/DATA

The Oregon Health Authority has released a new [Long-Term Care Facilities Vaccination Data](#) dashboard that includes county-level data.

More COVID-related information is available:

[Oregon Health Authority data dashboards](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data dashboards](#)

Free Urgent Dental Clinics & COVID Vaccine Clinics

Patients must have no risk factors for COVID-19

Social Distancing: After Check-in, patients wait in their personal vehicle until they are invited to board the mobile dental clinic. There is no indoor waiting room.

Cost: We provide urgent dental care and vaccines free of charge.



SEPT
01

Knappa High School
41535 Old Highway 30-Astoria, OR 97103

✓ Walkup Check-in at 9:00am-2:00pm

SEPT
02

**Columbia River Maritime Museum
Barbey Center**

1792 Marine Drive Astoria, OR 97103

✓ Walkup Check-in at 9:00am-2:00pm

SEPT
03

Jewell School
83874 OR-103, Seaside, OR 97138

✓ Walkup Check-in at 9:00am-2:00pm



This is a collaboration between Providence Seaside Hospital and Clatsop County Department of Public Health.



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