

REALD Data Collection and COVID-19

What is REALD?

REALD stands for **r**ace, **e**thnicity, **l**anguage, and **d**isability. Oregon law now requires health care providers to ask patients about REALD information at health care visits related to COVID-19. Then they share this information with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

This requirement helps the state understand who is most impacted by COVID-19, so it can better fund and serve these communities. OHA worked with Oregon communities of color when developing this requirement.

Why we ask

Your answers to REALD questions will help public health officials understand who is most affected by diseases like COVID-19, so they can plan how to best help these communities. For example, if we learn that one group of people has more COVID-19 cases than other groups, the state can make sure that group gets more testing and resources like masks.

You get to decide

It's up to you whether you answer the REALD questions. While your provider is required to ask you all the REALD questions, you aren't required to answer all of them. For questions you don't want to answer, you can choose "Decline to answer." OHA hopes you'll answer these questions, so it can better serve you and all Oregonians.

How do you protect my privacy?

We want everyone to feel safe answering REALD questions. Your information is strictly confidential and will be treated as a confidential public health record. OHA does not include personal information, like name or date of birth, when reporting information to federal agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

REALD data and your state benefits

Sharing your REALD data with us will not impact any benefits you receive from the state, like SNAP or Oregon Health Plan/CAWEM. This means your information will not be shared with other agencies, including immigration officials.



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