



COVID-19 vaccination considerations for Oregon's Colleges, Universities and other institutes of higher education

Background

Vaccination is a critical tool to ending the COVID-19 pandemic and returning to our routines, such as attending school and work. OHA encourages everyone age 16 and older to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Benefits to vaccination

COVID-19 vaccination will help your school stay open and keep your students, staff and faculty (and their families) healthy. Vaccination will increase the speed at which we're able to safely return to normal, in-person on-campus activities.

Communications methods

OHA has a COVID-19 vaccination communications toolkit to help:
<https://sharesystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/1e3646.pdf>

Communicate the importance of vaccination, as well as vaccination opportunities, through a variety of channels. Consider using:

- Push notifications through University apps
- Social media
- Institutional websites
- Direct mail to permanent addresses
- Campus mail
- Flyers
- Text message
- Departmental email lists
- Student housing

Recruitment offices and alumni associations are excellent at communicating with students. Consider asking for their recommendations. Also consult your campus emergency communications plan for a strategy tailored to your institution.

Connecting students, faculty, and staff to vaccine

1. Make vaccine more readily available to campus communities.

Have your institution's health center and equity team collaborate to ensure all students, staff and faculty have access to vaccinations.

- Collaboration between health centers and equity teams is vital to helping members of your campus community who are most likely to be negatively impacted by COVID-19.
- Research shows the hardest hit communities in Oregon include people of color.

If your health center is not an enrolled COVID-19 vaccine provider, connect with your local public health authority for access to vaccines (links below).

2. Check for appointments on CDC [Vaccine Finder](#). Consider sending the link pre-populated with the campus zip code.
3. Share the Oregon Health Authority's website, [How to Find a COVID-19 Vaccine](#).
4. Link to large-volume vaccination sites in the region; possibly arrange timeblocks for students, faculty and staff.
5. Tap into your school's existing vaccination plans (for example flu and measles) to ease the delivery of vaccine to new students.

Mass Vaccination Sites
OHSU PDX Airport Drive Thru
OHSU Hillsboro Stadium
OHSU Multnomah Pavilion
Salem Health
St Charles Bend/Redmond
Asante Medford
Good Shepherd Hermiston
PeaceHealth Springfield
Samaritan Health (Linn-Benton-Lincoln)^a

Register with the county where you live or work to find out about local events.

County Health Departments
Baker
Benton
Clackamas
Clatsop
Columbia
Coos
Crook
Curry
Deschutes
Douglas
Gilliam, Wasco, Sherman
Grant
Harney
Hood River
Jackson
Jefferson
Josephine
Klamath
Lake
Lane
Lincoln
Malheur
Marion
Morrow
Multnomah
Polk
Tillamook
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