Situation Report

Situation Report Number: 09.10.2020	
Incident Name: COVID-19 MultCo Coordination	
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EOC: Activated	**Unified Commanders**: Kim Toevs, Multnomah County Health Department Chris Voss, Multnomah County Emergency Management Joseph Valtierra, Department of County Human Services **Deputies:** Jessica Guernsey, Multnomah County Health Department Lisa Corbly, Multnomah County Emergency Management Alice Busch, Multnomah County Emergency Management
Date: 9/10/20	**Time:** 10:50 am Situation Reports are released on Thursdays at approximately 10:00 am. All posted Situation Reports are archived on the County's website.

To submit updates / actions to this report, email the Multnomah County EOC Situation Unit at eoc.situationunit@multco.us with the subject line: Update for COVID-19 Situation Report.

To volunteer to assist the County's COVID-19 Emergency Response, please complete a volunteer interest form. A wide variety of people and skills are needed.

Need testing?
- **Call your doctor or clinic**: If you have insurance or a regular care provider, contact your doctor's office or clinic to discuss whether you should be tested.
- **If you don't have a doctor**: Call 211 for help finding a clinic. They can help you even if you don't have insurance. You can also call the Health Department's Primary Care Clinics at 503-988-5558 to enroll as a new patient.
- **Multnomah County community testing**: no-cost testing by appointment only, for anyone with symptoms. You don't need to be a clinic or Multnomah County patient to get tested. Limited testing may be available for people without symptoms. We focus on reaching Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities, people without health insurance, and people without a regular health care provider. **Call 503-988-8939 for an appointment**.
  Location and hours:
    - East County Health Center (parking lot), 600 NE 8th St., Gresham, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:00 am - 3:45 pm
    - Note: On September 10, testing at East County Health Center will operate 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, due to air quality issues.
- **Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) community testing**: drive-through/walk up testing sites in Portland and Hillsboro. OHSU offers testing for people with symptoms ages 2 months and older, and for people in specific risk groups. See who can be tested on OHSU's website. Testing is

walk-in or drive-through only; no appointments. There may be a long wait if demand is high. For more information, call the OHSU Coronavirus Hotline: 833-647-8222.
Locations and hours:
  ○ Portland Expo Center, 2060 N Marine Drive, Portland, Monday-Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
  ○ Gordon Faber Recreation Center, Hillsboro Stadium, 4450 NE Century Blvd., Hillsboro, Monday-Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
● For more information about testing sites, who should get tested, and what to expect from your COVID-19 test, see Multnomah County's COVID-19 Testing page.

Announcements and Featured Media

● On September 3, Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced that Baker County has been removed from the State's COVID-19 Watch List. The Governor also announced that "To reduce high case rates, a new prerequisite has been added to enter Phase 2. Counties with more than 100 cases must have their case counts reduced to 100 cases or less per 100,000 people per week." Jackson, Jefferson, Malheur, Morrow, and Umatilla counties remain on the Watch List; no new counties were added this week. For more detail about the data used for the Watch List, see the Oregon Health Authority's Oregon County Watch List Data report. This story was covered by the *Baker City Herald*.
● On September 4, Oregon Governor Kate Brown held a press briefing, with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Director Pat Allen and State Epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger, to share updates about COVID-19's impact in Oregon, and to announce the release of an update to OHA's modeling report. Dr. Sidelinger noted, "The model that we released today shows that transmission has fallen to a point where each case is generating less than one other case. . . For this reason, daily case numbers are dropping. This is tremendous progress. But, it will only continue if we keep up the pressure." KOIN reported on this story.
● On September 8, Multnomah County Integrated Clinical Services Director Tasha Wheatt-Delancy and other ICS staff briefed the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners about how Multnomah County's community health centers have ramped up and re-tuned their services to meet community needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.
● **Child-Sized Face Covering Project**: Multnomah County's Emergency Operations Center is seeking donations of child-sized face masks, for distribution in communities that have been the most impacted by COVID-19. The County's aim is to distribute 10,000 child-sized masks to children who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color, immigrants, or refugees, to other children in need, and to childcare providers. While the county has already received over 23,000 mask donations from the community, the majority of these were sewn for adults, and there is a shortage of child-sized masks. Donations of 6-by-6 inch and 7-by-7 inch cloth masks in unused and good condition, with two layers of tightly woven fabric (such as cotton or flannel) can be dropped off at:
  ○ Portland Fire and Rescue, 1300 SE Gideon St., 9:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays
  ○ Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. (use the loading dock on SE 6th Ave.), 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, or 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturdays

Multnomah County Emergency Operations Section Updates

The Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is a temporary incident response framework that operates within the Mission, Vision and Values of Multnomah County. The EOC develops objectives based on guidance and priorities from the Chair and Chief Operating Officer. The EOC provides support to County departments that are operating beyond their normal capacity, and creates surge capability through the incorporation of community volunteers, partner agencies and organizations, as well as staff from across all County departments. The full complement of this combined effort is directed toward helping accomplish the County's incident objectives.

EOC Section: Public Information

The Public Information Section provides accurate, coordinated, timely and accessible information with the goal of reducing the spread of COVID-19. This information is disseminated to local governments; media; the private sector; and the community through the Multnomah County COVID-19 website, social media, media outlets, call centers, and direct efforts with culturally specific communities. Particular attention is paid to the communities most affected by COVID-19 and people who may not receive information through mainstream means. Content and materials are developed for individuals with disabilities and/or access and functional needs, differing levels of literacy, and with particular care being taken to effectively meet the needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities. The Public Information Section uses an equity lens to create material which is culturally specific to the needs of the many communities represented within the county.

Multnomah County Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 website

- Added a link to a recording of the September 2 webinar "Facilities sharing experiences related to testing, staffing shortages, and COVID-19 precautions in memory care settings," on the COVID-19 Webinars for Group Living Facilities page.
- Updated the COVID-19 Testing page to provide more information about negative results; and added a link to If You have Been Around Someone With COVID-19 page.
- Added Where Can I Get Tested? flyer in Kosraean and Pohnpeian.
- Updated the Tongan and Palauan pages.

Social media highlights - Please share widely

- Multnomah County Library Facebook in English and Spanish
  - Resources for rent help: With the impacts of COVID-19, many people are struggling to pay rent and may be facing eviction. Here are some resources to help you get the information you need to navigate this difficult situation.
  - (Spanish) 6 Tips to keep kids motivated with online learning: Seis consejos para mantener motivados a los niños durante el aprendizaje en línea.

EOC Section: [Operations](#)

The Operations section has several operational areas, each of which report on daily metrics.
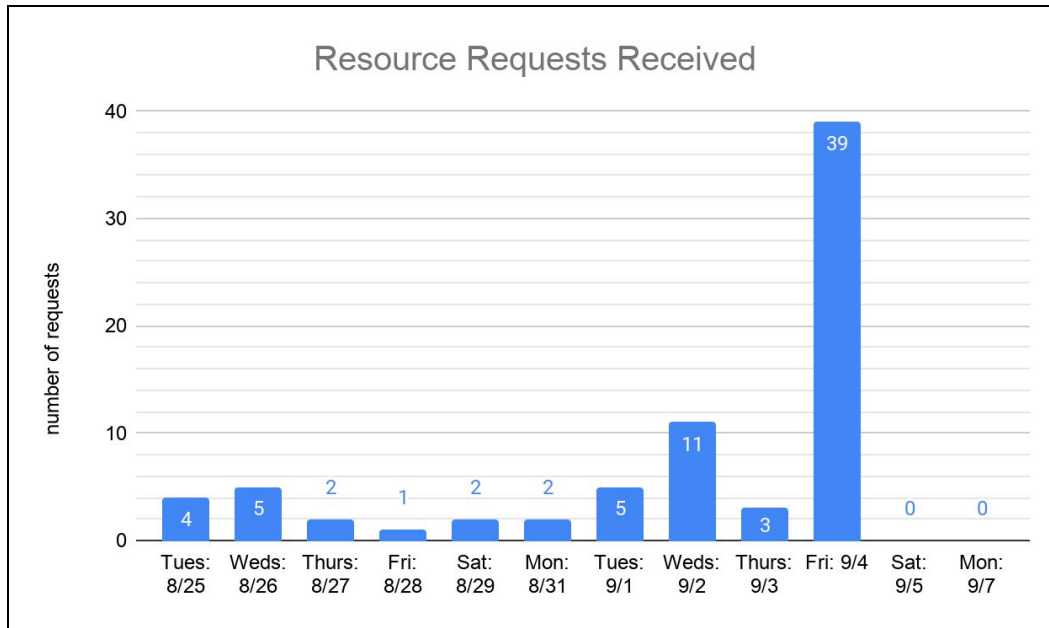
Resource Request Unit

The Resource Request Unit is a group of diverse subject matter experts that represent and advocate for the needs of the communities Multnomah County serves. The team allocates critical supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to health and community organizations in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. When allocating PPE, the Resource Request Unit prioritizes the needs of people living in congregate (group) settings, organizations experiencing an outbreak, organizations that perform life saving operations (hospitals, clinics, etc), and organizations that serve communities of color, people ages 65 and older, and people with underlying health conditions. These priorities are part of Multnomah County's commitment to dedicate resources to the populations most impacted by COVID-19.

Within the Resource Request Unit, the Community Resources team helps community groups such as social service organizations, food pantries, faith organizations, businesses, and many others navigate the EOC resource request and allocation process. In addition, the team provides information and answers questions about availability of supplies and which PPE is indicated for particular circumstances. The team addresses the needs of the community with a strong equity lens and trauma-informed communication, and prioritizes services to those most at risk. You can reach the Community Resources team at communityresources@multco.us, or by calling 503-988-8940.

Daily Metrics: The Resource Request Unit tracks how many requests for resources it receives over a 24-hour period ending at 12:00 pm each day. The chart below shows the number of daily requests over the past two weeks.
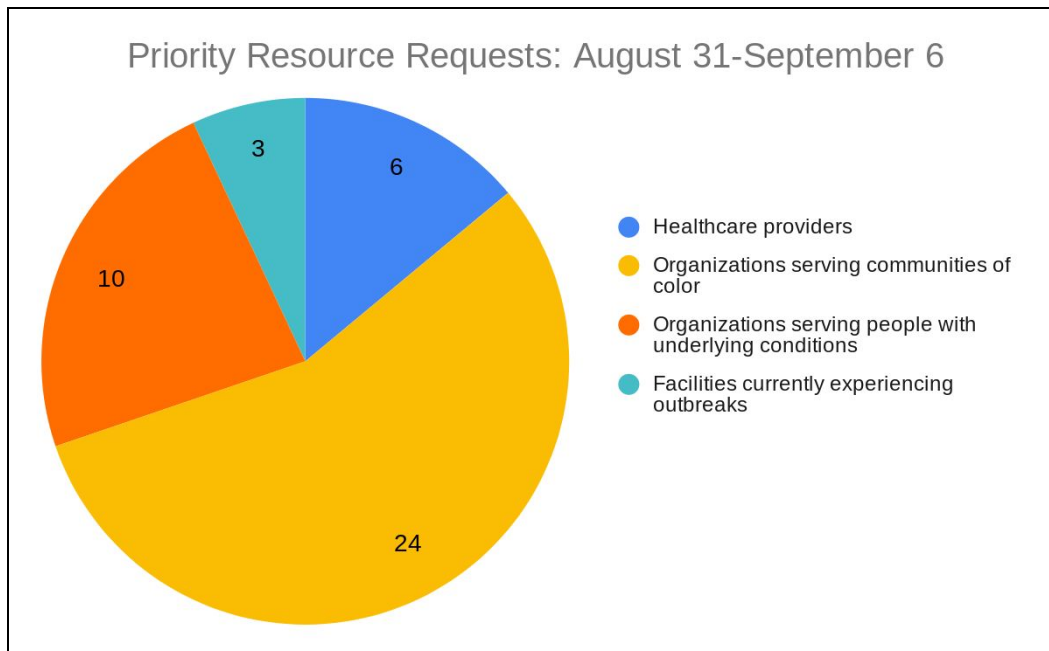
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Resource Requests Received

number of requests

Tues: 8/25	Weds: 8/26	Thurs: 8/27	Fri: 8/28	Sat: 8/29	Mon: 8/31	Tues: 9/1	Weds: 9/2	Thurs: 9/3	Fri: 9/4	Sat: 9/5	Mon: 9/7
4	5	2	1	2	2	5	11	3	39	0	0

Note: the Resource Request Unit operates Mondays-Saturdays.
This week the unit was closed 9/5-9/7 for the Labor Day Holiday, and no requests were processed on those days.

Weekly Metrics: During the week of **Monday, August 31** through **Sunday, September 6**, the Resource Request Unit processed **60** requests. Of these, **43** requests met the county's priorities to dedicate resources to the populations most impacted by COVID-19:

Priority Resource Requests: August 31-September 6

- Healthcare providers: 6
- Organizations serving communities of color: 24
- Organizations serving people with underlying conditions: 10
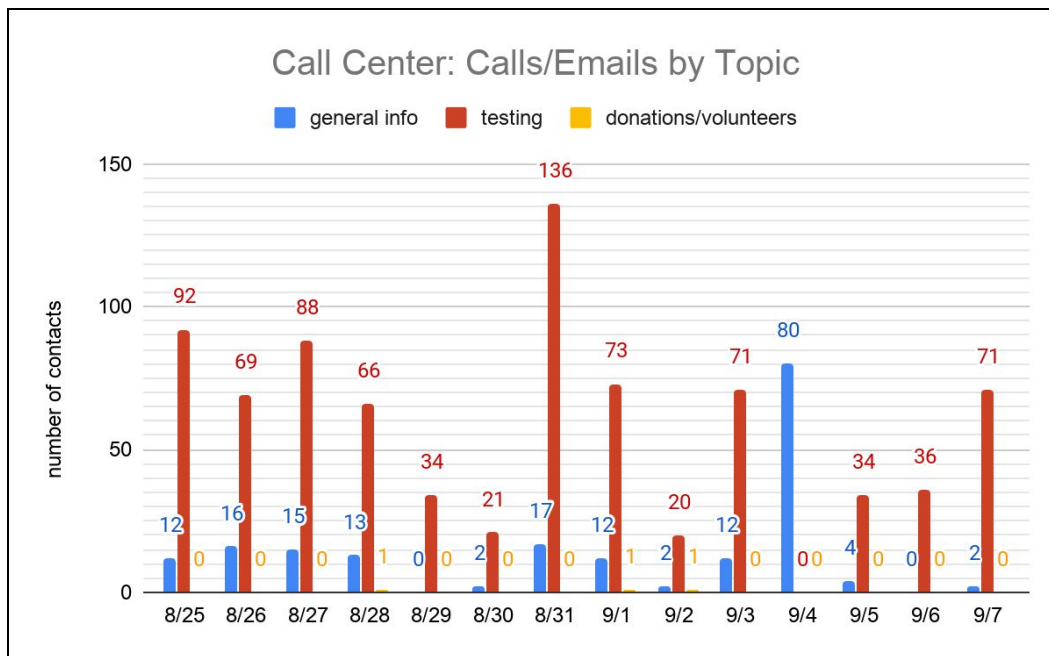- Facilities currently experiencing outbreaks: 3

Note: In the above chart, healthcare providers and congregate housing sites include those that may specifically serve communities of color or people ages 65+. In other words, if a healthcare provider organization or congregate housing site specifically serves communities of color or people ages 65+, they are categorized as healthcare providers or congregate housing sites and not counted as an organization serving communities of color or as an organization serving people 65+.
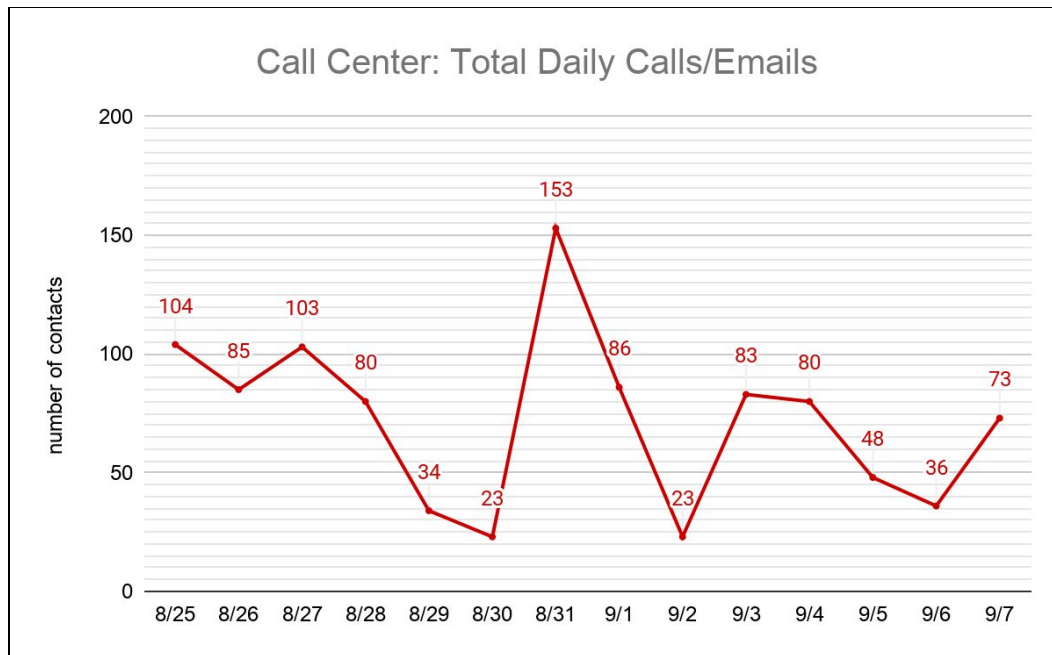
Call Center

The EOC Call Center answers a range of questions and concerns from community members related to COVID-19. Callers are connected directly from the Multnomah County Health Department and occasionally from 211. The Multnomah County emergency response team at the EOC continually updates the Call Center script content based on questions received. The Call Center also provides information regarding the many questions related to testing and assists by supporting Multnomah County Health with contact tracing, as well as by scheduling appointments for the County's low-barrier COVID-19 testing.

Daily Metrics: The Call Center tracks how many calls and emails it responds to each day. The first chart below shows the number of calls and emails per day for the past two weeks, broken down by three topic categories. The second chart shows the total number of calls and emails received each day over the past two weeks.

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Call Center: Total Daily Calls/Emails

Aggregated data: The chart below shows the total number of calls and emails that the Call Center responded to each month, May-August.

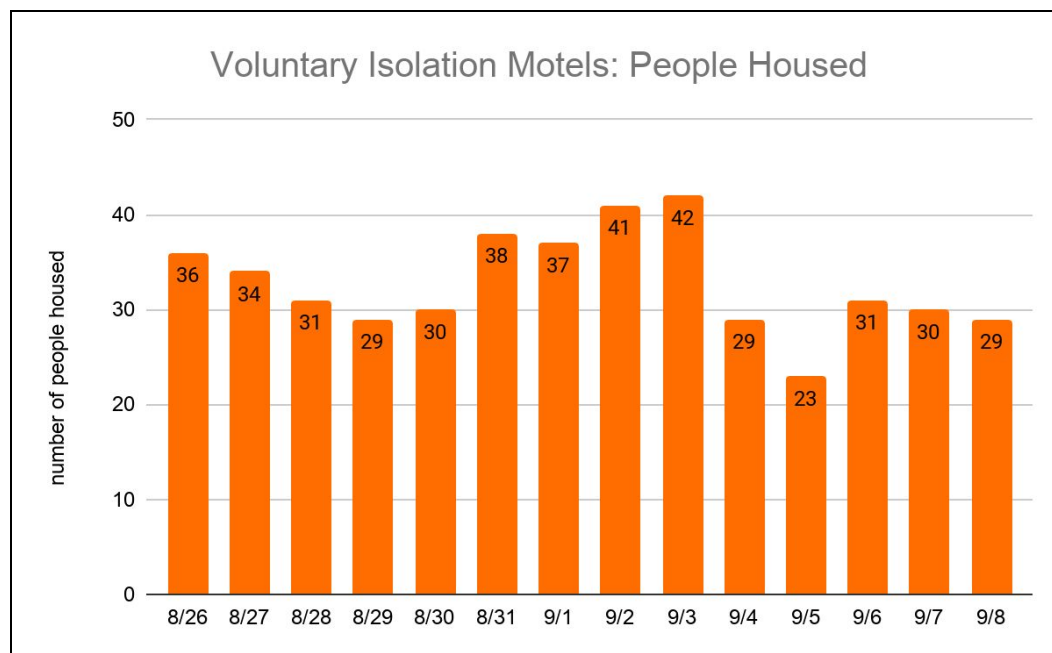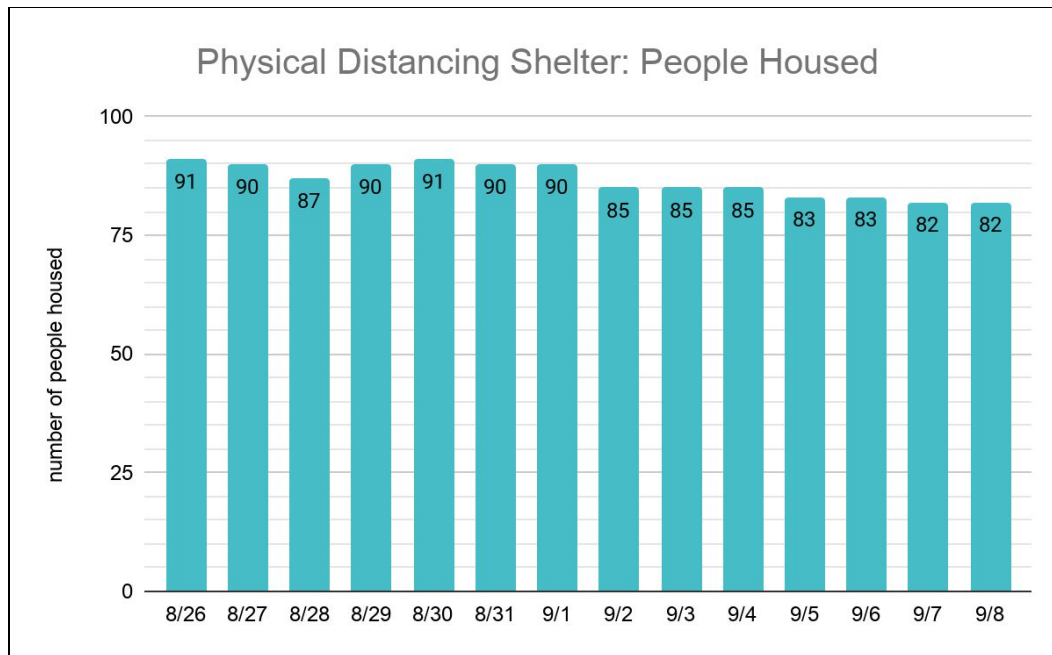## EOC Section: Mass Care and Shelter (Emergency Support Function 6)

The Mass Care and Shelter section of the EOC is currently helping support the operation of one Physical Distancing Shelter (PDS) with a total capacity of **120 beds**, and two Voluntary Isolation Motels (VIMos) with a total capacity of **120 beds**. The people working in this section include all of our on-site shelter staff who continue to respond with compassionate action as increasing numbers of guests are referred into the County's PDS site from partner shelters.

Staffing and response plans that take into consideration COVID-19's extended duration are being finalized.

Weekly Metrics: During the week of **Monday, August 31** through **Sunday, September 6**, the Mass Care and Shelter Section housed an average of **85 people** per night in the County's Physical Distancing Shelter and **34 people** per night in the County's Voluntary Isolation Motels.

The Mass Care and Shelter section currently operates one Physical Distancing Shelter (with a total capacity of **120 beds**) and two Voluntary Isolation Motels (with a total capacity of **120 beds**). The charts below show the number of people housed in these shelters and motels for each day of the past week.

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Multnomah County

Physical Distancing Shelter: People Housed

Date	People Housed
8/26	91
8/27	90
8/28	87
8/29	90
8/30	91
8/31	90
9/1	90
9/2	85
9/3	85
9/4	85
9/5	83
9/6	83
9/7	82
9/8	82

number of people housed

Voluntary Isolation Motels: People Housed

Date	People Housed
8/26	36
8/27	34
8/28	31
8/29	29
8/30	30
8/31	38
9/1	37
9/2	41
9/3	42
9/4	29
9/5	23
9/6	31
9/7	30
9/8	29

number of people housed

EOC Section: Public Health and Medical (Emergency Support Function 8)

The Public Health and Medical Section works to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Multnomah County, and to minimize the impacts of the disease on individuals and our community. This Section contains Units that support Fatality Management, Region 1 Hospital and Health Systems, Emergency Medical Services, COVID-19 Testing, and Communicable Disease Investigations which includes Epidemiology, Case Investigation and Contact Tracing.
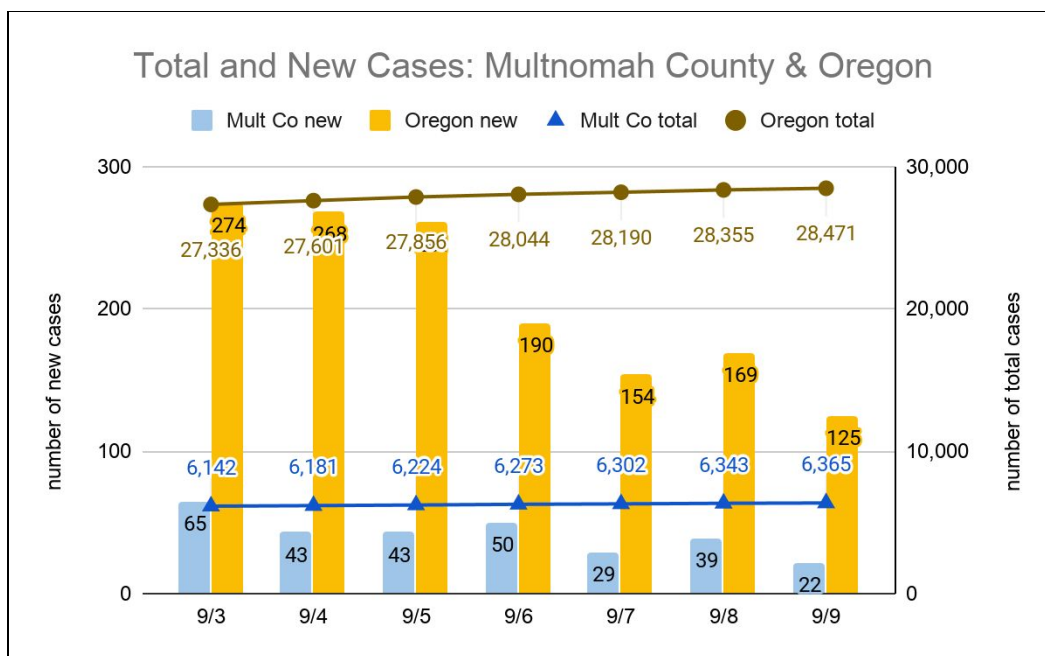
Schools Blueprint

The County in close collaboration with the Multnomah Education Service District is supporting local school districts and schools in using the most recent state guidance, Ready Schools, Safe Learners, released on August 18, to guide their development and implementation of Operational Blueprints to guide their safe operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The County's Emergency Operations Center has supported schools as they developed these blueprints, helping to ensure the inclusion of OHA-mandated communicable disease response plans including things like symptom screening, isolation space, cleaning, and other safety protocols. The Operational Blueprints are currently being reviewed by the local Public Health team.

Epidemiology Data

This is a dynamic situation. Information and case counts are changing rapidly and the incident is ongoing.

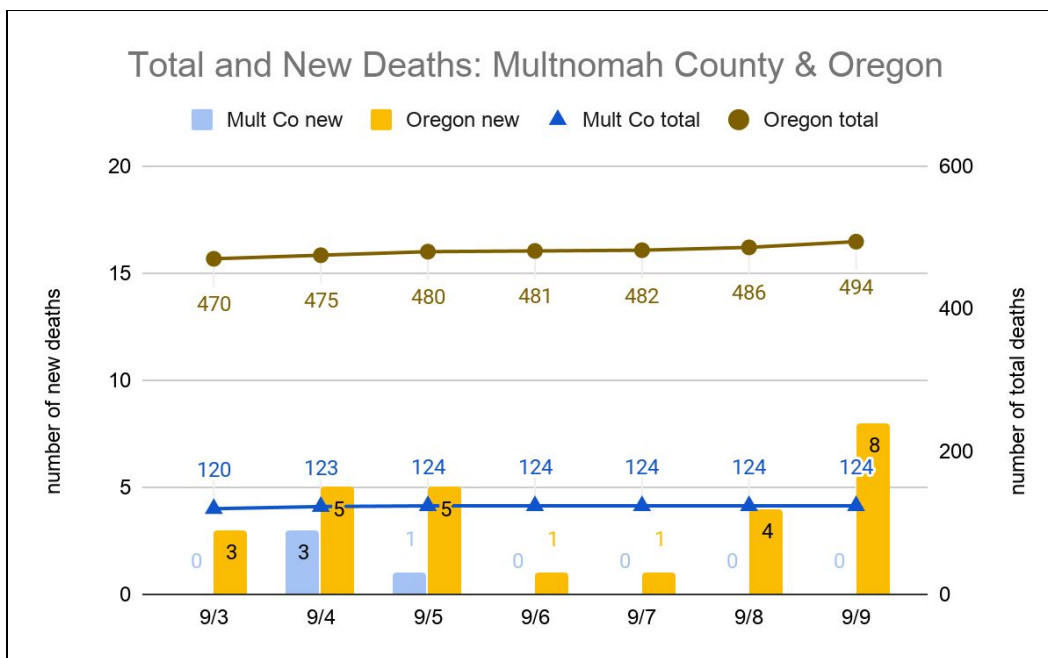### COVID-19 cases and deaths in Multnomah County and in Oregon

There were **125 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases** reported in Oregon on September 9. **Twenty-two** of these new cases are in Multnomah County. Since the pandemic began, there have been a total of **6,365** confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases in Multnomah County and **28,471** cases in Oregon. Multnomah County cases make up **22%** of the state's total. The chart below shows cases over the past week.

(Source: Oregon Health Authority)

There were **eight new COVID-19 deaths in Oregon** reported on September 9. **None** of these deaths occurred in Multnomah County. The most recent COVID-19 death in Multnomah County was reported on September 5. A total of **124** people are known to have died of COVID-19 in Multnomah County since the pandemic started. There have been **494** known COVID-19 deaths in Oregon, statewide. Multnomah County deaths make up **25%** of the state's total. The chart below shows deaths over the past week.

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Total and New Deaths: Multnomah County & Oregon

Legend: Mult Co new | Oregon new | Mult Co total | Oregon total

(Source: Oregon Health Authority)

National and global data about COVID-19 cases and deaths are tracked in the COVID-19 Dashboard, available through Johns Hopkins University's Coronavirus Resource Center.
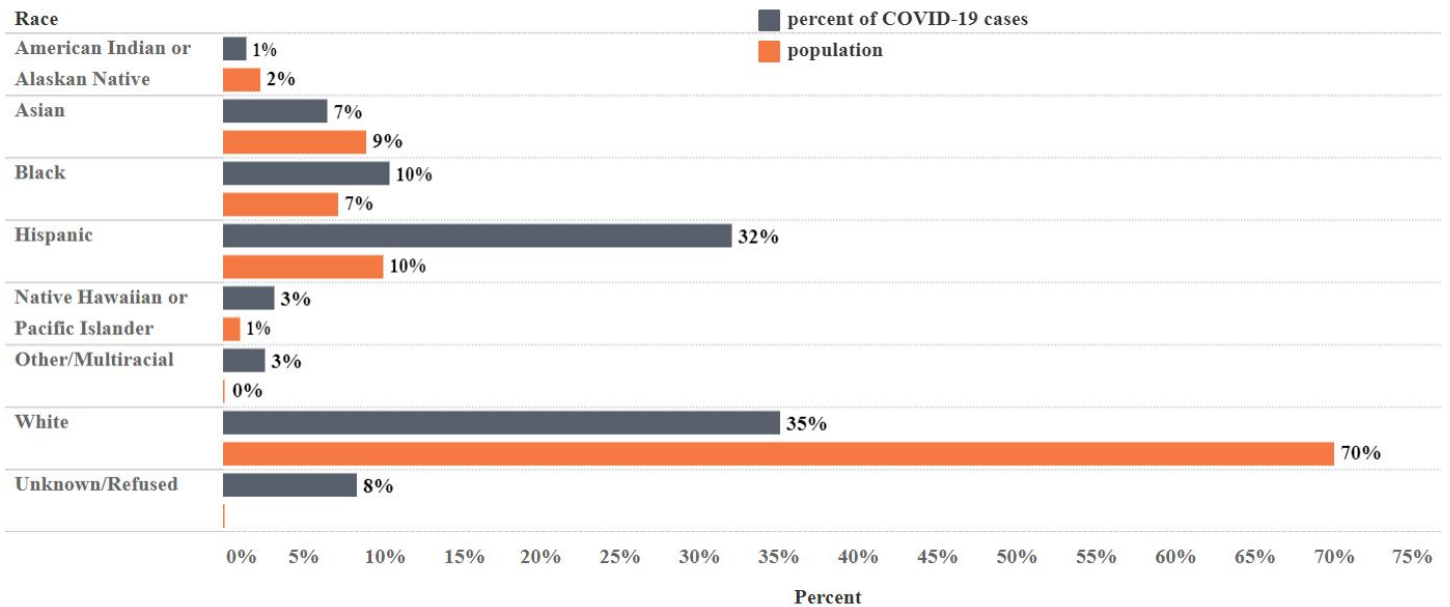
Race and Ethnicity Impact in Multnomah County

Detailed local data, including demographics (race, sex, age, and housing status) are available in the Regional COVID-19 data dashboard hosted by Multnomah County. The dashboard also contains data on case counts, hospitalizations, symptoms and coexisting conditions, and testing. For statewide data on COVID-19 cases in Oregon by sex, age group, race, and ethnicity, consult the Oregon Health Authority's Demographics and Disease Severity dashboard. National data on racial disparities in the COVID-19 pandemic is updated daily in the COVID Racial Data Tracker, which is a joint project of the COVID Tracking Project at *The Atlantic* and the Center for Antiracist Research.

The charts below show **the percentage of total cumulative cases, deaths, and hospitalizations by race and ethnicity (in gray)**, as of September 6. Each chart also shows **the proportion of Multnomah County's total population by race/ethnicity (in orange)**. Instances where the percentage of cases, deaths, and hospitalizations exceeds the proportion of Multnomah County's total population by race/ethnicity indicate the communities that are most impacted by health inequity from COVID-19. These differences may reflect the inequitable distribution of the risks of being exposed to COVID-19 and the opportunities to access medical care and COVID-19 testing.

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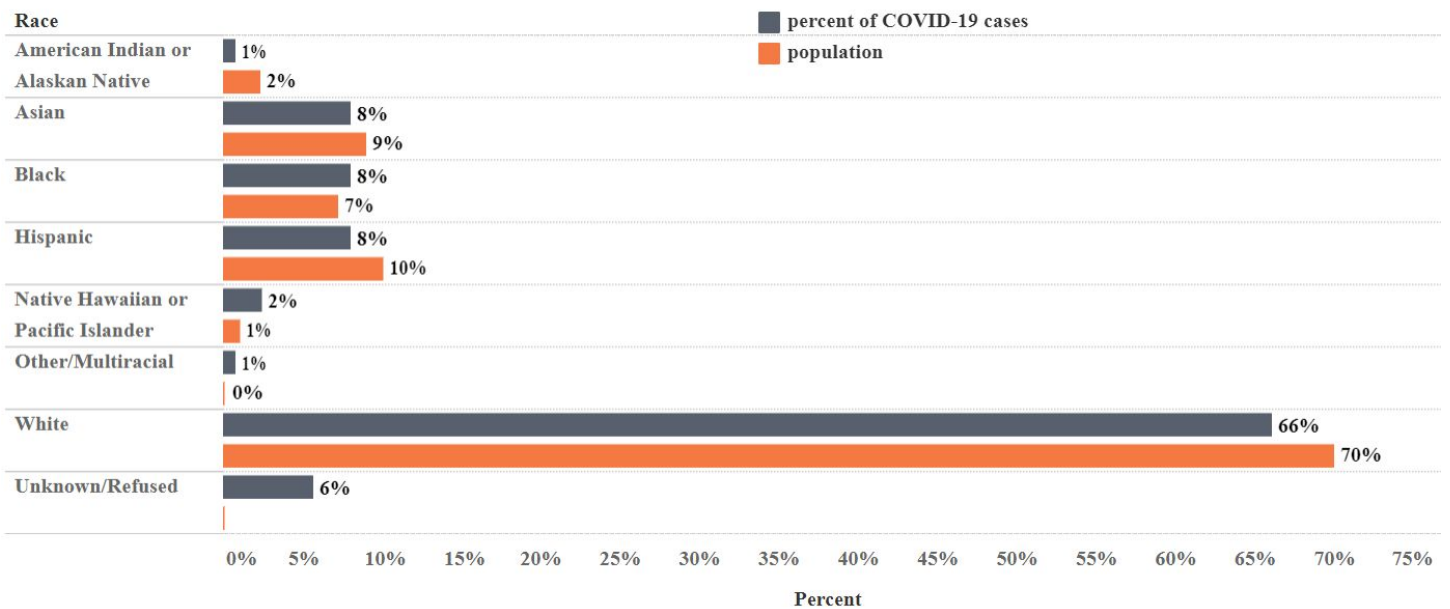
Cases by race/ethnicity and population proportions

Percent of COVID-19 Cases Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions

Race

Legend: ■ percent of COVID-19 cases ■ population

Race	percent of COVID-19 cases	population
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	2%
Asian	7%	9%
Black	10%	7%
Hispanic	32%	10%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3%	1%
Other/Multiracial	3%	0%
White	35%	70%
Unknown/Refused	8%	

Percent

Data current as of September 6, 2020 (source: Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard).

Deaths by race/ethnicity and population proportions

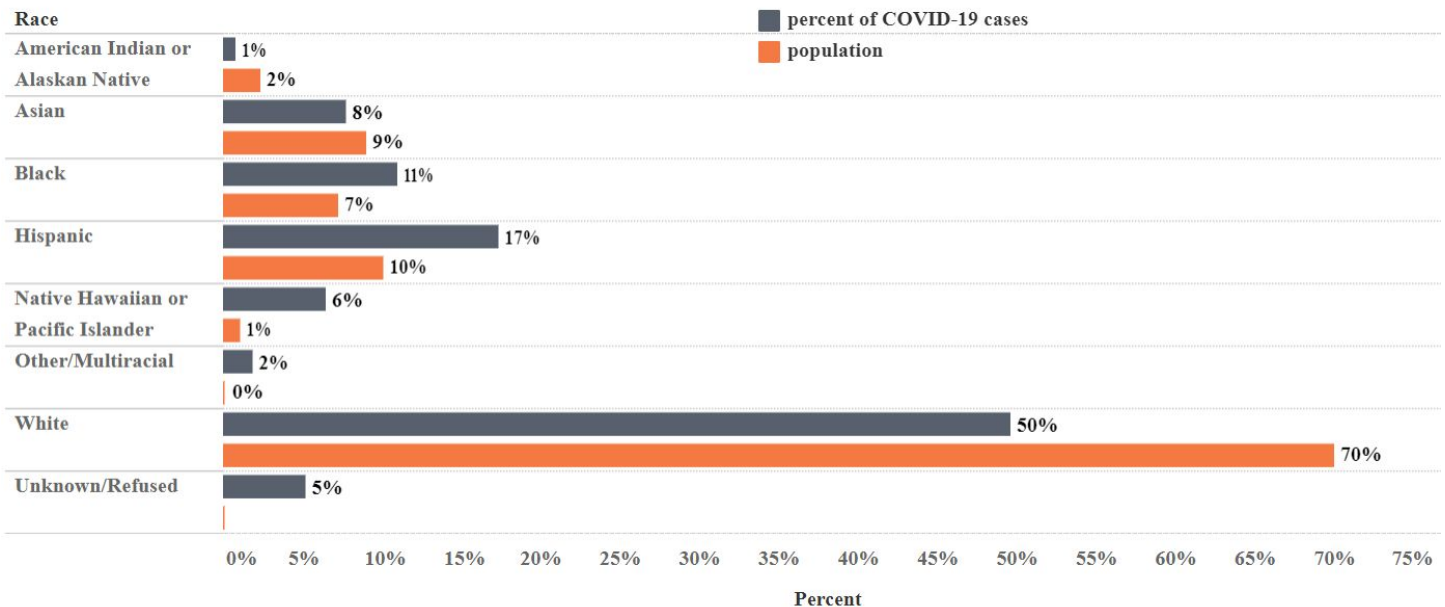*Percent of COVID-19 Deaths Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions*

Race

Legend: ■ percent of COVID-19 cases ■ population

Race	percent of COVID-19 cases	population
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	2%
Asian	8%	9%
Black	8%	7%
Hispanic	8%	10%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2%	1%
Other/Multiracial	1%	0%
White	66%	70%
Unknown/Refused	6%	

Percent

Data current as of September 6, 2020 (source: Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard).

Hospitalized cases by race/ethnicity and population proportions

Percent of COVID-19 Hospitalized cases Compared to Multnomah County Population Proportions

Data current as of September 6, 2020 (source: Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard)

EOC Section: Logistics

The Logistics Section supports the response actions of all other EOC sections. Logistics focuses on procedures for activating, dispatching, distributing, allocating, tracking, and deactivating resources needed for emergency and disaster operations from government, private, or volunteer sources. For Multnomah County's COVID-19 response, important Logistics functions include supporting our Physical Distancing Shelters and Voluntary Isolation Motels, coordinating the donation of supplies and delivering resources to community partners.

Cooling Kit Project

On September 2, the Department of County Human Services Emergency Manager reached out to the County's COVID-19 emergency response team to ask for assistance in organizing and filling string backpacks to create cooling kits that included hand fans and cooling pads, as well as COVID-19 safety items such as hand sanitizer and KN95 face coverings. Fourteen County COVID-19 emergency response teammates arrived at the 5 Oaks building on September 3 at 9:00 am and by 11:00 am had completed 1,270 bags and staged three deliveries. With help from Neighborhood Emergency Teams, the project was finished the next day. As of Friday, September 4th, 1,450 bags were delivered to network partners to ensure the kits would be distributed to the communities most in need, with initial distribution to BIPOC community members.

Donations Unit

Multnomah County is seeking **homemade cloth face coverings**, which should be unused and in good condition. Multnomah County is dedicated to ensuring that these scarce resources are distributed to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities (BIPOC). Across the country, BIPOC communities are
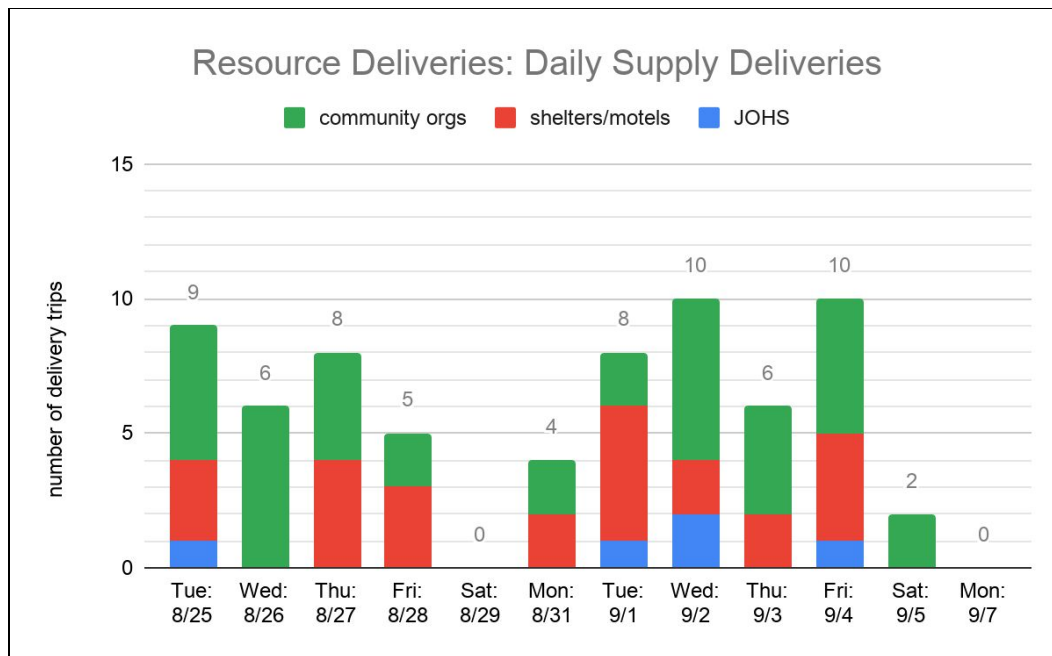
statistically more likely to suffer grave outcomes of COVID-19, and are therefore our donation priority. A multidisciplinary team of local municipal, county, and non-profit partners are working with community partners across the county to distribute these, and other supplies. Learn more about how and what you can donate to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Shelter Supply Unit

The Shelter Supply Unit works closely with our Emergency Support Function-6 teammates to ensure our shelter guests have what they need for a comfortable stay. With the help of other Logistic Section units, they directly support nearly 250 staff and residents in these facilities with supplies, laundry, snacks, meals, medical assistance, and other services as requested. The Shelter Supply Unit strives to provide for the well-being of shelter residents by providing items such as comfort kits, clothing as needed, and entertainment options.

Resource Deliveries

The Logistics Section provides transportation for numerous response functions, including delivering supplies to community partners. The chart below shows the number of daily trips delivering resources to community organizations, County-run physical distancing shelters and voluntary isolation motels, and emergency outdoor shelters run by the City of Portland and Multnomah County's Joint Office of Homeless Services. The chart does not represent the quantity of supplies included in these deliveries, so a single delivery could include small or large quantities of resources.

Note: Logistics operates Monday - Saturday, with on-call deliveries made on Sundays, if necessary.

Aggregate Metrics: The Logistics Section tracks the number of items that it delivers and picks up. The table below shows these deliveries in quantities by month since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic (April - August).

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Items delivered	April	May	June	July	August
8-24 oz hand sanitizer	20,617	9,330	2,944	10,021	8,062
Half-gallon hand sanitizer	2	137	29	170	6
Gallon hand sanitizer	305	485	2,200	697	205
Cloth face coverings	33,259	4,139	1,284	7,571	963
KN95 masks	700	25	435,950	144,934	196,126
N95 masks	130,694	21,165	14,947	254	5
Gowns/suits	22,673	1,850	5,540	1,156	0
Gloves (single)	356,000	318,980	25,400	12,200	200
Face shields	11,811	17,518	5,280	1,111	2,625
Procedural masks	471,280	230,369	342,785	614	0
Thermometers	0	2,000	1,750	0	0
Other (varied items including test kits, goggles, etc.)	98,292	12,334	3,822	3,685	702

Weekly metrics: Each week, the Logistics Section tracks the number of items that it delivers and picks up. The table below shows these deliveries by week for the current month.

Items delivered	Aug 1-7	Aug 8-14	Aug 15-21	Aug 22-28	Aug 29-Sept 4
8-24 oz hand sanitizer	2704	1503	1070	850	512
Half-gallon hand sanitizer	6	0	0	0	0
Gallon hand sanitizer	78	55	24	15	22
Cloth face coverings	528	162	160	99	194
KN95 masks	86828	40553	33375	13,120	18,090
N95 masks	5	0	0	0	0
Face shields	1825	300	0	0	400
Gloves (single)	200	0	0	0	0
Other (varied items including test kits, goggles, etc.)	207	389	0	106	784

EOC Section: Administration

The Administration Section provides targeted support to create an inclusive, positive, productive and healthy work environment across all response operations, that is responsive to the changing conditions of the COVID-19 incident. Functions include the recruitment, training and onboarding of staff and volunteers; equity and inclusion support; and human resources and labor relations consultation.
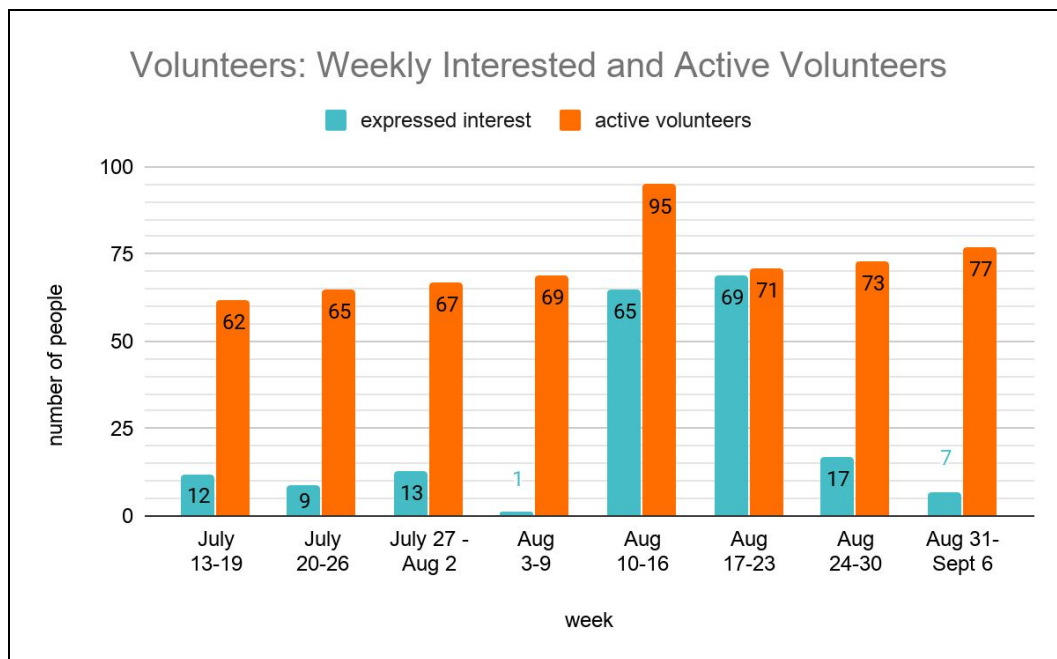
Volunteers

The Volunteer Program of Multnomah County's COVID-19 emergency response works to recruit, screen, onboard and support volunteers for the Joint Office of Homeless Services' Emergency Physical Distancing

Shelters and for other emergency response functions. The Volunteer Program bolsters and sustains the community response to COVID-19 in Multnomah County through promoting, organizing, and supporting safe volunteer activities and works closely with the City of Portland and other County Departments to prioritize support for historically underserved communities.
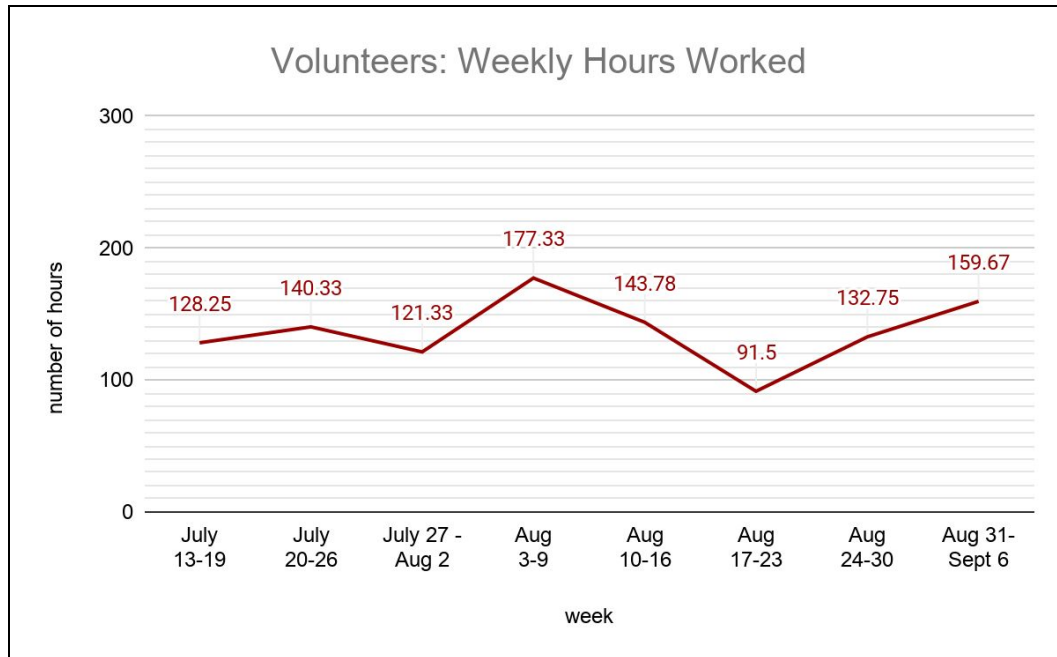
Weekly Metrics: The Volunteer Program tracks how many individuals complete an interest form to express interest in volunteering, the number of active volunteers, and the number of volunteer hours worked each week. The charts below show these metrics each week for the past several weeks.

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As of September 6, 2020, a total of **903 individuals have completed the volunteer interest form**. A total of **104 people have volunteered their time** with the EOC during the COVID-19 response, and **active volunteers have worked a total of 5,408.62 hours**. Using the County's job class compensation guide as a metric, **the value represented by this donated labor is $132,968.81**.

Volunteers: Weekly Interested and Active Volunteers

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Volunteers: Weekly Hours Worked

Line chart titled "Volunteers: Weekly Hours Worked" with y-axis "number of hours" (0 to 300) and x-axis "week":
- July 13-19: 128.25
- July 20-26: 140.33
- July 27 - Aug 2: 121.33
- Aug 3-9: 177.33
- Aug 10-16: 143.78
- Aug 17-23: 91.5
- Aug 24-30: 132.75
- Aug 31-Sept 6: 159.67

EOC Section: Community Liaisons

The Liaison Unit is made up of four Liaison Officers and five Deputies who support 47 community liaisons across 27 sectors. Liaison Officers and Deputies foster community connection and information sharing by creating spaces to problem solve, share resources, and discuss community experiences. In addition, they track and identify trends within the community and elevate them to response leadership to inform outreach and policy. Community Liaisons use their subject-matter expertise to act as a critical link between the COVID-19 response mission and the audience it affects. They answer sector specific questions, ensure understanding of local and State guidelines as it pertains to their sector, and manage communication and information sharing between sector organizations and the Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center. More than 8,500 people actively participate in the liaison program and help spread accurate information throughout our community and beyond.

Updates

- This week's themes and trending questions in the Liaison Section:
  - Inquiries as to when the County will apply for Phase 2 reopening.
  - Many requests for additional information for guidance on live music events.

General

- On September 17, the Centers for Disease Control will partner with the National Governors Association to present a four-part, monthly webinar series, "Equity and Policy Preparedness during Public Health Emergencies." Sessions will include: "Equity in Encouraging and Enforcing Mitigation Measures," "Equitable Distribution and Uptake of Remedies and Resources," "People Experiencing Homelessness," and "People Who Are Incarcerated." The series is intended for public health professionals, state and territorial health officials, and public health lawyers. Registration is required.

- On October 20, Performing Arts Readiness will host a [webinar](#) on Health and Safety in the Performing Arts. This event will cover safety of crews, casts, and audience members and will provide guidance on ensuring a safe, healthy environment. The event is free and [registration](#) is required.

Businesses

- The Small Business Relief Fund will [open to grant applications](#) on Monday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m. Details about eligibility, requirements, selection priorities and frequently asked questions are all posted on [Prosper Portland's website](#).

Culturally Specific Communities

- Oregon Cares Fund for Black Relief and Resiliency Applications. [Applications are now open for The Oregon Cares Fund](#). The Oregon Cares Fund for Black Relief and Resiliency is a $62 million targeted investment in the Black community from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund. This fund is meant to provide the Black community with the resources it needs to weather the global COVID-19 health pandemic and consequent recession. The Oregon Cares Fund is for Black individuals, Black-owned businesses, and Black community based organizations.
- The American Public Health Association has launched [COVIDGuia.org](#), an online Spanish language resource guide that shares up-to-date, science-based, public health information and tools. Topics include guidance on reopening, personal and community prevention tips, workplace safety guidance, and recommendations for safe voting and returning to school.

Faith-Based/Community Organizations

- The Faith-Based/Community Organization Liaisons newsletter reaches over 1000 recipients from community organizations and faith organizations. Our readers include people of many different faiths including Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Judaism, Native American Spirituality, and multiple Christian denominations. In addition to answering questions from the community related to COVID-19 guidance as it relates to faith organizations, we have offered four different webinars since March. We are working to expand our outreach to include more immigrant communities. Our most recent outreach has focused on Hindu faith organizations in the area. We appreciate the assistance of other EOC sectors, especially the Public Information Office, the Culturally Specific Liaisons, and the Resource Request unit.
- On September 9, the Faith-Based/Community Organizations team partnered with Oregon Health Authority to host a webinar for local Hindu organizations. For more information on this event, to join in future events coordinated with the local Hindu community, or to be added to the Faith-Based/Community Organizations newsletter, please reach out to the [Faith-Based/Community Organization liaison team](#).

Schools (Childcare, K-12, Universities)

- Multnomah County posted resources for students and families on its [Supporting Your Student Learner during COVID-19](#) page.

Sector Contact Information and Conference Call Schedule

If you have specific questions, or to attend a regularly scheduled sector conference call, please contact the sector liaison via email.
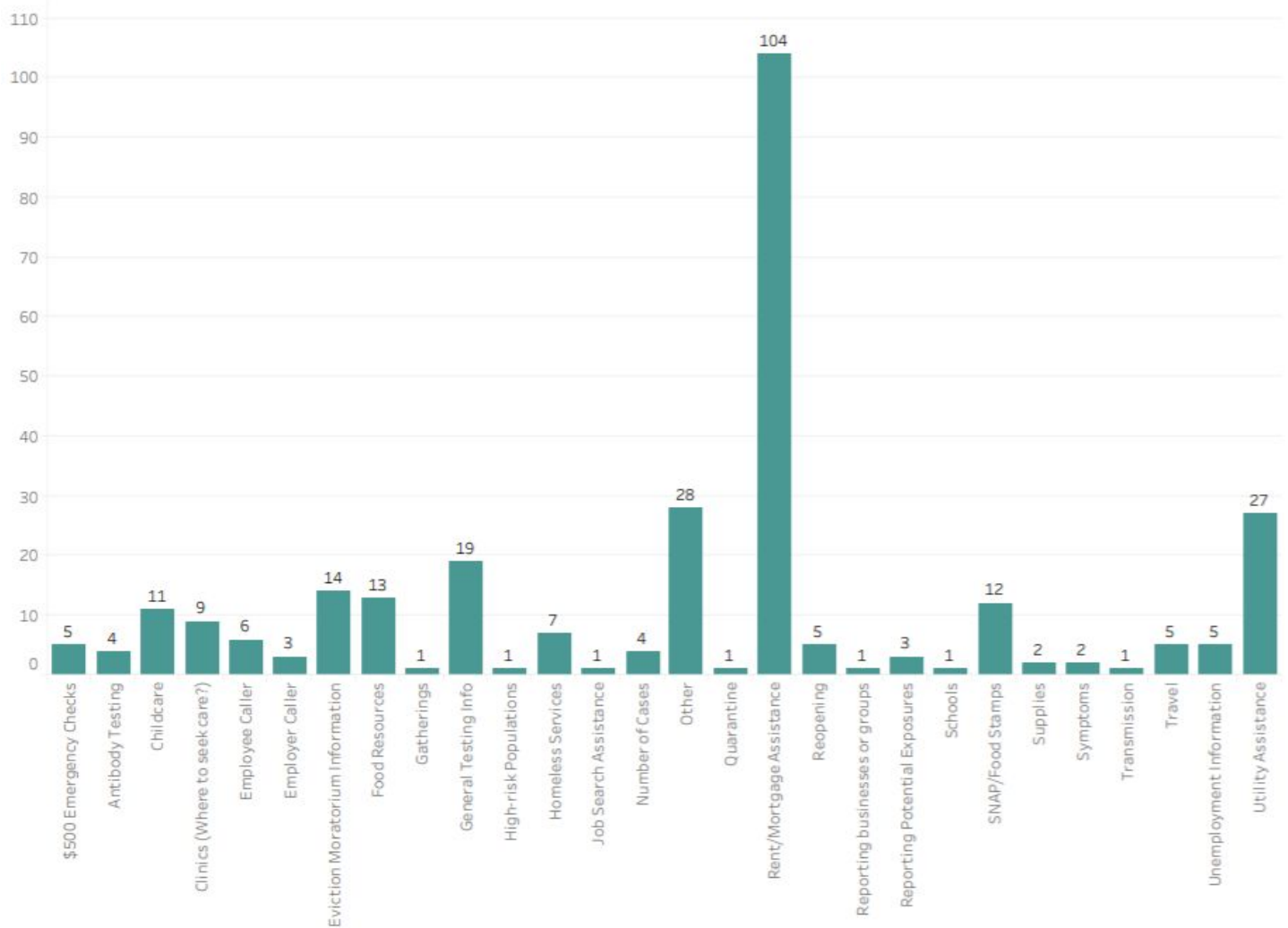
Local Updates

Media and Announcements

- On September 8, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler held a press conference to discuss rent stabilization and eviction relief. The mayor's office issued a press release outlining the content of the press conference; the story was also reported by KOIN.

211 Calls

- There were 274 calls to 211 on Tuesday, September 8.
- The most common reason people called was to ask about rent/mortgage assistance. Other frequent inquiries were about utility assistance and general testing information.
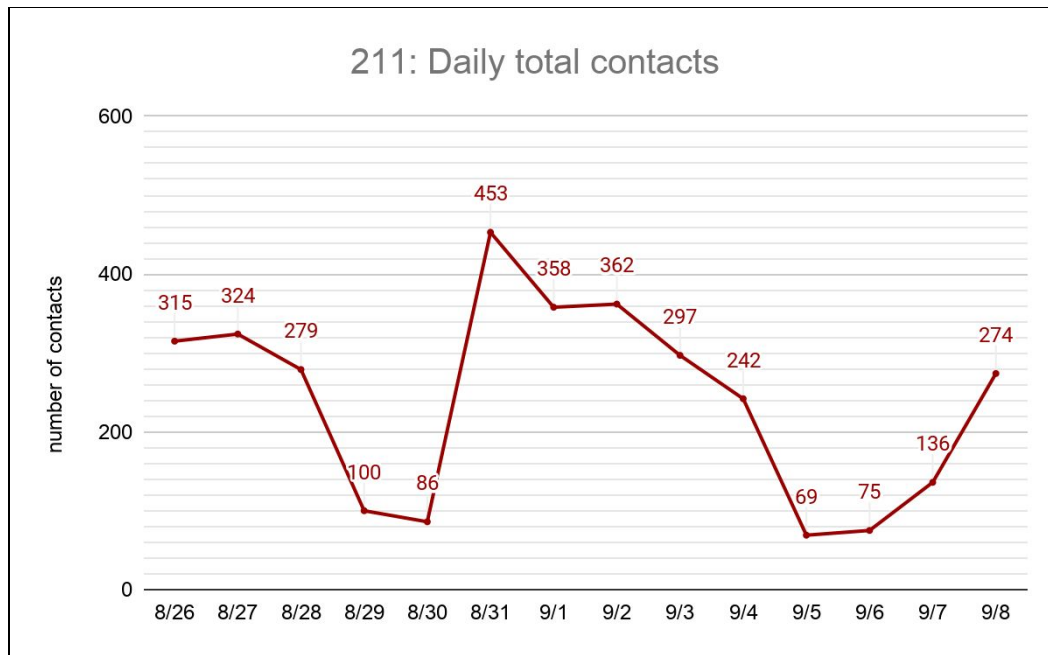
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Reason for Contact

Data for September 8, 2020.

Aggregated data: The chart below shows the total number of 211 contacts each day, over the last two weeks.

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211: Daily total contacts

State of Oregon and Regional Updates

Media and Announcements

- On September 4, the Oregon Health Authority updated its Phase One and Phase Two Reopening Guidance for Licensed Swimming Pools, Licensed Spa Pools and Sports Courts, and its Statewide Reopening Guidance – Outdoor Recreation Organizations.
- On September 5, *The Oregonian*/OregonLive published a story about K-3 education in Oregon, noting that Oregon's school reopening plan prioritizes in-person school for K-3 students, but "so far, most districts in the 17 Oregon counties that qualify to [begin in-person instruction for early grades] aren't planning to teach their littlest learners in person."
- On September 6, *The Oregonian*/OregonLive published a story analyzing data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Business Pulse Survey. The article focuses specifically on small business owners' expectations about how long the current economic recession will last.
- On September 4, Underscore published a story about efforts to increase the 2020 Census response rate in Indian Country. The article focuses on Census promotion work by the Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs and other Pacific Northwest tribes.
- On September 5, OPB reported that "The city of Bend has extended an administrative order discouraging travel in an attempt [to] avoid coronavirus spread and to potentially get children back into classrooms later in the fall."
- On September 8, the Oregon Health Authority updated its Phase One and Phase Two Reopening Guidance – Fitness-related Organizations.

Health System Capacity

Hospital Capacity and Usage in Oregon as reported to HOSCAP*		
Overall Capacity	**Available**	**Total Staffed**
Adult ICU Beds	145	709
Adult non-ICU Beds	665	4,363
NICU/PICU Beds	63	323
Pediatric non-ICU Beds	105	332

COVID-19 Details	Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19	Only Patients with Confirmed COVID-19
Current Hospitalized Patients	147	106
Current Patients in ICU Beds	31	28
Current Patients on Ventilators	18	17

Available Ventilators	778

Data as of September 9, 2020. Source: Oregon COVID-19 Update.

*Note from OHA: *Every hospital in Oregon is asked to submit data twice daily to Oregon's Hospital Capacity Web System (HOSCAP). Data are based on the most recent report from the hospitals, available as of 9:00 am. Hospital staff are asked to enter bed capacity information, by type, as well as the number of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 illness who are currently hospitalized at the time of data entry. These data may conflict with hospitalization status in Orpheus due to case reporting and investigation lags and temporary discrepancies in case classifications.*

National and International Updates

Media and Announcements

- On September 4, the Associated Press reported that, following meetings between the International Olympic Committee and the World Health Authority (WHO), a COVID-19 vaccine will not be a prerequisite for the games to move forward. The article notes, "The task force meetings over the next several months will deal with issues like getting athletes into Japan, COVID-19 testing, measures to keep venues safe, anti-virus measures at the Athletes' Village, immigration issues and the status of fans."
- On September 5, the Associated Press reported, "With the coronavirus spreading through colleges at alarming rates, universities are scrambling to find quarantine locations in dormitory buildings and off-campus properties to isolate the thousands of students who have caught COVID-19 or been exposed to it."

- On September 6, the Associated Press published a story about states considering whether to reopen bars and nightclubs.
- On September 6, CNN reported on evidence of long-lasting health impacts of COVID-19. The article notes, "Two early research reports to be presented Monday at the European Respiratory Society International Congress describe how severe infection with the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 can leave lasting lung damage and, in some cases, even psychological wounds."
- On September 6, the Associated Press published a story about colleges and universities testing sewage to detect COVID-19 outbreaks on campus. The article explains, "The tests work by detecting genetic material from the virus, which can be recovered from the stools of about half of people with COVID-19, studies indicate."
- On September 7, the Associated Press reported that COVID-19 antibody tests still cannot be relied upon for determining an individual's immunity to the virus. The article notes, "For now, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Medical Association explicitly warn that antibody tests should not be used to make decisions about returning workers to the office or students to school...The CDC recommends everyone — even those who were sick and recovered — take precautions to prevent getting and spreading the virus."
- On September 8, the Associated Press reported that "The top executives of nine drugmakers likely to produce the first vaccines against the new coronavirus signed an unprecedented pledge meant to boost public confidence in any approved vaccines. . . [saying] they will stick to the highest ethical and scientific standards in testing and manufacturing and will make the well-being of those getting vaccinated their top priority."
- On September 6, KLCC public radio reported that Oregonians had lost $2 million to COVID-19 related fraud, part of $124 million reported so far this year nationally.
- On September 8, the Associated Press reported on recent studies exploring the multiple factors that link obesity with higher COVID-19 infection and complication rates.
- On September 8, CNN reported that over half a million children in the United States have been diagnosed with COVID-19, making up 10% of all reported cases, according to a recent report from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Hospital Association. The article states "The AAP recommends that any child 6 months or older get a flu shot," and notes: "COVID-19 and seasonal flu in children lead to similar rates of hospitalization, intensive care admission, and need for a ventilator to help breathing."
- On September 8, *The New York Times* reported that "The pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca halted large, late-stage global trials of its coronavirus vaccine on Tuesday because of a serious suspected adverse reaction in a participant, the company said. It is not yet known whether the reaction was directly caused by the company's vaccine or was coincidental." [*New York Times* stories related to COVID-19 are accessible with the establishment of a free account.]
- On September 9, both CNN and *The New York Times* published stories about how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting mental health for parents and caregivers.
- On September 8, The Hill reported that "The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota last month was a coronavirus 'superspreading event' that led to an estimated $12.2 billion in public health costs, according to a new study by the IZA Institute of Labor Economics."

Stay Informed, Get Involved

COVID-19 Response

- **Local response**: the Multnomah County COVID-19 website is regularly updated with new information and guidance. Topics covered include:
    - Daily Living
    - Reopening & Guidance
    - Symptoms, Testing & Care
    - Outbreak Summary, including the Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard
    - Get or Give Help During COVID-19
    - What's open — and what is closed — at MultCo during COVID-19
    - Discrimination, stigma and COVID-19
- **State response**: Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 website
- **National response**: CDC website

Media

For media inquiries related to COVID-19 please **contact Julie Sullivan-Springhetti**, Multnomah County Public Information Media Coordinator at: **503-502-2741**.

Check out our list of trusted sources for current regional and national COVID-19 information.

Activated Call Centers

Call Center	Phone Number	Email	Hours
211 Call Center	211	help@211info.org	Seven days a week, 8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Mental Health Call Center	503-988-4888 Toll-free: 800-716-9769 TTY: 711		Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
Aging & Disabilities Resource Connection	503-988-3646	adrc@multco.us	Information and assistance to older people, people with disabilities, and caregivers, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
City County Information and Referral	503-823-4000		Mondays-Fridays, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Help and Resources

- **Having symptoms?**
  - C19Oregon.com is an online triage tool that helps public health officials track COVID-19 cases and allows community members to check their symptoms and receive guidance.

More questions?

- Consult the Multnomah County COVID-19 FAQs.
- Call 211.
- Still can't find the answer you're looking for? Submit questions about the novel coronavirus to Multnomah County.

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