WOU Community Health + Polk County **COVID-19 Project** Data Brief

March 22, 2021

County Rankings of Incidence in the Last Week Polk: 27th (was 23rd) Marion: 11th (was 13th)

*Out of 36 Counties; 1st = highest incidence

Cumulative Case Numbers: Oregon: 161,532 • Polk: 3,155 • Marion: 19,076

Individuals Currently Being Traced by WOU Contact Tracing Team: **39** As of 8:00am 3/22 (Last Week: 47)





Percentage of Population with at Least One Vaccine Dose Administered in Select Oregon Counties March 21, 2021 Baker 41.8% Wheeler 35.9% Lincoln 31.1% Benton Polk 27.7% Percentage 26.0% Oregon Marion 23.8% 21.3% Malheur Columbia Umatilla 17.5% 16.7% 15.5% Data Source: OHA

Main Takeaways

- Polk has averaged 3.9 cases per day in the last week
- In order to move from high to moderate risk, Polk County must average less than 5.9 cases per day for two weeks
- For more details on activity guidance for each risk category, visit the <u>OHA</u> <u>Sector Risk Level Guidance</u> <u>Chart</u>
- Early October 2020 was our last time at moderate-risk level

Polk County Vaccine Update:

- 26.0% of Polk County's population have received at least one dose, ranking us 7th in Oregon.
- Baker County is ranked 1st, at 41.8% with one dose.
- Newly eligible as of 3/22: Group 6--for details on who is included visit <u>Polk County</u> <u>Public Health</u>; for future eligibility visit the OHA <u>Sequencing Infographic</u>
- For appointments, visit <u>Salem</u>
 <u>Health</u> or look for availability at local pharmacies.



WOU Community Health + Polk County National & International News



U.S. COVID-19 Vaccinations

Share of total population given at least one shot

International Good News

- Chile has secured enough doses to <u>vaccinate its entire adult population</u> twice, resulting in over 25% of their population having received at least one shot. This success is largely due to early contracts with as many vaccine manufacturers as possible, as well as an extensive public health system with an already existing national immunization program, allowing for greater knowledge of doses needed and easier access for everyone who lives there.
- Gibraltar, a small British territory off Spain's south coast, has been incredibly successful in distributing the vaccine: over 37% of their population has received at least one shot. A steady stream of doses from Britain has also helped thousands of workers who live in Spain, but commute to Gibraltar everyday, to be vaccinated. Their vaccine program titled "<u>Operation Freedom</u>" is allowing many aspects of life to return to normal.
- The United Arab Emirates has <u>expanded COVID-19 vaccinations</u> to all citizens and residents aged 16 and above. The UAE ranks second globally (behind Israel) in terms of the percentage of its population with COVID-19 vaccine doses. Nearly 73% of elderly Emiratis, residents, and those with chronic diseases have been vaccinated.



Learn more about the <u>WOU COVID-19 Project on our webpage.</u>