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## COVID-19 Project Data Brief (WOU Community Health + Polk County), January 3, 2022

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# COVID-19 Project

## Data Brief

### County Rankings of Incidence in the Last Week

Polk: 17th (was 16th)

Marion: 21st (was 22nd)

\*Out of 36 Counties; 1st = highest incidence

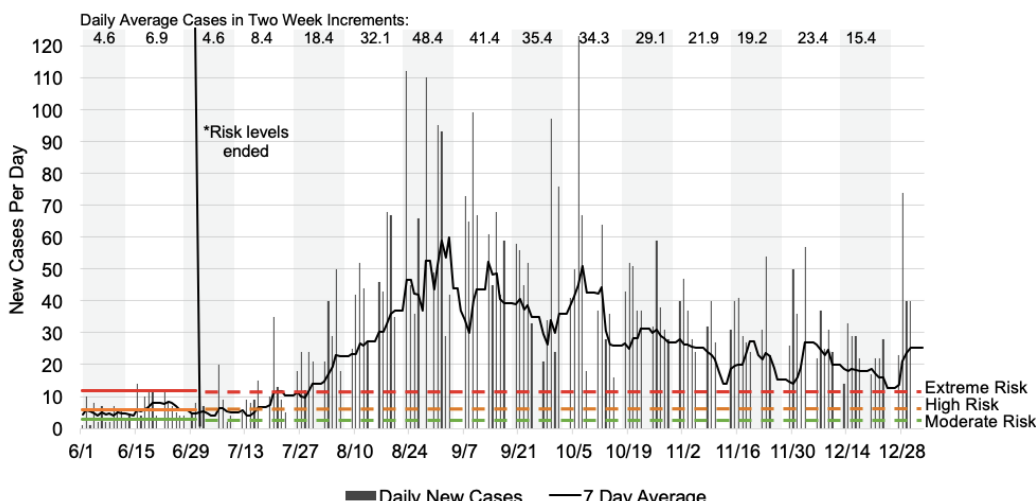


Cumulative Case Numbers:  
Oregon: 421,263 • Polk: 8,857 • Marion: 42,126

Individuals Currently Being Traced by WOU  
Contact Tracing Team: **53**

As of 8:00am 1/3 (Last Week: 37)

Daily New Cases of COVID-19 and Risk Levels, Polk County, Oregon  
June 1, 2021 - January 2, 2022



\*Polk County does not report cases on weekends or holidays.

Data Source: New York Times

### Main Takeaways:

- Cases in Polk County have slowly decreased since the peak caused by the Delta variant in September 2021.
- Low valleys of cases are still generally high and would fall into the extreme risk category.

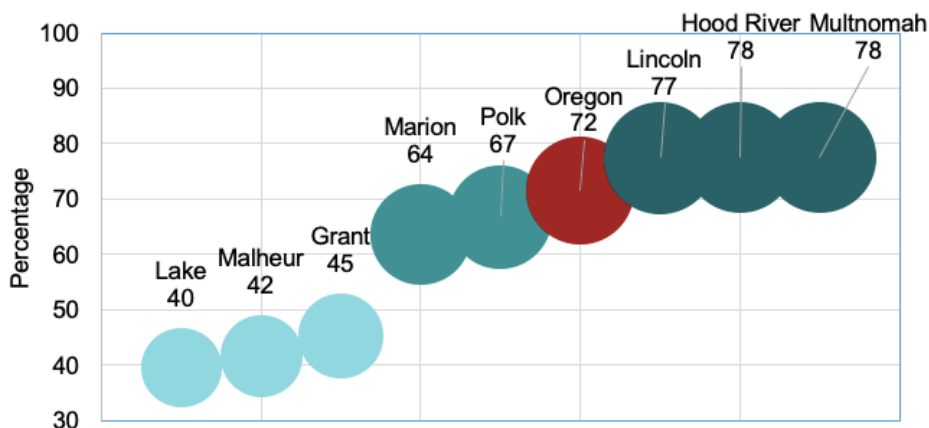
### Omicron Update:

- To help people know quickly if they have Covid-19, [Oregon](#) ordered 6 million at home two-test kits for distribution.
- OHA announced four mass new vaccine clinics; one is located in Polk County at Spirit Mountain Casino. Click [here](#) for additional locations.

### Oregon County Vaccine Update:

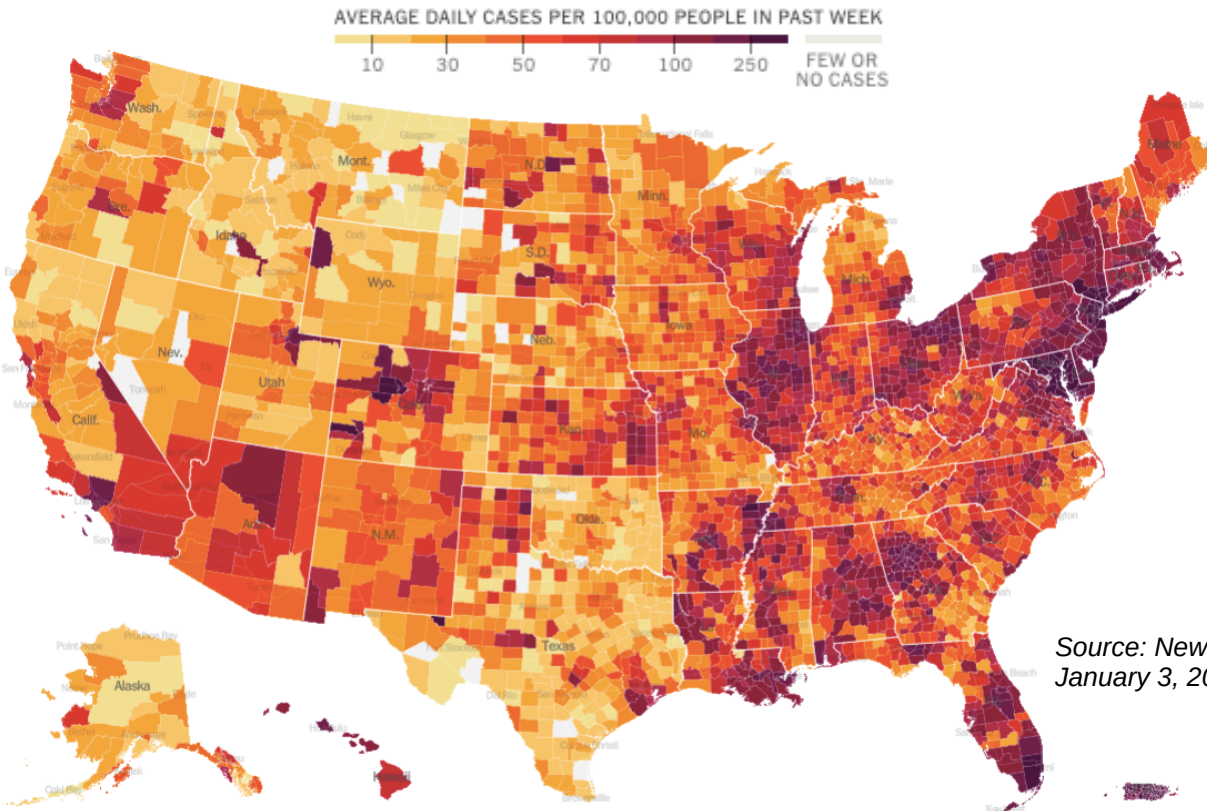
- Multnomah and Hood River are the most vaccinated counties in Oregon at 78%, followed closely by Lincoln County (77%).
- Polk County (67%) is still working toward OHA's target of 80% of all ages vaccinated, needing 11,064 more people to receive a vaccine.
- Lake County is the lowest vaccinated county at 45%.
- [Vaccination](#) remains the most effective tool to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
  - Find places to get your booster shot [here](#).

Percentage of All Ages With at Least One Vaccine Dose in Oregon Counties: January 3, 2022



Data Source: OHA

## US Covid-19 Hot Spots



### International Good News

- Hospitals in [Britain](#) are erecting field wards in an attempt to control anticipated increased hospitalizations. The wards, called "Nightingale hubs", can house 100 patients and help serve as overflow facilities for individuals who are not ready to be discharged but need less monitoring. Hospitals are pushing discharges for anyone who is able and relying on hotels, hospice centers, and nursing centers to help with accommodations. The first eight hubs will begin development as early as this week, and while Britain hopes to not use these resources, they are making themselves prepared.
- [Israeli](#) health officials approved a fourth Covid-19 vaccine for immunocompromised individuals and others at high risk a week after a recommendation from an advisory panel of experts. While data regarding fourth doses is limited, data regarding waning immunity of older adults was presented. Health officials plan to act "cautiously and responsibly" in response to the gaps in knowledge.
- Health department data leads [South Africa](#) to cautiously believe they have passed their fourth wave caused by the Omicron variant, having now seen a decrease in cases over the past two weeks. Omicron was first detected in Botswana in late November and sent cases skyrocketing, but while cases peaked quickly, deaths remained relatively low. Following a mitigation strategy, curfews were lifted but gatherings are still limited.