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COVID-19 Project

Data Brief

County Rankings of Incidence in the Last Week

Polk: 12th (was 15th)

Marion: 14th (was 19th)

*Out of 36 Counties; 1st = highest incidence

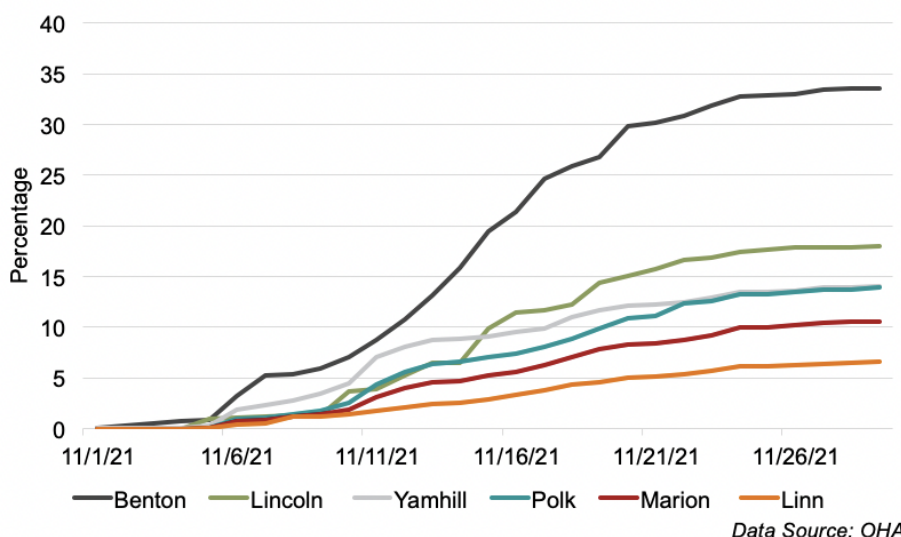


Cumulative Case Numbers:
Oregon: 390,066 • Polk: 8,162 • Marion: 39,824

Individuals Currently Being Traced by WOU
Contact Tracing Team: **23**
As of 8:00am 11/30 (Last Week: 90)



Vaccinations Among Ages 5-11 (at least one dose) in Region Two Counties, as of November 30, 2021.



Main Takeaways:

- Pediatric vaccination rates in Region 2 counties are highest in Benton County (33.5%)
- Polk County is about the same as Yamhill County at 13.9%
 - In order to reach OHA's goal of 80% vaccinated, 5,117 more Polk County children ages 5-11 need to receive a vaccine dose
- Linn County has the lowest vaccination rate in Region 2 at 6.6%
- As of Nov 30th, 20.5% of children ages 5-11 in Oregon have at least one dose.

Monmouth/Indy Health Fair

- On Friday, November 19th, our first Monmouth/Indy Health Fair distributed 287 vaccine doses!
- Our second event will be held on December 10th; check out the flyer for more information →
 - All are welcome regardless of immigration status.
 - No appointments required, and no I.D. or insurance required.
 - Contact info: communityhealth@mail.wou.edu

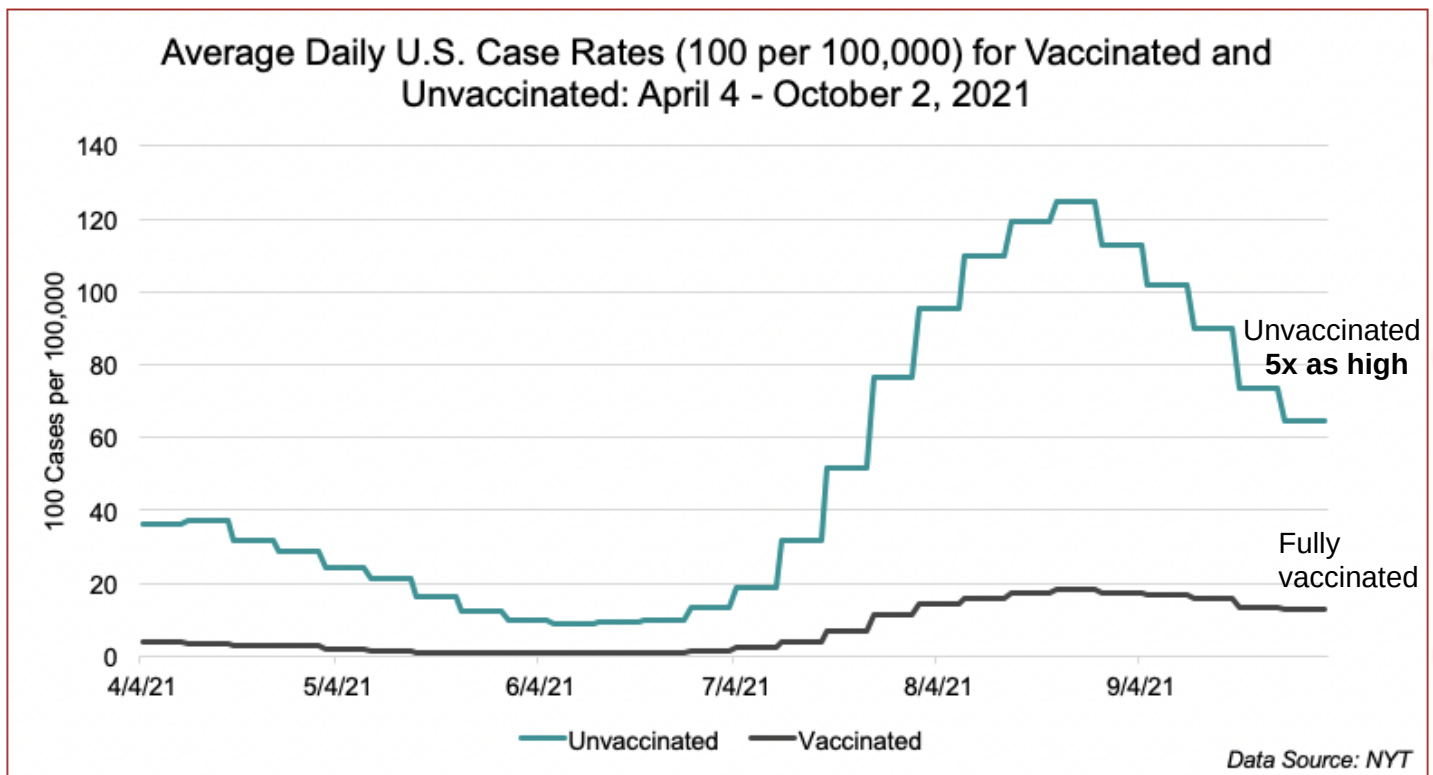
Polk County Vaccine Update:

- Everyone 18 and older is eligible for a booster dose.
- Percentage of the population 18+ vaccinated with at least one dose, as of November 30th:
 - 77.2% of Polk County
 - 78.9% of Oregon
- [Vaccination](#) remains the most effective tool to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including booster doses!

MONMOUTH/INDY HEALTH FAIR

Information & resources for youth & families. Pfizer vaccines for 5-11, 12-18+, Johnson and Johnson, and Moderna vaccines for 18+ and all boosters available.

Friday, December 10, 2021
2:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 Ash Creek Annex
 1483 16th St N,
 Monmouth OR 97361



This graph shows case rates provided by 22 state health departments in the United States. As the surge resulting from the Delta variant finally waned in late September, Covid-19 cases were five times higher among unvaccinated individuals compared to those who were fully vaccinated.

FAQ: Omicron Variant

- **What is it?** The newest variant of concern has several mutations that may impact how it spreads or the severity of illness it causes. While Delta remains the dominant variant worldwide, cases from the Omicron variant have spread to nearly every continent.
- **Is it more transmissible?** Preliminary evidence suggests that it is more infectious than the Delta variant.
- **Does it cause more severe disease?** We should know in a couple of weeks.
- **Is it resistant to vaccines?** We should know in a couple of weeks. Vaccine companies are studying this, and if it is resistant to the current vaccines, they can create a booster specifically against Omicron.
- **What can I do?** More virus circulating means more opportunities for mutations. Make sure to get vaccinated and, if it's six months after your second dose, go ahead and get your booster. Avoid doom scrolling. Play outside. If you're so inclined, read up on [inequities in vaccine distribution](#).
- **For more information on variants, visit:**
 - [European CDC](#)
 - [World Health Organization](#)