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For general information on COVID-19 visit our local page

<https://hhs.co.yamhill.or.us/publichealth/page/covid-19-coronavirus-information> or

<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

If you are having a medical emergency, call 911.

Yamhill County has experienced a recent increase in COVID-19 cases. It is presumed that the Delta variant of COVID-19 is present within Oregon and Yamhill County which is responsible for this concerning increase.

Current data shows that the Delta variant is as much as twice as contagious than previous strains. While both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals have contracted this strain, it is primarily affecting those who are not yet vaccinated and virtually all deaths and hospitalizations have been unvaccinated individuals.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) transmission indicator, Yamhill County is experiencing substantial transmission (50-99.99 cases per 100,000 people). CDC recommends all individuals (vaccinated or unvaccinated) living in substantial or high transmission communities wear a mask in public indoor settings to prevent the spread of this strain and to protect others. Given the recent statewide increase in cases, OHA now recommends that even those in low transmission communities wear masks as well, vaccinated and unvaccinated alike. Yamhill County Public Health echoes these recommendations and encourages community members to mask up when in indoor, public spaces. "The increased spread is concerning, and we need to use all the tools we have including masks and vaccination" Lindsey Manfrin, HHS Director.

We strongly recommend Yamhill County residents to get the COVID-19 vaccine as a protective measure for themselves and others. Getting vaccinated prevents severe illness, hospitalization, and death. It also reduces the spread of the virus in our community. "Right now, our vaccines are effective. We need more people vaccinated to prevent opportunities for the virus to mutate in a way that makes the vaccines less effective" Lindsey Manfrin. With the Delta variant, this is

more urgent than ever. The highest spread of cases and severe outcomes is happening in places with low vaccination rates. “Despite all our differences we should all be looking to help family and friends through this difficult time. Vaccination works so roll up your sleeve and step forward.” Dr. Koenig, Public Health Officer.

Vaccine availability within Yamhill County can be found on our Yamhill County COVID-19 vaccine website. Our website can be found [here](#). If you are an organization who would like on-site vaccines for your employees or would like to host a community pop up event, please contact us by emailing covid@co.yamhill.or.us.

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