



Dear community partner,

As the Omicron variant drives case counts higher in Oregon, the best protection we have against COVID-19 continues to be vaccines **plus** booster shots. We also can protect ourselves and our loved ones by wearing a well-fitting mask in public to slow the spread of COVID-19. And if we're not feeling well or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, we need to isolate away from others and get tested if possible.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) wants to ensure that resources are available to communities who most need them, and we appreciate the help of our community partners to facilitate that process.

TESTS – OHA purchased 6 million iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test kits and they will be arriving in weekly shipments over the next month. Our highest priority for these tests is to reduce the disproportionate burden of COVID-19 among communities at risk for infection, severe illness and death. We are allocating 1.45 million test kits to community partners – community based organizations (CBOs), non-profits and faith-based organizations serving those priority communities. The demand for tests is at an all-time high and delivery will occur as we receive shipments of test kits.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) – OHA is also providing PPE, including high quality facial masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves, to community partners. Because the Omicron variant spreads more easily than the Delta variant, wearing a well-fitting mask is more important than ever to slow the spread of COVID-19. We have a variety of masks to choose from, including:

- N95 – a respiratory device with a close facial fit and high filtration
- Surgical mask – a loose-fitting, disposable mask that creates a barrier over the mouth and nose of the wearer
- Youth mask – a surgical-type mask in smaller size appropriate for children
- Clear mask – a facial mask with a clear vinyl panel in the middle to accommodate lip reading (Clear masks will be prioritized for CBOs and partners serving disability communities)

Here's what you need to know:

- Any CBO in Oregon, including faith-based organizations, can order test kits and PPE at no charge.
- You will need to place one order for the total number of tests and PPE you can use for each county in which your CBO operates.
- We are setting limits on the number of test kits and PPE that each organization can initially order to ensure that the resources are distributed equitably across the state.
- The tests will be allocated over the next several weeks so you may receive PPE and test kits in separate shipments and you may not receive your entire test kit order immediately. We appreciate your patience as we wait for delivery of the test kits.
- All test kits and PPE will come with general instructions for use. OHA will have this information available in 14 languages: [test kit flyers here](#) and [mask flyers here](#). Print copies of the flyers will be provided in English; you can request Spanish language print copies on the order form.
- Test kits come with instructions in English. Here is a link to the [Spanish language instructions](#). And you can share [this link](#) to an instructional video in Spanish.
- Due to the limited number of tests available, please prioritize distribution and use by people who have COVID-19 symptoms or who have been exposed.

TO ORDER, fill out the form [at this link](#)

GET VACCINATED AND BOOSTED

The best protection against COVID-19 is to get vaccinated and boosted. To find a vaccine event near you, go to getvaccinated.oregon.gov or call 211. Information is available in multiple languages.

- Vaccinations are free for everyone (with or without insurance)
- You do not need to show an ID or proof of citizenship to get vaccinated
- Vaccines are safe and effective. [Learn more.](#)

Thank you for all you do to keep your communities safe and healthy. We appreciate your continued partnership.
