



SERV-OR Bulletin

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TRUSTED MESSENGER RESOURCES

View Oregon's COVID-19 Data Dashboards [here](#)

[The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup](#) has authorized a single booster dose of the pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 through 11.

[Fast Fact Sheet: Boosters for 5+](#)

[Subscribe](#) to COVID-19 Health Talking Points

Emergency Evacuation and Sheltering During the Covid-19 Pandemic [here](#)

UPDATES COLUMN

Oregon's Volunteer Activity Through May 2022

Unit	Hours	Deployed Volunteers	Value of Service
State Managed Volunteer Pool	6,029.75	121	\$153,155.65
Medical Reserve Corps*	2,206	408	\$96,238.60
Total Oregon	5,443.25	538	\$138,751.85

*Duplicative of members who deployed multiple times.

Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Medical Reserve Corps - [Share your story](#)

Oregon launches [Electronic Vaccine Cards!](#)

[Request](#) a SERV-OR member badge

We want to hear your [stories of service!](#)

Preparedness Training for Community-Based Organizations [here](#)

[What's New in Treatments and Prevention Therapies?](#) Click here for 5-11 Boosters Clinical Resources

[News](#) from the national Medical Reserve Corps office

Results are shared from the American Nurses Foundation's [COVID-19 Impact Assessment Survey](#)

FEMA's 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan instills equity as a foundation of emergency management [here](#)

FEMA's [Equity Action Plan](#) aims to advance racial equity and support for underserved communities

SERV-OR FAQs Updated

What Clinicians Need to Know About Monkeypox in the USA

SERV-OR distributed a CDC and Oregon Health Alert Network Advisory on May 23, 2022 to inform clinicians on the recent spread of the Monkeypox virus infection to non-endemic countries, including the United States.

Clinicians are encouraged to visit the following resources for sustained updates on the status and treatment of Monkeypox in the USA and around the globe.

- Johns Hopkins University Monkeypox Outbreak Alerts:
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Outbreak-Alerts--Monkeypox-Virus---May-25--2022.html?soid=1107826135286&aid=GxrJ-hH27fM>
- Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Info Page:
https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2022/callinfo_052422.asp
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Monkeypox *Information for Clinicians* page:
<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/index.html>

On May 29, Tri-County Health Officers in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties published a Clinical Alert with [Interim Monkeypox Guidance](#) for clinicians. Oregon Health Authority programs are closely monitoring the situation in our state. At present (5/31/22), there are no known cases of Monkeypox in Oregon. On Thursday, May 26, OHA's Public Information Officer Jonathan Modie said the overall risk of monkeypox to people in Oregon is low. He stated that Monkeypox is not a new virus, and health officials are prepared if it arrives in Oregon.

Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Virus in Oregon

In May, the [first Oregon case in a backyard poultry flock was confirmed in Linn County](#) and one additional case has been confirmed in Lane County.

Marking the first known detections of the new avian flu strain in wild birds in Oregon, several Canada goose goslings collected from Alton Baker Park in Eugene [have tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza \(HPAI\), and a larger outbreak is suspected as more sick and dead waterfowl have been observed at the park.](#)

The risk of HPAI to human health is low, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The only known human case involving infection and illness was someone involved in the culling of presumptively infected poultry at a commercial farm in Colorado, according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

If you see sick or dead wild birds, do not collect or handle them but report the incident directly to ODFW at 866-968-2600 or Wildlife.Health@odfw.oregon.gov. ODFW staff will be conducting surveillance and collecting/testing sick and dead wild birds to monitor for the presence of the disease. Also note that Oregon's wildlife rehabilitators are not accepting sick ducks and geese at this time in order to protect other avian patients and education birds in their care.

Summer Hazards and SERV-OR

With Spring coming to an end, OHA and other state and local emergency support functions are preparing for summer hazards. To learn what you can do as a healthcare volunteer to prepare for upcoming summer hazards such as wildfires and extreme heat, [click here.](#)

Where is SERV-OR with recovery? Are we still responding?

Many volunteers have expressed curiosity regarding the future of SERV-OR engagement in the next phase of COVID-19 response and recovery. State managed volunteers are still needed to support ongoing COVID testing and vaccination initiatives. In addition, SERV-OR will be promoting volunteer shifts for the **HUD Housing Vaccine and Testing Program**. To learn more about what's next for SERV-OR, [click here.](#)

Stories of Service: Rick Urbanski Contact Tracing in Jackson County

Provided by Renee' Menkens

Rick Urbanski is an emergency room physician who joined SERV-OR in 2015 and the Oregon Disaster Medical Assistance Team in 2017. When the Covid-19 pandemic arrived, Rick volunteered through SERV-OR to administer vaccines at Douglas and Jackson County events. He was deployed by



SERV-OR to assist in contact tracing, then case investigation for Jackson County. He was asked by Jackson County to act as a liaison for the County and Providence Medford Medical Center, where he worked in the Emergency Department, to streamline the reporting of inpatient covid cases to the health department, follow their hospital course, and enter data into the OHA tracking system.

Rick has an interest in how systems of care interact. He focused on streamlining the Jackson County Covid reporting system as hospital cases surged at the height of the pandemic. He was on the frontlines of caring for Covid patients who soon overwhelmed ICU resources at local hospitals. He knew how important it is to plan and implement systems that track diseases and the critical need for this during the pandemic. Through the efforts of local county health departments and SERV-OR volunteers, this system is now in place and ready for use in current and future disease surges. He remarked on how quickly this system of vaccination, testing, and contact tracing evolved at the state and county level, and also on the importance of managing post-COVID syndromes with care from multidisciplinary teams. He praised local county health workers – epidemiologists, case investigators, and contact tracers who worked so hard during this pandemic to provide services, educate county residents, and distribute vaccines.

Dr. Urbanski cautions that “we are not out of the woods yet because there are so many people in the world who are not vaccinated.” He reminds us that even though new Covid variants continue to come forward, vaccination remains the critical tool for managing this pandemic.

SERV-OR Surveys: Mid-Action Reviews and Monthly Feedback

SERV-OR extends a huge thank you to everyone who has submitted feedback to the post-deployment and mid-action review surveys! To read more about the impact your responses have and how this information is used, [click here](#).

Online Training Modules

Training opportunities are updated regularly [here](#).

FEMA Independent Study

Emergency Medical Response Awareness for CBRNE Incidents Gain knowledge and practical experience in the triage and treatment of chemical, biological, radiological, or explosive (CBRNE) mass casualty events. [Learn more](#). [Apply](#). Continuing education credits offered.

American Red Cross Independent Study

Disaster mental Health: Introduction A self-paced web-based course for individuals who are interested in becoming Red Cross Disaster Mental Health responders. [Click here](#).

In-person Training Opportunities for SERV-OR:

Basic Disaster Life Support – Hosted by Linfield University. *Portland*. June 10, 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
[Registration](#) Use the Registration code: mrcbdls

Advanced Disaster Life Support – Hosted by Linfield University. *Portland*. June 11 – 12, 07:30 AM – 5:00 PM (both days) [Registration](#) Use the Registration code: mrcadls **Prerequisite:** Basic Disaster Life Support

Basic Disaster Life Support – Hosted by Washington County Medical Reserve Corps. *Hillsboro*. June 18, 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM [Registration](#)

Intermediate and Advanced ICS and Incident Specific training

June 6-10. **L0967 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Logistics Section Chief Course**. *Portland, OR*. Hosted by Oregon Health Authority. [Register via SmartSheet](#)

June 27-30. **L0962 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Planning Section Chief Course**. *Portland, OR*. Hosted by Oregon Health Authority. [Register via SmartSheet](#)

October 10-11. **MGT-417 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers**. *La Grande, OR*. [Register via RuralTraining](#)

October 13-14. **MGT-417 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers**. *The Dalles, OR*. [Register via RuralTraining](#)

Visit the [SERV-OR Trainings page](#) for links to the foundational training series for Disaster Medicine and Public Health Core Competencies, FEMA Incident Command courses, and more!

Volunteer and Job Opportunities

[Click here](#) to find a list of new volunteer and job opportunities throughout Oregon including Clackamas County, Oregon State Hospital, and Oregon Health Authority.

Questions, comments, story ideas for the SERV-OR Bulletin?

[Fill out this Survey!](#)

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SERV-OR Mission

The mission of the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR) and Oregon's MRC network is to ensure health and well-being, educate, and protect all people in Oregon by recruiting, registering, training, exercising, and deploying licensed volunteer health professionals to support local, tribal, and statewide public health initiatives, health, and medical needs during public health crises, and to improve access to preparedness education and resources for all. individuals and communities.

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