



The Oregon Health Authority and partners across Oregon are working to prevent deaths from suicide. A new monthly suicide surveillance update is attached.

Summary of findings:

Trends

- Suicide-related visits to emergency departments and urgent care centers in the 3rd quarter of 2020 are similar to 2019.
- Suicide-related calls to Oregon Poison Center in the 3rd quarter of 2020 are similar to 2019
- Oregon Lines for Life call volume is influenced by many factors such as willingness to seek assistance, visibility of the lifeline phone number, or high-profile suicides of celebrities or community members. Calls have increased annually since 2016. The increased number of calls in 2020 aligns with this trend. No increases beyond the variation expected have been identified.

Percentages

- The percentage of suicide-related visits to emergency departments and urgent care centers in the 3rd quarter of 2020 are similar to 2019.
- The percentage of suicide-related calls to Oregon Poison Center in 2020 is similar to 2019.

Items of Note

- In October of 2020 syndromic surveillance data from 10 additional urgent care centers was added to the Oregon Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE).

We invite you to share this report with your colleagues. Visit our website for more information:
healthoregon.org/suicideprevention

Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business

[OHA Crisis Lines Website](http://OHA.Crisis.Lines.Website)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (24/7) 1-800-273-8255

The [Veterans Crisis Line](http://Veterans.Crisis.Line) 1-800-273-8255 - press 1

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