COVID-19 Response ECHO for Oregon Clinicians

Session 1  January 7, 2021
Introduction to COVID-19 ECHO

• Everyone is muted
• Use the Chat Box to submit questions/comments/share links & resources
  • We will strive to select questions directly relevant to the presentations for asking during the session, but will not be able to address all questions. **You may be called upon to unmute and ask your question**
  • Questions not directly answered will be collated and used in the planning of future sessions

• All sessions will be recorded and available for viewing after the session within 24 hours
• Resources and transcript of today’s chat box, PowerPoint slides, and video recording will be posted on our ECHO Network website at [www.connect.oregonechonetwork.org](http://www.connect.oregonechonetwork.org) (where you registered)
• PLEASE fill out the post-session survey that you’ll receive by email today
**Introductions**

Goal: To make sure we recognize faculty’s qualifications in an equitable manner, yet create an environment of collegiality among both faculty and participants.

**Formal:** At the start of each session, we will introduce faculty and any guess speakers using their title, for example, Dr. Wiser.

**Informal:**
After the first introduction, we will refer to each other by first name. Please feel free to do so as well, for example, Eric.
COVID-19 ECHO Faculty

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COVID-19 ECHO Community
“All teach, All learn”

- Healthcare participants learn from expert faculty
- Healthcare participants learn from each other
- Expert faculty learn from healthcare participants
Anatomy of an ECHO

- Welcome (1 minute)
- Ground rules (1 minute)
- Introductions (3 minutes)
- Didactic (20-25 minutes total for didactic presentation and questions)
  - Participants Clarifying Questions
- Scenario or Case Presentation (20-25 minutes total for questions and recommendations)
  - Participants Clarifying Questions
  - Faculty Clarifying Questions
  - Participant Recommendations
  - Faculty Recommendations
  - Lead Faculty Verbally Summarizes Recommendations
- Wrap-Up and Announcements (5 minutes)
Today’s Agenda

• **COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout Update**: Oregon Health Authority
• Brief Q & A for OHA
• Community Presentation: Dominic Chan, Pharm.D., BCPS AQ-ID, *Vaccination Rollout for Legacy Health*
• Brief Q & A for Dr. Chan
Oregon Health Authority

COVID-19 Update
January 7, 2021

Tom Jeanne, MD, MPH
Tanya Kapka, MD, MPH
Eric Gebbie, DrPH, MIA
COVID-19 in Oregon

As of January 6:

- 120,223 total cases
- 6,793 hospitalized cases
- 1,558 deaths

*Illnesses that began during this time period may not yet be reported.
Weekly COVID-19 Report

For the week of December 28 – January 3:

• 7,913 new cases were recorded
  • Up 17% from prior week (following three weeks of declining cases)
• Hospitalizations increased 6% (358)
• 73 Oregonians died in association with COVID-19

From December 27 – January 2:

• 123,821 tests for COVID-19
• 7.5% of test results were positive last week
Surge in Hospital COVID Census
COVID-19 Patient Census by Region

COVID-positive patients in Oregon hospitals

[Graph showing patient census by region over time]

[Map of Oregon showing regions]

Region 1
Region 2
Region 3
Region 4
Region 5
Region 6
Region 7
Region 8
Region 9
Map: County Risk Levels

Oregon’s COVID-19 Risk Levels

Hover over a county to see more information

Statewide Metrics

12/20/2020 - 01/02/2021
352.3 cases per 100k residents
7.1% test positivity

COVID-19 Risk Levels

Lower
High
Extreme

Hover over one of the bars below to highlight the counties in that risk level

Oregon Counties by COVID-19 Risk Level

Reminder: Point of care antigen BinaxNOW tests still available to augment testing capacity during this surge!

• BinaxNOW point-of-care antigen COVID-19 tests require Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) certification or CLIA waiver to perform, but do not require any additional laboratory devices to process the sample. Results can be provided to patients in as little as 15 minutes.

• BinaxNOW antigen tests are most accurate at detecting COVID-19 in symptomatic individuals; OHA recommends they be used to test patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or contacts of COVID-19 cases.

• OHA is distributing these tests at no cost to primary care and urgent care providers. If your clinic is interested in receiving an allotment of these tests from OHA, please email ORESF8.AOCTestingBranch@dhsoha.state.or.us and a member of OHA’s Testing Team will reach out to you.

• You must accept Medicare and Medicaid and have a CLIA certificate or waiver in order to be eligible to receive these tests.
Oregon COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Update January 7, 2021
Questions on COVID-19 vaccine rollout

• What is our likely supply of vaccine going forward?
• How is the vaccine currently being distributed?
• How many Oregonians have received doses?
• What factors have affected the pace of vaccinations?
• What is the Governor’s new goal regarding vaccination?
• What is the rationale for relaxing group sequencing within Phase 1a?
• Where do we go from here? When can I expect to get my vaccine?
What is our likely supply of vaccine going forward?

December

- Characterized by frequently changing amounts projected vs received
  - Stockpiled vaccine
  - Unmet manufacturing targets
- Pfizer: 92,625 doses; Moderna: 97,100 doses
- Prime (1st) and boost (2nd) doses

January

- Promise of improved cadence at national level
- Approximately 25,000 prime doses/week of each Pfizer and Moderna Vaccines
- Of the available 50,000 prime doses/week, about 20,000/week are committed to vaccinate those in LTCF for the next 4-5 weeks
How is the vaccine being distributed?

- **Current Distribution:**
  - Hospitals received majority of available vaccine the first few weeks
  - SNFs (approximately 20% of the available doses in December)
  - LTCF (approximately 40% of the doses in January and part of February)
  - Tribal Health
  - Local Public Health Authorities
  - Emergency Medical Service and First Responders
  - Federally Qualified Health Centers
  - Urgent Care Centers

- **Distribution Challenges**
  - Provider sign-up
  - Cold storage needs
  - Minimum dosages (975 - Pfizer, 100 Moderna)
Vaccine doses administered in Oregon

https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov
Total number of People Initiating Vaccination (1st Dose Received) Reported to the CDC
What factors have affected the pace of vaccinations?

- Novel challenges
  - Cold storage and management of fragile vaccines
  - Scheduling
  - Space requirements (physical distancing)
  - Observation period post vaccination (15–30 minutes)

- Management of serious adverse events

- Holidays
- Data lag
- Limited outlets to give vaccine
- Restriction due to phasing

Governor Brown’s new goal as of 1/5/21 – 12,000 vaccinations/day
Prioritization of the vaccines imposes operational complexities

- There aren’t enough vaccines for everyone yet; no centralized database
- Group sequencing means the standard vaccination distribution process won’t work.
- Retail pharmacies aren’t experienced in giving vaccines to people in priority occupations, such as health care workers, while withholding it from others who aren’t yet eligible
- For some groups the distribution has more straightforward pre-existing pathways:
  - Hospitals can vaccinate their own staff.
  - Skilled nursing facilities have pre-existing relationships with pharmacies for on-site vaccinations.
- For other groups it’s a more complex process: vaccinating health care workers who aren’t affiliated with a hospital requires Oregon’s health care system to forge new relationships.

As a result, we need to expand the number of administration sites and establish new collaborations to deliver new COVID-19 vaccines in new ways among all our health care partners.
Where do we go from here?

- Planning for remainder of Phase 1a and future phases
- Options now
- Expectation setting
Action steps OHA: Change in 1a Prioritization

• In order to remove barriers and improve throughput
  • **Strict sequencing of the 1a group is no longer required**; however, where possible, providers are encouraged to follow the original sequencing plan.
  • **All 1a eligible individuals in group 1-4 can receive vaccination at this time.**

• The challenge with this quick pivot:
  • Access- We currently do not have enough vaccine providers to meet the expected demand in the short run.
Action steps put forth by OHA

Enhance delivery to nursing home staff and residents by activating Part B of our federal pharmacy partnerships

• Oregon will work with CDC and Walgreens, Consonus and CVS to activate the second phase of the federal pharmacy partnership program as soon as possible.

• Participating facilities would include adult foster homes for older adults, adults with disabilities, adults experiencing BH issues, and people with I/DD, as well as group care homes for people with I/DD and behavioral health residential treatment homes and facilities.

Use retail pharmacies to get more vaccines to HCW and other Phase 1A groups.

• Accelerate retail pharmacy involvement to make available to health care workers in Phase 1A.

Make more doses available to Phase 1A workers by leveraging all available public health capability at our disposal, from LPHAs to SERV-OR volunteers.

Speed the number of doses delivered to unaffiliated health care workers, nursing home staff and others by supporting innovative partnerships
New vaccination data dashboard

People Vaccinated by County*

The map shows the number of people vaccinated per 10,000 by county of residence. For privacy purposes, counties with the number of vaccinated people between 1 and 5 will be shown as “Suppressed.” Click on a county below to filter the data on the right. Click again to clear the filter.

Sherman, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties are not displayed due to suppression rules. These counties have between 1 and 5 vaccinated people.

People vaccinated per 10,000
- 0.00
- 128.29-138.09
- 149.36-227.80
- 57.07-126.15
- 140.39-143.56

https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov
New vaccination data dashboard

People Vaccinated by Demographic Group

These tables show the number of people who have received COVID-19 vaccine in Oregon by race, ethnicity, sex and age group.

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Vaccine Advisory Committee

- 27-member committee announced December 31
- Membership focused on communities historically underrepresented and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19
- Website established: https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINESIMMUNIZATION/IMMUNIZATIONPARTNERSHIPS/Pages/COVID-19-Vaccine-Advisory-Committee.aspx
The COVID-19 VAC will co-create vaccine sequencing plans for Phases 1b, 1c, and 2, with the goal of ensuring that communities most impacted by COVID-19 are prioritized. These phases are described in general terms under the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.

Using OHA’s definition of health equity, the COVID-19 VAC will:

- Advise OHA on the ethical principles that should guide decisions on sequencing of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Review data on COVID-19 and immunization inequities.
- Using the ethical principles, create vaccine sequencing plan for Phase 1b, 1c, and 2.
Where can I find additional information?

*Many of your questions related to the vaccine might already be answered on our OHA COVID-19 vaccine website. We encourage you to visit this site regularly for updates.*

Clinical and operational questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine from providers will inform our OHA COVID-19 vaccine provider page. Please visit this site regularly for updates.

If you are a provider with COVID-19 vaccine enrollment questions, your email will be forwarded to our enrollment team. In the future you may email our provider enrollment team directly Vaccine.ProviderEnroll@dhsoha.state.or.us.

Questions from Alert Immunization Information System users will be forwarded to the Alert IIS Helpdesk. In the future you may email our ALERT IIS Helpdesk directly alertiis@state.or.us.
Questions for OHA

Moderated by Shelby Lee Freed, FNP
COVID-19 vaccination rollout
COVID ECHO Jan 7, 2021
Dom Chan, PharmD, Legacy COVID vaccine
project lead
@domkchan
The ask

• How did Legacy categorize employees for vaccination?
• Strategies for vaccination clinics?
• Unanticipated challenges and how they were addressed?
• Lessons learned
Inequality
Unequal access to opportunities

Equality?
Evenly distributed tools and assistance

Equity
Custom tools that identify and address inequality

Justice
Fixing the system to offer equal access to both tools and opportunities
Strategies that seem to work alone on paper, but not well

- Roving carts
- Open pods
- Closed scheduled pods
- Epic vs “Doole-like”
Unanticipated challenges and how they were addressed?
Lessons learned

- In the absence of data, people assume the world is ending
- Technology is great on paper
- We know even less than we thought, despite the clinical trials
- Sometimes you have to just be ready to apologize for doing the right thing
Questions for Dom

Moderated by Holly Tse, MD
Important Reminders

1st and 3rd Thursdays, noon-1 p.m.:
COVID-19 Response ECHO for Oregon Clinicians
Next Session: January 21st

2nd Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m.:
OHA COVID-19 Information Sessions for Oregon Health Care Providers Webinar
Next Session: January 14th

https://www.oregon.gov/oha/covid19/Pages/Healthcare-Partners.aspx
oregonechonetwork.org

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