# COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwinding Partner/Provider Webinar

Hosted by: Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) & Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

April 11, 2023







# **Zoom Webinar Tips**

#### All attendees:



#### Use the Q&A function to submit your questions

- We will spend the last 15 minutes of the webinar answering questions
- We will follow up on any questions we are not able to address
- If you would prefer to ask your question verbally, please ask to be unmuted in the Q&A box



#### This webinar is being recorded

 It will be shared on our COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Unwinding webpage at oregon.gov/covid-phe-partners following the conclusion of the presentation

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- A live Spanish webinar will be held April 20, 2023 at 10 a.m.
   PST. It has the same material that will be presented today.
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- For real time interpretation to ASL, please see the pinned video on your screen

# **Agenda**

COVID-19 Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) general updates

Marketplace transition project

Medical and food benefit updates

Returned mail overview

Priority populations updates

Questions

# **COVID-19 Federal PHE Unwinding General Updates**

# Through the Public Health Emergency (PHE), people have stayed covered on Medicaid

#### **Family First Coronavirus Response Act:**

- Allowed individuals to stay on OHP during the federal public health emergency.
- 2. Made it easier for individuals to enroll.

#### What we know now:



President Biden recently announced that the Federal COVID-19 PHE will **end May 11, 2023.** 



Starting April 1, Oregon must begin medical renewals for more than 1.4 million individuals who are on OHP. Oregon will have 14 months to complete renewals.

#### **The Goal: Preserve Benefits**

Ensure all people and families eligible for benefits offered through the ONE system receive and continue to receive services in a timely manner without interruption

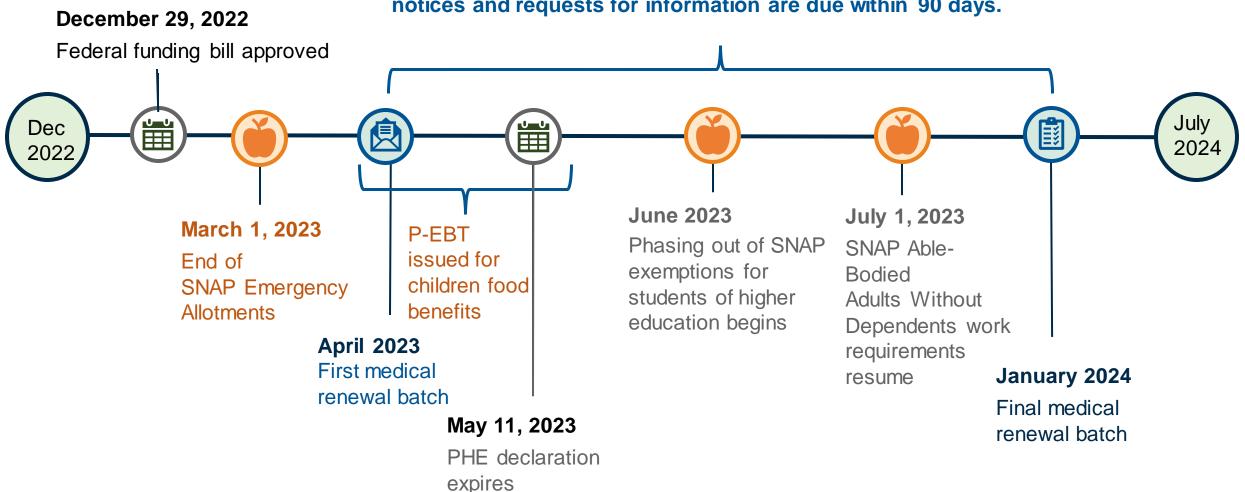
Give those **no longer eligible for benefits clear direction and coordination** of additional resources

Give those who assist people receiving benefits clear information about how they can help



# **Unwinding Timeline**

The full unwinding timeline is from April 2023 through June 2024. Medical renewals will occur in monthly batches starting April 2023 through January 2024. Responses to renewal notices and requests for information are due within 90 days.

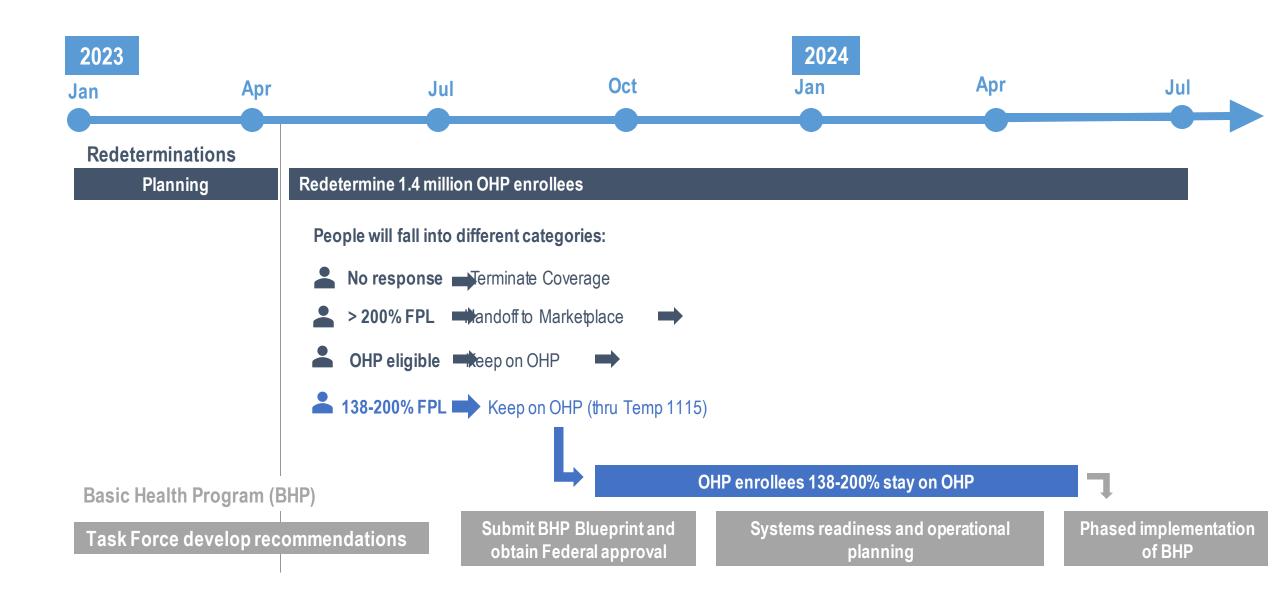


# How OHP Members May be Affected by the Unwind



# Marketplace Transition Project

#### Timeline of redeterminations work



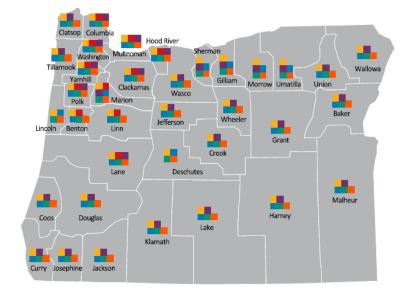
# The Marketplace

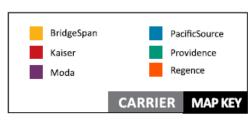
 One-stop-shop to compare plans, networks, and insurance companies available in Oregon

 Financial assistance via premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions

Free local help from Oregon-based insurance agents and community

partners







# Advance premium tax credits (2023)

	139% FPL	151% FPL	201% FPL	251% FPL	350% FPL
2023 Income	\$18,890	\$20,521	\$27,316	\$34,111	\$47,565
APTC - Tri-County (age 40)	\$425	\$424	\$378	\$310	\$137
APTC – Marion (age 40)	\$459	\$459	\$413	\$344	\$172
APTC – Columbia (age 40)	\$459	\$459	\$413	\$344	\$172
APTC – Union (age 40)	\$569	\$568	\$522	\$454	\$281

# Example lowest cost silver plans (2023)

• Plan premiums including premium tax credits

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2022 Income	\$18,890	\$20,521	\$27,316	\$34,111	\$47,565
<b>Tri-County</b> Providence Connect 5000 Silver	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$45.70	\$114.11	\$286.64
<b>Tri-County</b> Regence Silver 6500 Legacy LHP	\$1.71	\$2.39	\$48.14	\$116.55	\$289.08
Marion County KP OR Silver 4000/40	\$1.35	\$1.35	\$21.17	\$89.58	\$262.11
Marion County KP OR Standard Silver Plan	\$1.00	\$1.42	\$47.17	\$115.58	\$288.11
Columbia County KP OR Silver 4000/40	\$1.35	\$1.35	\$21.17	\$89.58	\$262.11
Union County  Moda Health Oregon Standard Silver (Affinity)	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$46.68	\$115.09	\$287.62
Union County Regence Silver 6500 Individual and Family Network	\$2.28	\$2.97	\$48.72	\$117.13	\$289.66

## **Marketplace Transition Project**

#### Enrollee determined not eligible for OHP

Enrollee data sent to Marketplace



#### Marketplace evaluates plan options

Compares CCO network with Marketplace plan options

Evaluate cost-sharing reductions and plan premiums



#### **Targeted outreach**

Utilize associated community partner

Contact consumer advising of plan options via email and/or postal mail

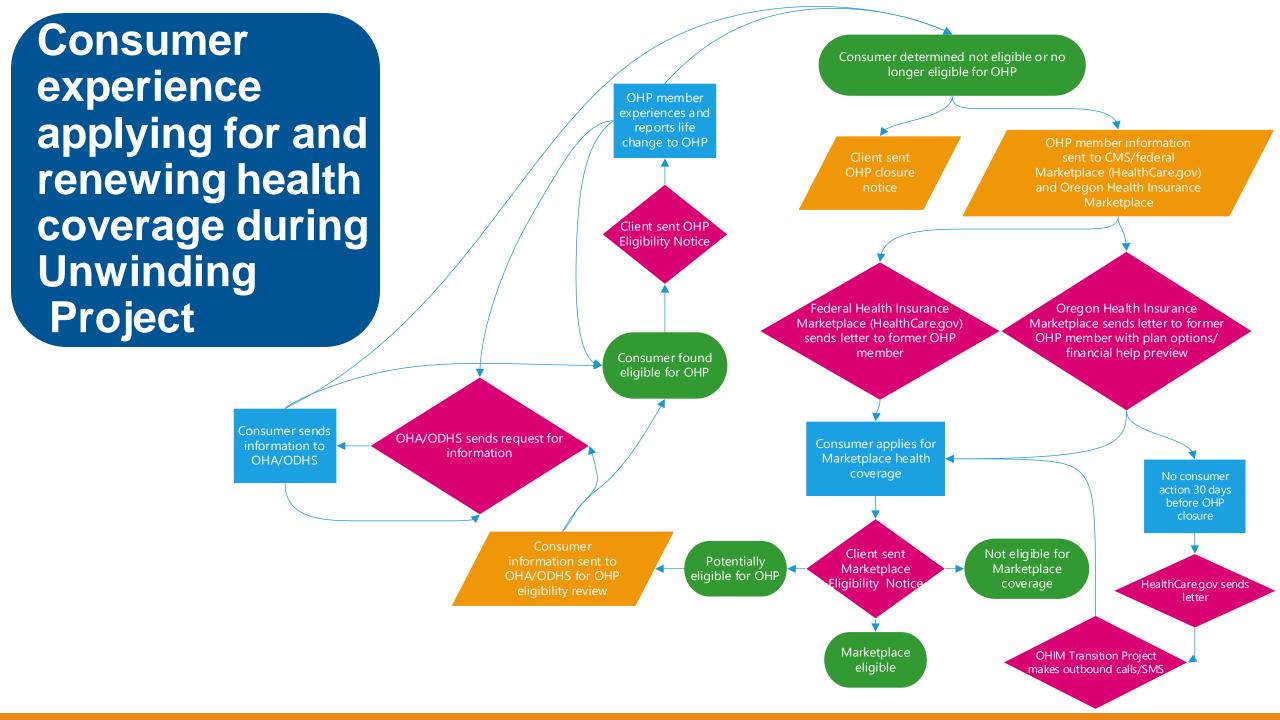


#### Consumer starts enrollment

Contacts Marketplace Transition Help Center

Utilizes agent or certified assister for enrollment

Utilizes HealthCare.gov for enrollment



## Unwinding special enrollment period (SEP)

- March 31, 2023 through July 31, 2024
- Available to Marketplace-eligible individuals who:
  - Submit a new application or update an existing application between March 31, 2023 and July 31, 2024 and answer "Yes" to the application question asking if their Medicaid or CHIP coverage ended recently or will end soon, and
  - Attest to a last date of Medicaid or CHIP coverage between March 31, 2023 and July 31, 2024
- Individuals will not be required to submit documentation of a qualifying life event to be eligible for this SEP

## **Key facts: Enrolling in Marketplace Coverage**

- Coverage will start the first of the month following enrollment
  - If enrolls before OHP benefits close, will start first of the month following closure date reported on Marketplace application
- Marketplace coverage can not be backdated or started retroactively
- First month's premium must be paid to start coverage
  - Premium bill will be sent to enrollee a couple of weeks after enrollment through the mail
  - There is no grace period for first month's premium, regardless of amount

## Marketplace window shopping tool

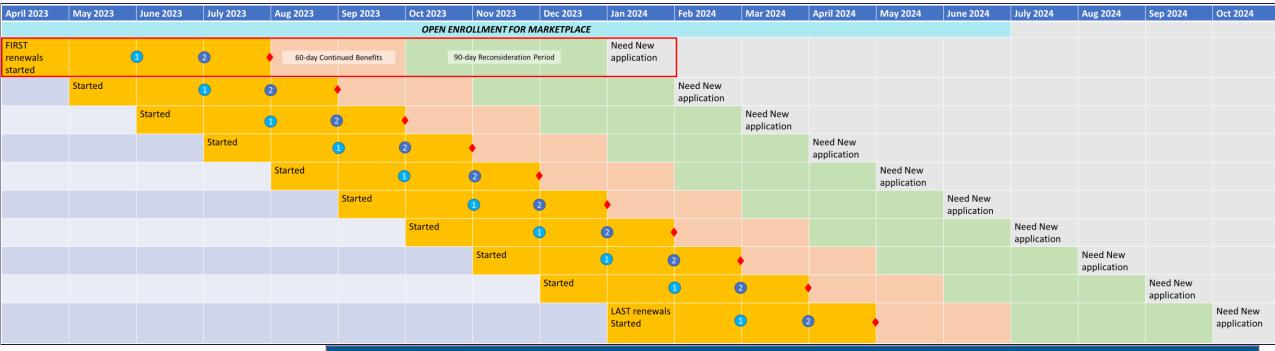
- Website URLs
  - English: <u>OregonHealthCare.gov/WindowShop</u>
  - Spanish: orhim.info/ObtengaCobertura
- Oregon-specific tool managed by the Marketplace
- Available in English and Spanish
- Links to Marketplace Find Local Help tool, Oregon Health Plan (ONE), and HealthCare.gov

## How can you help people losing OHP benefits?

- Advise of financial assistance programs available through not-for-profit hospitals and affiliated clinics/health systems
  - See list of participating facilities at <u>orhim.info/ORHospitals</u>
- Educate about their options through the Marketplace
  - Window Shopping tool:
    - English: OregonHealthCare.gov/WindowShop
    - Spanish: <u>orhim.info/ObtengaCobertura</u>
- Offer a referral to a Marketplace expert who can help with application/enrollment
  - English: OregonHealthCare.gov/GetHelp
  - Spanish: orhim.info/encuentreayuda
- Marketplace Transition Help Center (starting 4/13/2023)
  - 833-699-6850 (toll-free), Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - transition.marketplace@odhsoha.Oregon.gov

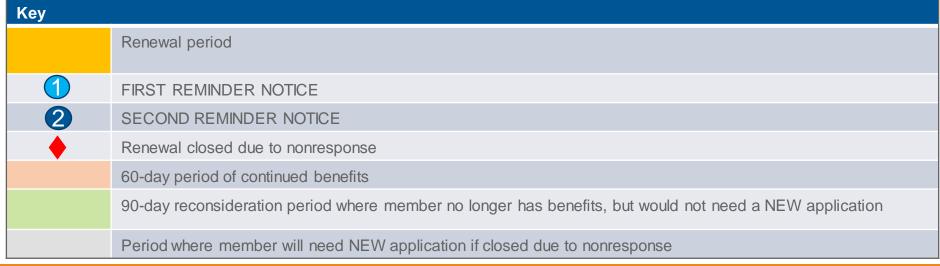
# Medical benefit updates

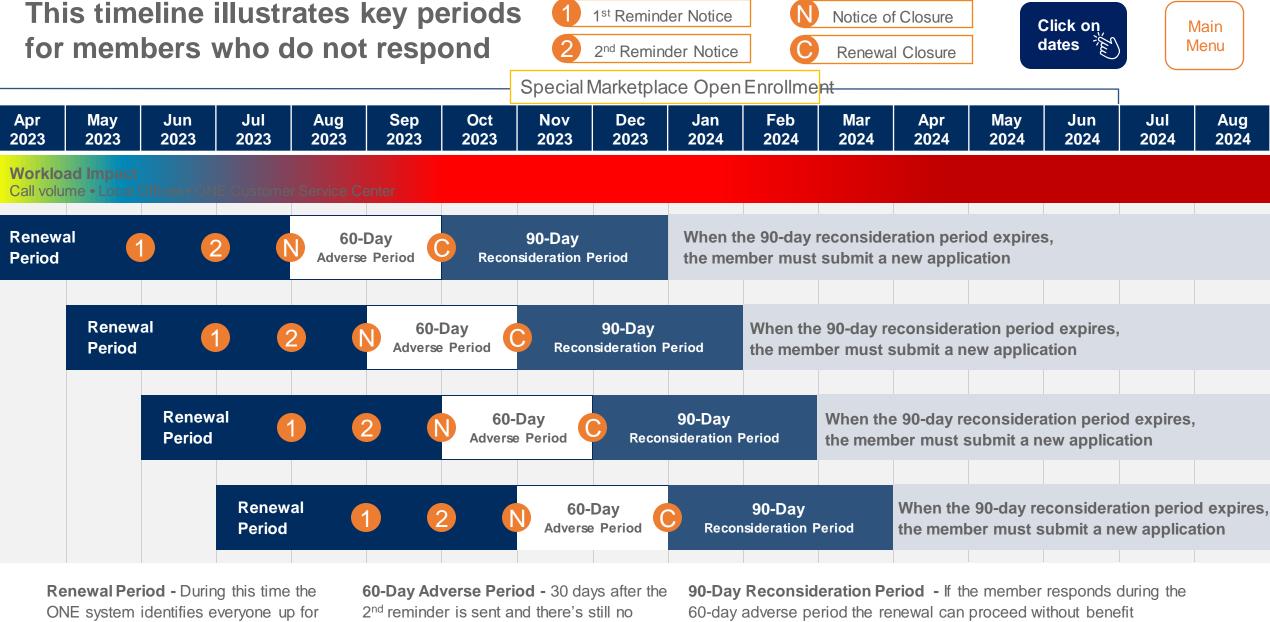
#### **Timeline of Renewals**



# Oregon decided to spread renewals out over 10 months, April – January

The last batch of renewals will be due April 30, 2024, with benefits closing June 30, 2024 if no response.



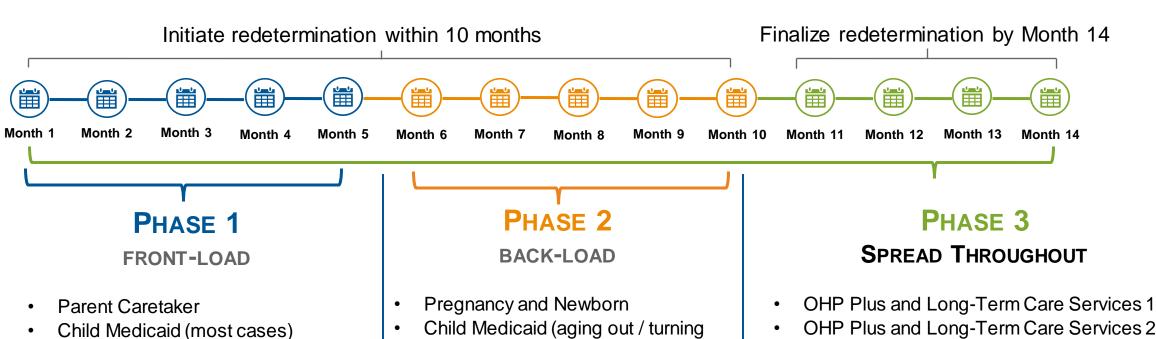


Renewal Period - During this time the ONE system identifies everyone up for renewal in a given month and notices are sent to members informing them of their status and if further action is required.

2<sup>nd</sup> reminder is sent and there's still no response from the member is sent a notice of closure. The member will continue to receive benefits for an additional 60 days.

**90-Day Reconsideration Period** - If the member responds during the 60-day adverse period the renewal can proceed without benefit interruption. After the 60<sup>th</sup> day, benefits will end. The member will still have 90 days to respond and resume the renewal process. When the 90-day reconsideration period expires and new application must be submitted.

# Summary of Recommendations for Renewal **Approaches to Maintain Access**



- Supplemental Security Income **Benefits Recipients**

- 19 during PHE)
- Bridge Plan Eligible
- American Indian / Alaska Native members (sequencing decision made by Tribes)

- OHP Plus and Long-Term Care Services 2
- Medicare Savings Program
- Presumptive Disability Population
- Houseless (except no redeterminations in January)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipients
- Non-English Language Speakers
- Others

# Food benefit updates

#### **Summer P-EBT for Children**

- Notices were mailed to 390,000 eligible children the last week of March
- Eligible children will receive a second letter with the P-EBT card sometime before May 31, 2023
- The P-EBT food benefit is \$391 for each eligible child
  - Children aged 6 years or younger who received SNAP at any time between June 1 and August 31, 2022
  - School-aged children eligible for free or reduced meals during the last month of the 2021-22 school year



Summer P-EBT recipients
will receive this P-EBT
card in the mail between
April and May to access
the food benefits

#### Summer P-EBT for Children

- A P-EBT call center opened March 27, 2023
- Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time
- Call: 1-844-ORE-PEBT (1-844-673-7328)
  - Callers will have the option to choose English or Spanish. Callers can request interpreters for other languages.
- Email: EBT.ebtschoolmeals@odhsoha.oregon.gov
- Visit <u>PEBT.Oregon.Gov</u> for updated information and FAQs

#### **P-EBT Communications Toolkit**

- Help us spread the word
- The Toolkit includes an updated FAQ sheet, poster, and infographic to share with families, as well as pre-written social media posts and a promotional video about the P-EBT for Summer 2022 program.
  - English Toolkit
  - Spanish Toolkit

# SNAP Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

- SNAP ABAWD work requirements were paused during the COVID-19 PHE and will resume on July 1, 2023. Notices will be mailed April 24 to people determine to be ABAWD.
- If a SNAP recipient with ABAWD status is not working or doing certain work-related activities at least 80 hours a month, they can only get SNAP benefits for three months in a three-year period.
- Some areas of Oregon with higher unemployment rates than the national rate will be exempt from restarting the work requirements. Discretionary exemptions are being applied to others.
- The following areas will be resuming work requirements: Clackamas, Deschutes, Jackson, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah and Washington.

# Returned mail updates

#### **Returned Mail**

- Keeping contact information up to date is critical for people to get important notices about their benefits.
- A new returned mail process will be implemented in late April that automates outreach for all mail received as returned mail in the statewide processing center.
- The ONE Eligibility system will perform automated outreach by text, email, or voicemail to ask people to update their addresses.
- People will only receive one message either a text, email, or voicemail (attempted in that order) in English or Spanish.

# Reaching priority populations

# Goal: Engage and support populations that may miss OHP updates or need extra help

- Asian & Pacific Islanders
- Black & African Americans
- COFA citizens
- Farm workers
- Latinos/as/x
- Tribal members
- Older adults (65+)
- People formerly incarcerated
- People leaving private hospitals
- People living in remote areas
- People identified as having an Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

- People with a mental illness
- People with a disability
- People with low or no literacy
- People with substance use disorders
- Recent immigrants
- People who are undocumented
- People who are experiencing houselessness
- Young adults, emancipated youth, and youth aging out of foster care

(recognizing the intersectionality between and among these groups)

## Strategy: Broad reach

- Broad-reach campaign that meets shared needs across audiences
  - Balanced tone urgency + support
  - Message:
    - Update your address
    - Watch for letter ,do what it says
    - Free help available
- Includes
  - Member materials in 14 languages
  - Updated OHA PHEU website
  - Outreach through campaign advisors and many others
  - Paid media campaign: billboards, digital, radio, in-store, other

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# Strategy: Additional reach

#### Audience-specific distribution

- Where does broad reach campaign not address specific needs?
- Priority distribution channels being identified based on audience research and input from campaign advisors
  - For example...
  - 65+: Distribution through senior center and Meals and Wheels
  - Multiple audiences: Distribution through libraries

# **Next Steps**

#### April 28:

- OHA PHEU website updated with Keep Covered theme
- English and Spanish materials available for download and print orders
  - Poster and table tent
  - Flyer
  - Fact sheet
  - FAQ
  - Social media posts

#### **Late April – early May:**

- Materials available in all languages
- Customizable materials available

Early May: Digital ads and billboards launch

June: campaign videos and other materials available

July 2023 - Feb 2024: media campaign expands, all activities continue

## **Q&A Session**

#### Use the Q&A function to submit your questions

If you would prefer to ask your question verbally, please ask to be unmuted in the Q&A box



Any questions that we are not able to answer live will be responded to in writing and posted to <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/covid-phe-partners">http://www.oregon.gov/covid-phe-partners</a>. Q&A from the previous webinars are now available on the website.

## Staying connected



Save the Date: PHE Partner Webinars at 10 a.m., PST

English	Spanish
April 11	April 20
May 9	May 18



Visit <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/covid-phe-partners">www.oregon.gov/covid-phe-partners</a> for COVID-19 PHE information, previous webinar materials, and the partner toolkit.

To sign up directly for our new partner newsletter called "Keep Covered" go to: <a href="https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDHS/signup/35855">https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDHS/signup/35855</a>



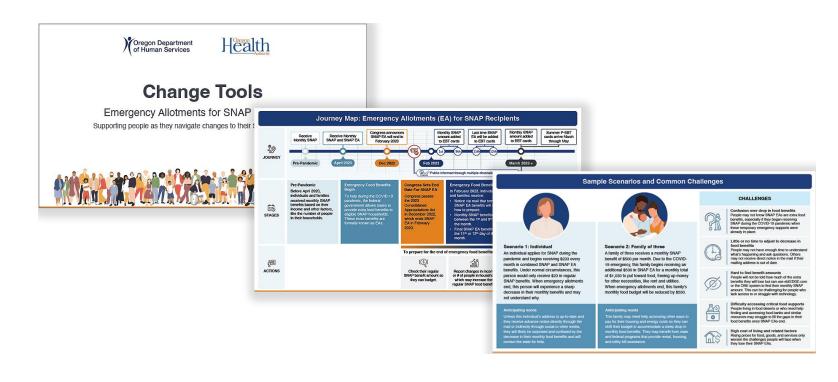
Email MICHAEL.J.MCDAID@dhsoha.state.or.us with questions or to share feedback.

## **Resource: Change Tools**

**Overview**: Staff and partners can use PHE-U Change Tools to educate people receiving medical and nonmedical benefits about their renewals and changes to their benefits. Each collection provides **journey maps and scenarios that illustrate what people can expect to experience during the renewal process**, as well as actions they can take and resources they can use along the way.

#### **Change Tools include:**

- OHP and Long-Term Care
- SNAP Emergency Allotments
- SNAP for College Students
- SNAP for People with ABAWD Status



Visit Oregon.gov/covid-phe-partners or the PHE Unwinding OWL site to access these tools.

## **Connecting People with Food Resources** in their Community

**¿NECESITA ALIMENTOS?** 

- Website in English and Spanish updated
- Toolkit with downloadable resources in multiple languages
- Social media advertising

# There are resources available to help meet your essential needs.



Free meals are available over the summer. Children 18 years and younger may receive free meals and snacks through the Summer Food Service Program (SESP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO). To find a summer meals site nearest to you visit www.summerfooderegen.org, text "Food" or "Comida" to 877-877, or call 2-1-1.



SNAP (formerly food stamps) helps you buy groceries. Apply today. Find all the information you need at govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits where you can apply for SNAP, cash, insurance, childcare and domestic violence assistance all in one place. Dial 211 or call your local ODHS effice with questions. Receive food assistance while waiting for your unemployment insurance.



Food pantries, pick-up sites and delivery options: Gregon Food Bank's network of 1,400+ partner parities and food assistance sites are open across Oregon and Southwest Washington. Many offer drive/walk-up or direct delivery options. Visit oregenfoodfinder.org for local locations.



WIC offers healthy food and nutrition and breastfeeding support for families with kids under age 5 and for pregnant women. Go to healthoregon.org/wic and click the WIC Interest Form button. You can also call 2-1-1 and ask to speak with a maternal and child health specialist. New participants are welcome!



#### Need meals if you're 60+ or live with a disability?

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ACIRC) of Oregon's Older Adult Meals Program ("Meals on: Wheels") provides meals for people across Oregon, Anyone 60+ can receive these meals. There are no income requirements and no charge for meals. The ADRC can also help connect people with disabilities, regardless of age, to food resources. Visit adrooforegon, org or call 1-855-673-2372.



#### Need more information on resources?

For more information on food and other resources, including health care and unemployment information, vinit govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19.

You can contact 2-1-1info by calling 2-1-1, testing your ZIP code to 898211, or visiting 211info.org.

You can also contact the Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon at 1-855-673-2372 or visit adreeforegen.org.

Oregon Department Vou can get this document in effer languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Contact 2-1-1 of Human Services at 1-966-698-6155 or email help@211into.org. We accept all relay calls or you can dial 711.

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