



MEMBER UPDATE

Inside today's Member Update Special Edition, we share [OPCA's statement in support of democracy and upholding the voice of the voters](#) following the shocking attack on the U.S. Capitol by violent rioters last week.

We also have up-to-date COVID-19 information and resources, including the latest on the COVID-19 vaccination effort in Oregon, a call for stories as part of a new Voices audio project, and more.

Please take a few minutes to review the content below to learn more.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Effort Begins at CHCs; Join Workgroup; Latest Resources



Oregon CHCs Start Vaccinating Staff Thanks to State Efforts

Oregon CHCs began vaccinating their staff last week thanks to efforts by the state to include community health centers. See [OPCA's News Release from Jan. 8 Applauding the Governor and OHA for Expanding Access to COVID-19 Vaccinations](#).

CHCs in the News

- ♦ [KGW Jan. 8 story: Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center staff vaccinated for COVID](#)

- ◆ [Register Guard Jan. 8 article: Local medical groups, including White Bird Clinic, to provide COVID-19 vaccines for health care providers](#)

Follow OPCA's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for member posts on COVID-19 vaccination efforts.



Join OPCA's COVID-19 Vaccine Workgroup

We know there are many remaining questions about how vaccines will be administered to your staff and your patients and where FQHCs fit in the vaccine picture. To support you in the development of your COVID vaccine programs, OPCA is leading a COVID-19 Vaccine Workgroup. This workgroup includes weekly calls, as well as a Google Group that provides a forum for peers to communicate and where up-to-date, pertinent information is shared. **Sign-up by emailing tcook@orpca.org.**

OPCA COVID-19 Vaccine Workgroup Calls take place weekly on:

- ◆ **1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 4-5pm PT**
- ◆ **2nd and 4th Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am PT**

Funding Available for Vaccine Storage and Handling Equipment

The OHA/Oregon Immunization Program announced the [availability of funding for vaccine storage and handling equipment](#).

This funding is available to all existing Vaccines for Children (VFC), Vaccine Access Project (VAP), and CARES influenza providers. The funding is also available for COVID-19 vaccine providers, existing and not yet enrolled. For COVID-19 vaccine providers, you must complete the ALERT IIS piece of enrollment to be eligible (you do not have to have completed the entire enrollment process). Allowable purchases will be reimbursed up to \$1,000 per vaccination facility.

REALD Clarification

We want to clarify there is **NO** obligation to report REALD data to OHA for COVID-19 vaccinations. Please continue to enter race and ethnicity information into ALERT IIS.

HB 4212 requires REALD collection during a COVID related encounter with a patient, and requires reporting of that REALD information to OHA when there is a reportable disease/condition obligation under rules adopted under the [reportable disease statute](#).

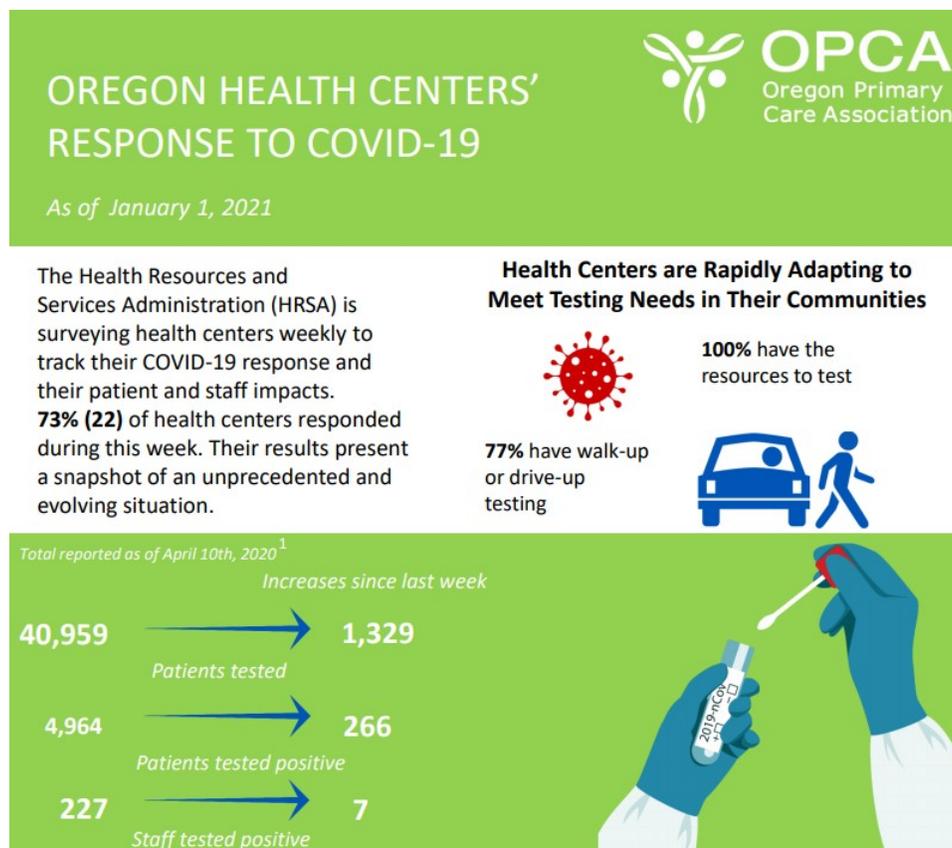
Administering a COVID vaccine would technically qualify as a COVID encounter, but COVID vaccinations are not a reportable disease or condition, so no REALD data should be reported to OHA for vaccinations.

Latest Resources

- ♦ [OHA Memo: COVID-19 Phase 1a Sequencing Update as of Jan. 7, 2021](#)
- ♦ [Phase 1a Checklist](#)

For the latest COVID-19 vaccine information, visit [OPCA's COVID-19 Resources page](#).

COVID-19: Latest CHC Response Numbers; Member Briefings Series



Mark Your Calendar for More COVID-19 Member Briefings

WHAT: OPCA hosts a twice monthly COVID-19 briefing to provide information and resources for CHCs. During this briefing, you can ask questions about emerging practices, policies, or share issues with your COVID response.

WHEN: First Tuesdays and Third Wednesdays of the month at 2pm PT

For questions or to get this series added to your calendar, contact events@orpca.org

Click on the image above for more. For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information and tools, please visit [OPCA's COVID-19 Resources page](#).

OHA Provider Webinar: COVID Related Billing

The next OHA CPOP Provider Collaborative webinar will focus on updates about navigating CAWEM COVID-19 billing, interpreter services for fee-for-service OHP members, and a review of CAWEM Plus postpartum coverage in Oregon.

When: Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1-3pm PT. [Register here](#)

Share Your COVID-19 Story With Us As Part of Voices Audio Project

[Share your story,](#)

[Amplify the community voice](#)



Please contact mroe-bauer@orpca.org
if you have questions or are interested in
participating

We're looking for people to share a story of something that happened to them or an innovative project they started during the pandemic in our new Voices audio project. Voices highlights community members' voices and the amazing work you are doing in a five-minute audio recording. This recording will be shared with your CHC peers, as well as legislators and payers to show how important and impactful the work you are doing is. Contact mroe-bauer@orpca.org if you have questions or are interested in participating.

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