

On The Record

OHA revises testing guidelines, allows testing for those without symptoms

This past week, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) revised guidelines for COVID-19 testing to prioritize impacted populations and all frontline workers.

The guidelines continue to allow healthcare providers to make clinical decisions about their patients.

In addition, if supplies allow, asymptomatic people within the congregate care or group living systems can be considered for testing.

The newly revised guidelines urge clinicians to potentially increase testing for Oregonians who may be at particular risk for contracting COVID-19.

These groups include:

- Those living or working in congregate care or group living facilities;

- Underserved and marginalized populations, including racial and ethnic minority groups;

- Essential frontline workers, including those providing healthcare services and those serving the public, such as grocery store workers.

“As we have done numerous times during the COVID-19 epidemic, we’ve revised our testing guidelines in order to fit the changing shape of the disease outbreak, and to ensure we’re best responding to the current situation,” said Dean Sidelinger, MD, state epidemiologist.

“By focusing clinicians’ attention on testing certain groups — including those most at risk for contracting

severe forms of COVID-19 — we are making sure people who need to be tested are getting tested and getting the information and treatment they need to manage COVID-19,” Sidelinger said. “Similarly, increased testing in specific areas will help OHA, other state authorities and partners to understand and manage the epidemic.”

OHA’s testing guidelines were developed with input from local public health authorities, epidemiologists and physicians, taking into account the latest understanding of testing supplies and availability in Oregon.

The guidelines also are responsive to the latest data analysis showing the contours of the outbreak in Or-

egon.

Much of the disease outbreak data are available via OHA’s website — including a weekly data report, daily updates and ongoing epidemic modeling: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>.

These data show the trends for the out-break and help to inform statewide and local responses, including the revised guidelines.

“Our system for disease testing and response continues to rest on the judgement of healthcare providers, who are the best equipped to make clinical decisions based on the signs and symptoms of the people who they evaluate,” Sidelinger said. “Like many other states, we are using

clinical evidence and disease data in our response to this pandemic. We will continue to move in this fashion, ensuring that we

build on our good work in controlling the spread of COVID-19 working together as a state.”

AMBULANCE/FIRE

Western Lane Ambulance District and Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue Ambulance and fire call runs April 12-18

Date	Time	Area	Type	Date	Time	Area	Type
4/12/20	0:54	Oak St	Transport to PHH	4/16/20	2:34	Hwy 126	Assist, Public
4/12/20	8:23	Spruce St	Assist, Public	4/16/20	5:36	Alarm, 42nd St	SVFR Public Assist
4/12/20	8:38	Oak St	Transport to PHH	4/16/20	6:03	MVA, South Jetty	SVFR Transport to PHH
4/12/20	10:35	9th St	Transport to ALF	4/16/20	7:30	12th St	Assist, Public
4/12/20	11:22	Hwy 126	Transport to PHH	4/16/20	7:57	Hwy 101	Transport to PHH
4/12/20	13:48	Medical	SVFR Assist, Public	4/16/20	10:40	16th St	Assist, Public
4/12/20	15:07	22nd St	Transport to PHH	4/16/20	11:46	9th St	Transport to ALF
4/12/20	16:34	Spruce St	Transport to PHH	4/16/20	15:25	12th St	Transport to ALF
4/12/20	17:40	9th St	Transport to RB	4/16/20	17:53	Hwy 101	FPD Assist, Public
4/12/20	21:39	Medical	SVFR Transport to PHH	4/16/20	22:21	Spruce St	Assist, Public
4/12/20	21:56	Medical	SVFR Assist, Public	4/17/20	11:55	Hwy 101	Transport to PHH
4/12/20	22:26	Onadoone Ct	Assist, Public	4/17/20	13:26	Windjammer Way	SVFR Public Assist
4/12/20	22:52	Rhododendron Dr	Transport to PHH	4/17/20	13:28	35th Way	Transport to PHH
4/13/20	1:58	9th St	CCT-Transport	4/17/20	14:06	31st St	Transport to PHH
4/13/20	3:32	Sandrift St	Transport to PHH	4/17/20	15:46	Medical	Transport to PHH
4/13/20	5:41	Smoke, Hwy 101	SVFR Public Assist	4/17/20	16:56	Rhododendron Dr	Transport to PHH
4/13/20	8:29	Willow Lp	Transport to PHH	4/17/20	17:40	MVA, Hwy 36	Transport to RB
4/13/20	14:43	MVA, 35th St	SVFR, OPS, FPD Transport	4/17/20	17:40	MVA, Hwy 36	Transport to PHH
4/13/20	15:25	Hwy 101	Assist, Public	4/17/20	18:11	9th St	Transport to RB
4/13/20	17:26	Saltaire ST	Transport to PHH	4/17/20	18:34	Hwy 101	SVFR Transport to PHH
4/13/20	21:07	Medical, Spruce St	SVFR Transport	4/17/20	19:54	Medical, Hwy 101	SVFR Transport to PHH
4/14/20	4:52	2nd St	Assist, Public	4/17/20	20:36	9th St	CCT - Transport to RB
4/14/20	5:26	9th St	Transport to RB	4/17/20	21:32	16th St	Transport to PHH
4/14/20	14:06	2nd St	FPD Assist, Public	4/17/20	21:56	Medical, Sherwood Lp	SVFR Transport
4/14/20	14:54	9th St	Transport to RB	4/17/20	22:36	9th St	CCT-Transport to RB
4/14/20	14:57	Spruce St	Assist, Public	4/18/20	6:55	Spruce St	Assist, Public
4/14/20	15:30	Medical, 2nd St	SVFR Assist, Public	4/18/20	8:24	Spruce St	Assist, Public
4/14/20	15:30	Hwy 101	SVFR Transport to PHH	4/18/20	8:47	Hwy 101	Transport to PHH
4/14/20	15:54	Medical, 24th St	SVFR Transport to PHH	4/18/20	9:09	Medical, North Ln	SVFR, OSP Transport
4/14/20	20:12	7th St	Transport to PHH	4/18/20	10:26	Hwy 101	Assist, Public
4/15/20	8:42	Willow Lp	Transport to PHH	4/18/20	10:34	Airport Rd	Assist, Public
4/15/20	9:26	Smoke, Hwy 101	SVFR Public Assist	4/18/20	11:27	Bay St	FPD Transport to PHH
4/15/20	11:43	9th St	CCT-Transport to RB	4/18/20	11:45	Medical, Hwy 101	SVFR Transport to PHH
4/15/20	12:12	Rescue	SVFR, FPD Transport to PHH	4/18/20	11:49	Coastal Highlands Dr	Assist, Public
4/15/20	16:48	Condon Creek Rd	Assist, Public	4/18/20	13:56	9th St	CCT - Transport to RB
4/15/20	17:33	North Fork Siuslaw Rd	Transport	4/18/20	17:41	9th St	Transport to RB
4/15/20	18:21	9th St	Transport to RB	4/18/20	18:40	9th St	Transport to RB
4/15/20	18:38	Rhododendron Dr	Assist, Public	4/18/20	19:38	Medical, 9th St	SVFR Landing Zone
4/15/20	19:19	Medical, 24th St	SVFR Transport to PHH	4/18/20	19:50	31st St	Transport to PHH
4/15/20	21:21	Medical	SVFR, FPD, OSP Transport	4/18/20	21:23	9th St	Transport to RB
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Highway 101 bridge work projects update

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has updates bridge projects taking place along U.S. Highway 101 at Devil’s Lake Outlet, Schooner Creek and Siltcoos River Bridges.

This project will repair and install corrosion protection on the three bridges.

Traffic impacts will include closures and work being done as weather permits.

• D River Outlet: The end panels have been completed and both northbound lanes and reopened Friday, April 24.

NW Natural will be

working nearby over the next few weeks and will be utilizing daytime lanes closures. Work also continues underneath the bridges and steel plates are being used to protect the work crew.

Short-term closures will be needed to move the steel plates as work progresses.

• Schooner Creek Bridge: A platform is being installed under the bridge and damaged concrete sections are being repaired.

The western sidewalk is closed for approximately 2 months while the contractor replaces the bridge rail. Intermittent night time lane closures will be needed during that time.

Expect minor delays.

For regular updates, visit the project website at www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=18599



Earth System Research Laboratory Global Monitoring Division

Jan. 2020: 412.30 ppm
Jan. 2019: 409.67 ppm

Last updated: April 6, 2020

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
April 14	57	31	0.00
April 15	56	41	0.02
April 16	71	37	0.00
April 17	73	48	0.00
April 18	55	47	0.01
April 19	59	42	0.00
April 20	57	39	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.03”
Month: 1.92” Year: 29.58”

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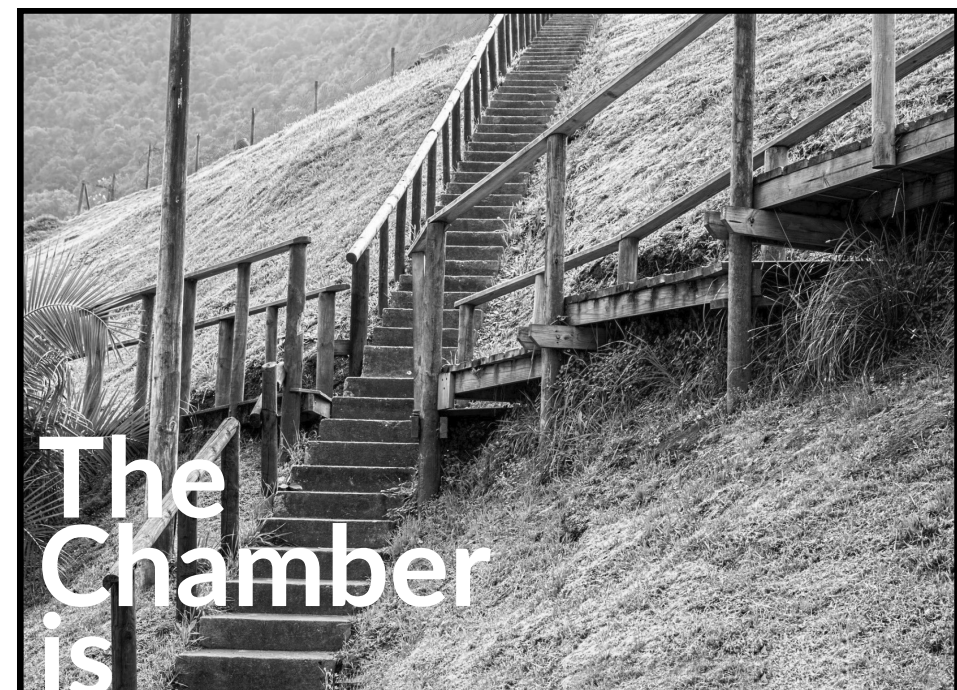
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