

## Latest OHA modeling suggests marked rise in COVID-19 spread

New modeling of the COVID-19 virus shows that COVID-19 is spreading more rapidly in Oregon, according to the latest model released today by the Oregon Health Authority and the Institute for Disease Modeling.

The model, which is based on data through June 18, offers three projections — optimistic, moderate and pessimistic — predicting that daily case levels could rise as much as 20 percentage points.

The modeling assumes that hospitalizations from COVID-19 remain stable and testing remains at its present level of approximately 4,000 a day:

The optimistic scenario with those assumptions

suggests the previous modeling increase of June 11 was the result of higher testing and that case counts would remain stable at about 180 per day over the next month.

This is the least likely scenario to occur because it assumes diagnosis of all new cases and presently about one-third of new infections cannot be traced to a known source.

The moderate scenario suggests the rise in cases in the last modeling report was due to increased transmission and expanded testing — and that daily infections of COVID-19 could rise over the next month to more than 900 per day, with daily hospitalizations rising from 8 to

27.

The most pessimistic scenario suggests the rise in cases in the last modeling report was due entirely to increased transmission and not expanded testing — and that infections could rise to more than 4,800, and hospitalizations could increase to 82 per day.

“We know that COVID-19 is in our communities,” said Dean Sidelinger, MD, Oregon state health officer. “This latest model provides us with a sobering reminder that we all need to guard against continued spread, especially as we continue to reopen and the weather gets warmer.”

Dr. Sidelinger said,

“Think hard about your choice of activities, especially as we get close to the Fourth of July holiday.

Ask yourself: how can I reduce my risk and the risk I might pose to people around me?”

He urges people to do what they can to suppress the virus by staying 6 feet away from other people, wearing a mask, avoiding large gatherings and, if you are in a group setting — like a holiday barbeque — stay outside, keep your distance and use a face covering when you’re not eating.

Lastly, wash your hands frequently and stay home if you’re sick.

## Oregon Health Plan online system receives upgrade

The Oregon Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority recently upgraded the eligibility system Oregonians use to apply for health coverage.

The upgrade is the first milestone in a larger project to make it easier for Oregonians to apply for health and human services benefits.

The online application was unavailable from July 2-5 while the upgrade was in progress.

Online applications that were not submitted by 4 p.m. on July 2 were not able to be transferred to the new system during the upgrade and will have to be restarted.

For Oregonians applying for Oregon Health Plan benefits online, applications can now be completed on the new system. Paper applications and applications completed over the phone are not impacted.

Oregonians can contact customer service at 1-800-699-9075 (TTY 711) to apply over the phone or request that an application be mailed to

them.

They can also download, print and mail a paper application. Both options are available in multiple languages.

The Oregon ONE system will continue to be upgraded, in phases, through February 2021. Once the system is fully updated, all Oregonians will be able to use a single online application to apply for cash, childcare, food and medical benefits.

They will also have the option to apply for any of these programs over the phone or in person at any local Aging and People with Disabilities, Area Agency on Aging or Self-Sufficiency Programs office that provides those benefits.

“This upgrade is just the first step in improving the way the state delivers health and human services benefits to Oregonians and their families,” said DHS Director Fariborz Pakseresht.

Visit the DHS Benefits and Assistance page to learn more about the programs available to qualifying Oregonians.

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**This is a small bag that contains a three day supply of food, water, medications, and change of clothing along with personal hygiene items.**

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