

ESF-8 SITUATION STATUS REPORT

Operational period: 3/10/2026 to 3/17/2026, 1400
 Send updates to: oresf8.sitstat@odhsoha.oregon.gov
 Updates since the last report are in blue.

Please note evolving events can change quickly, reports may become outdated shortly after distribution.

OREGON PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVATION STATUS

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The Oregon Public Health Division experts in the particular disease or disaster lead the response with a large number of other staff from the program area. A large number of staff from the Health Security, Preparedness and Response Program may assist with the response. Level 2 responses are typically virtual.

Operation Center	Status	Comment
State PHD-AOC	Activated	Activated for measles response

DUTY OFFICER

- [Monitored calls regarding flooding and sewage overflows due to high rain](#)

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

- Seasonal hazards: rain, snow, cold temperatures, wind, landslide, respiratory illnesses

PUBLIC HEALTH

Epidemiological Surveillance – Laboratory - Clinical Guidance – Assessment/Interventions/Treatments - Human Services - Behavioral Health

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

SURVEILLANCE REPORTS

Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics Data (ESSENCE)

- Current and past winter-season data are available on the [ESSENCE Winter Hazard Report](#). The dashboard is updated with statewide data every Monday.

3/3/26 – 3/10/26	
Emergency and Urgent Care Visit Type	Status
Total visits (statewide)	Within expected levels.
Cold-related illness (statewide)	<i>Within seasonally expected levels.</i>
Carbon Monoxide Exposure (statewide)	<i>Within seasonally expected levels.</i>
Injuries (statewide)	Within expected levels.
Falls (statewide)	Within expected levels.
Traffic-related (statewide)	Within expected levels.
Asthma-like Illness (statewide)	Within expected levels.
Broad Acute Respiratory Illness (statewide)	Within seasonally expected levels. After peaking in late January/early February, statewide visits have continued decreasing.

<u>Weekly Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Surveillance</u>		
3/01/26 – 3/07/26		
	Percent Positivity	Hospitalizations
Previous Week	6.4%	25
Current Week	6.7%	20

<u>Influenza Surveillance Data</u>		
3/01/26 – 3/07/26		
	Percent Positivity	Hospitalizations
Previous Week	16.7%	55
Current Week	13.1%	30

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AIR QUALITY

- There are [2](#) active wildfires in Oregon. For more information, see [OEM's State of Oregon Fire and Hotspots Dashboard](#).
- Air quality is mostly **Good** to **Moderate** throughout most of the state.
- Check current air quality conditions with DEQ's [Air Quality Index](#) and [Air Pollution Advisories](#), the US Forest Service [AQI-NowCast time series data](#), or by downloading the free [OregonAIR app](#) on your smartphone. Check with [OR Department of Forestry](#) for fire danger levels and public use restrictions. For Smoke Outlooks and Advisories, check with the [Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program \(IWFAQRP\)](#).

WEATHER

- [There are no active weather watches, warnings or advisories.](#)
- For active watches and warnings visit the [National Weather Service webpage](#) and the [Active Alerts webpage](#). Note: NWS decommissioned the [Alerts Webpage](#) effective December 2, 2025
- For briefings, briefing videos and additional information on current weather hazards and impacts visit the [NWS Briefings and Information](#) site.
- Warning, Advisory, and Watch definitions can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/sjt/WatchWarningAdvisoryExplained>
- Extreme cold warning, extreme cold watch, and cold weather advisories definitions can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/safety/cold-ww>
- For cold weather safety tips and resources visit <https://www.weather.gov/safety/cold>

DROUGHT



- The U.S. Drought Monitor estimates approximately **797,700** Oregon residents are in areas of drought.
<https://www.drought.gov/states/oregons>

RECREATIONAL ADVISORIES – [RECREATIONAL ADVISORIES](#)

Cyanobacteria Advisories

- [Current Cyanobacteria Advisories](#)

Beach Conditions:

- [OHA's Beach Water Quality page](#).

DRINKING WATER SERVICES

[Active Partial and System-wide Oregon Drinking Water Advisories.](#)

[Active Partial and System-wide Oregon Drinking Water Advisories Map](#)

- Note: lifted advisories are removed from the current advisories list.
- Current 2025-2026 advisories:
 - [Willowcreek Store/Café](#) (#93646, Malheur Co.) system wide Do Not Drink advisory for vulnerable populations due to nitrate treatment issues. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=25532>
 - [Vineyard Mountain Water](#) (#00231, Benton Co.) partial system boil water advisory due to loss of distribution system pressure. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=25472>
 - [London Water Co-Op](#) (#00239, Lane Co.) system wide boil water advisory due to filtration treatment failure and loss of distribution system pressure. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=23063>
 - [Diamond Hill RV Park](#) (#91717, Linn Co.) system wide boil water advisory due to loss of distribution system pressure. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=24148>
 - [Prospect Community Club](#) (#06255, Jackson Co.) system wide boil water advisory due to confirmed E. coli at GW source w/ no treatment. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=24107>
 - [Sportsmans Paradise Motel](#) (#94151, Klamath Co.) system wide boil water advisory due to confirmed E. coli at GW source w/ no treatment. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=23693>
 - [Get N Go Grocery 7](#) (#94707, Lane Co.) system wide boil water advisory due to potential storage water contamination. <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=23453>
 - [Sunridge Water Inc](#) (#05798, Umatilla Co.) system wide do not drink advisory due to nitrate detection. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=22973>
 - [Deer Island Village MHP](#) (#00982, Columbia) partial boil water advisory due to confirmed E. coli in the distribution system. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=22898>

- [Circle K #9641](https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=21793) (#95225, Marion Co.) system wide boil water advisory due to confirmed E. coli at GW source w/o treatment. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=21793>
- [Beef NW Feeders – Boardman](https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=21378) (#95756, Morrow Co.) system wide boil water advisory due to confirmed E. coli in the distribution system. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=21378>
- [McKee Bridge MHP](https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=21292) (#01165, Jackson Co.) system wide Do Not Drink advisory due to arsenic detections. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=21292>
- [Columbia Basin Onion](https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=21124) (#95757, Umatilla Co.) system wide Do Not Drink advisory for vulnerable populations (infants under 6 months and pregnant women) due to nitrate detections. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=21124>
- [Valley View Heights Water Association](https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=19993) (#05527, Clackamas Co.) system wide boil water advisory due to confirmed E. coli in the distribution system. Contact report available here: <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/advisorydetails.php?ISN=19993>

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FISH AND SHELLFISH ADVISORIES:

- See OHA’s [Current fish and recreational shellfish advisories and guidelines](#) for details and resources.
- See ODA’s [Recreational shellfish biotoxin closures](#) or call the Shellfish Biotoxin Hotline toll free at 1-800-448-2474 for more information.
- See also Oregon Department of Agriculture alerts: [Recreational shellfish biotoxin closures](#)

MEDICAL CARE

Hospitals - Dialysis – Pharmacies - Long Term Care - VA Health System - Veterinary Services – Home Care



Oregon Capacity System Data – Hospital Bed Capacity Data

03/17/2026					
Time	Region	ICU %	Acute %	Peds ICU %	Peds acute %
1000	1	81%	85%	85%	72%
1000	2	92%	93%	0%	100%
1000	3	77%	79%	0%	45%
1000	5	90%	92%	0%	38%
1000	6	100%	66%	0%	0%
1000	7	67%	87%	0%	33%
1000	9	100%	66%	0%	0%

Key
85% capacity is generally considered the surge threshold
90% Capacity trending to maximum capacity
Stable and normal operations

- The Oregon Capacity System (OCS) provides real-time emergency department data to hospitals, EMS, 911/PSAPs, first responders, and public health agencies. Hospital EMR systems update HIPAA-compliant status information several times per hour, 24/7/365. The data fluctuate throughout the day based on patient volume, staffing levels, weather, and seasonal illness patterns. The following graph is based on system capacity by Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) region. Oregon HPP regions are: R1, R2, R3, R5, R6, R7, and R9. R4 and R8 run along the Washington State and Oregon border and are not captured in the OCS system.

- [Regional Map](#)

PATIENT MOVEMENT

Emergency Medical Services



Patient
Movement

- No additional updates

MEDICAL SUPPLY CHAIN

Blood/Blood Products – Manufacturing – Distribution - Critical Clinical Research- Sterilization – Raw Materials



Medical
Supply Chain

- No additional updates

FATALITY MANAGEMENT

Mortuary and Post-Mortuary Services



Fatality
Management

- No additional updates

REGIONAL UPDATES

Regional reports are received between 9:00am and 11:00am Tuesdays; reports may be outdated shortly after distribution.

All regions monitoring measles activity

REGION 1/6

- Hospitals/health systems have not reported any significant impacts from the March 11 Stryker cyber incident. Multnomah County EMS implemented an ad hoc protocol as a workaround for service interruption of Stryker's LifeNet (a product used by EMS agencies to transmit patient care data to hospitals), but as of 1002, 3/17/26, they are transmitting normally.

REGION 2



- No additional updates

REGION 3

- No additional updates

REGION 5

- No additional updates

REGION 6

- No additional updates

REGION 7

- No additional updates

REGION 9

- No additional updates

SYSTEMS

SYSTEM	STATUS	POINT OF CONTACT
HAN	Operational	Nick.May@OHA.Oregon.gov , 503-545-3057
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SERV-OR	Operational	Serv.OR@odhsoha.Oregon.gov , 877-343-5767
ESSENCE	Operational	Oregon.Essence@odhsoha.Oregon.gov , 971-673-1111

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE	WEATHER	HSPR DUTY OFFICER
Submit events to HSPR training calendar	Current severe weather radar Current watches and warnings Current local forecast	Outgoing Duty Officer: Caroline Tydings (3/09/26 – 3/16/26) Incoming Duty Officer: Aaron McCord (3/16/26 – 3/23/26) Duty Officer for Next Week: Candy Cates (3/23/26 – 3/30/26)



**OREGON
HEALTH**
AUTHORITY

[OHA Crisis and Emergency Risk
Communications \(CERC\) Toolkits](#)

[ODHS|OHA technology
outage/incident updates](#)

[OEM GIS Hub](#)

[U.S. FDA Medical Device Recalls](#)

[U.S. FDA Drug Shortages](#)

[U.S. FDA Medical Device Shortages](#)

PUBLIC INFORMATION SOURCES

[EPA-RADNET](#)

[Surveillance Data and Reports](#)

[OregonAIR mobile app](#)

[Sign up for text or email alerts about
air pollution](#)

**Oregon Health Authority – Public Health Division
Health Security, Preparedness and Response (HSPR)**

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[Gorge \(The Dalles\)](#)

[Central Oregon \(Bend\)](#)

[Coast \(Newport\)](#)

[Eastern \(Ontario\)](#)

[Southern Oregon \(Klamath Falls\)](#)



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