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# **Behavioral Health Residential Facilities COVID-19 Q&A Webinar**

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- COVID-19 Senior Health Advisors Update
  - Drs. Thomas, Jetmalani, and Betlinski
- Behavioral Health COVID-19 Response Update
  - Steve Allen, Behavioral Health Director
- Medicaid COVID-19 Updates
  - Dana Hittle, Deputy Medicaid Director
- Regional Supports
  - Wesley Rivers, OHA Government Relations
- Behavioral Health Residential Program Issues
- Q&A

# OREGON COVID-19 Update – Senior Health Advisors

<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

As of 8:00 am 4/17/2020:

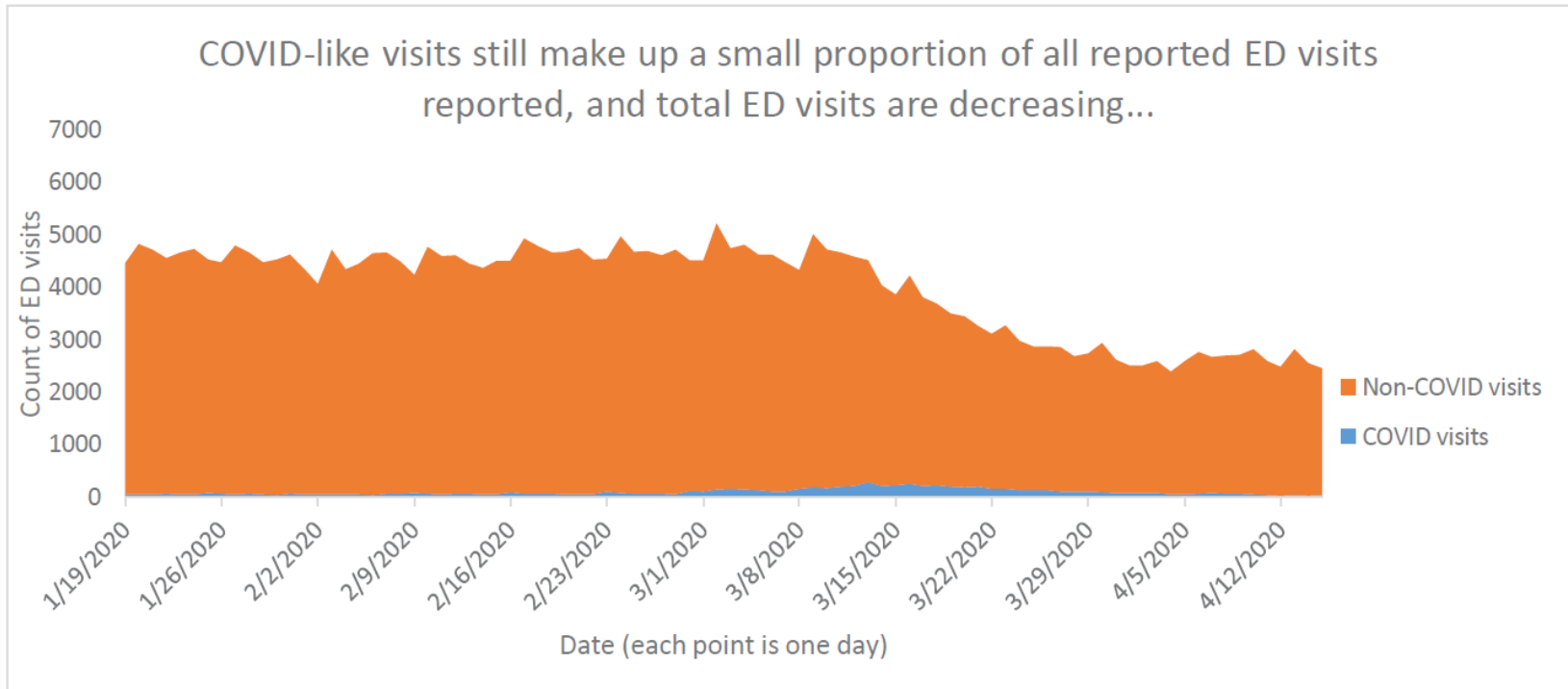
- 1,785 tested positive
- 70 deaths
- 427 hospitalized

# Importance of the Basics

The best evidence for prevention are some of the easiest to do:

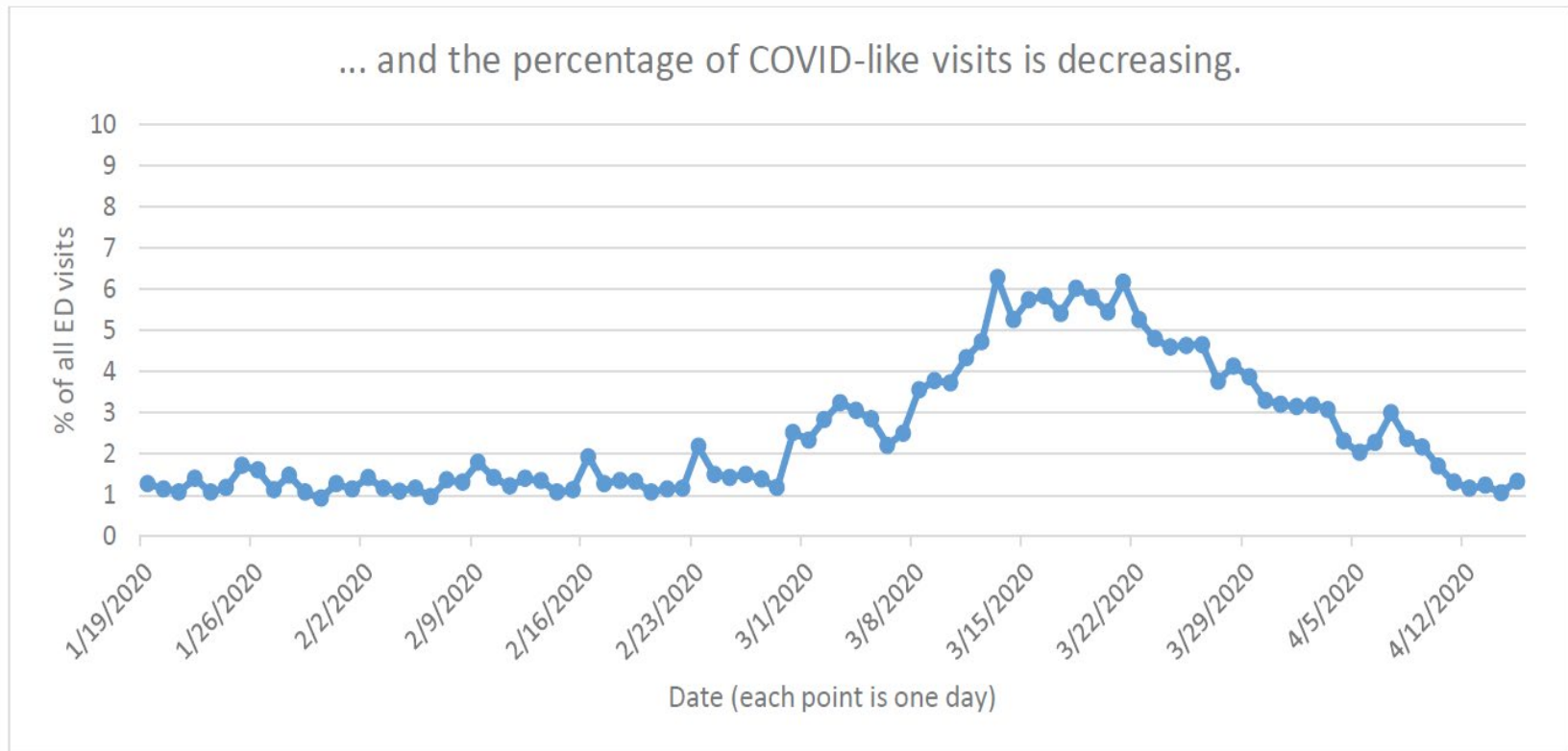
- The power of hand washing
- Cleaning surfaces
- Physical distancing

# Oregon Emergency Room Visits: an indicator



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... and the percentage of COVID-like visits is decreasing.



# COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment

For the latest Personal Protective Equipment Allocation Plan, visit the Oregon Emergency Management website

<https://oregon-coronavirus-geo.hub.arcgis.com/datasets/ef59699bfb764340a66ab053a4f8a34c>

# COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment

## Health Care Providers Definition as of 4/17/20:

For this purpose, health care providers include local public health authorities, hospitals, clinics, skilled nursing facilities and homes, fire and emergency medical services (EMS), assisted living facilities and adult foster homes, physicians' offices, Tribal medical clinics (which send requests to Tribal authorities), urgent care centers, home health care, outpatient clinics, correctional facility medical clinics, IDD direct support providers, home and community based behavioral health providers (including ACT teams, Behavioral health Crisis teams), behavioral health residential facilities (such as mental health and drug treatment facilities), long-term care facilities, and similar health care facilities or services where adherence to physical distancing is not possible.



# COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment

## Allocation Priorities as of 4/17/20:

### Priority #1

- Healthcare facilities and personnel providing care for people with confirmed COVID-19
- Healthcare providers (see below), including EMS and fire, that will not be able to continue day-to-day operations without the allocation
- For N95 respirator requests, recommend priority to facilities that perform aerosolgenerating procedures (mostly hospitals)

# COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment

## Allocation Priorities as of 4/17/20:

### Priority #2

- Healthcare providers, including EMS and fire, who will be out of requested PPE within 48 hours, and have known COVID-19 transmission in their close vicinity

# COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment

## Allocation Priorities as of 4/17/20:

### Priority #3

- Healthcare providers, including EMS and fire, who will be out of requested PPE within 48 hours, and have *no* cases of COVID-19 infection in their close vicinity
- Healthcare providers, including EMS and fire, who request additional supply due to non-critical shortages in PPE due to limited allocations through their usual supply chain and which have known COVID-19 transmission in their close vicinity

# COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment

## Allocation Priorities as of 4/17/20:

### Priority #4

- Healthcare providers, including EMS and fire, who request additional supply due to non-critical shortages in PPE due to limited allocations through their usual supply chain and which have *no* cases of COVID-19 infection in their close vicinity
- For N95 masks, law enforcement agencies

# COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment

## Allocation Priorities as of 4/17/20:

### Other Considerations

- Consider distributions to stakeholders who provide healthcare to vulnerable populations in the county community
- Differentiation of prioritization for masks—Recommend the locations that perform aerosol generating procedures have highest risk for transmission.
- Assure adequate distribution to agencies geographically reflected by population and need.

# COVID-19 Behavioral Health Response Updates

- Understanding that we need to plan for an extended outbreak
- Increasing focus on residential and congregate care setting outbreak prevention and management
- Increasing focus on how to stabilize behavioral healthcare facilities and improve capacity
- Improving access to PPE
- Reviewing PPE guidance for BH and other healthcare providers

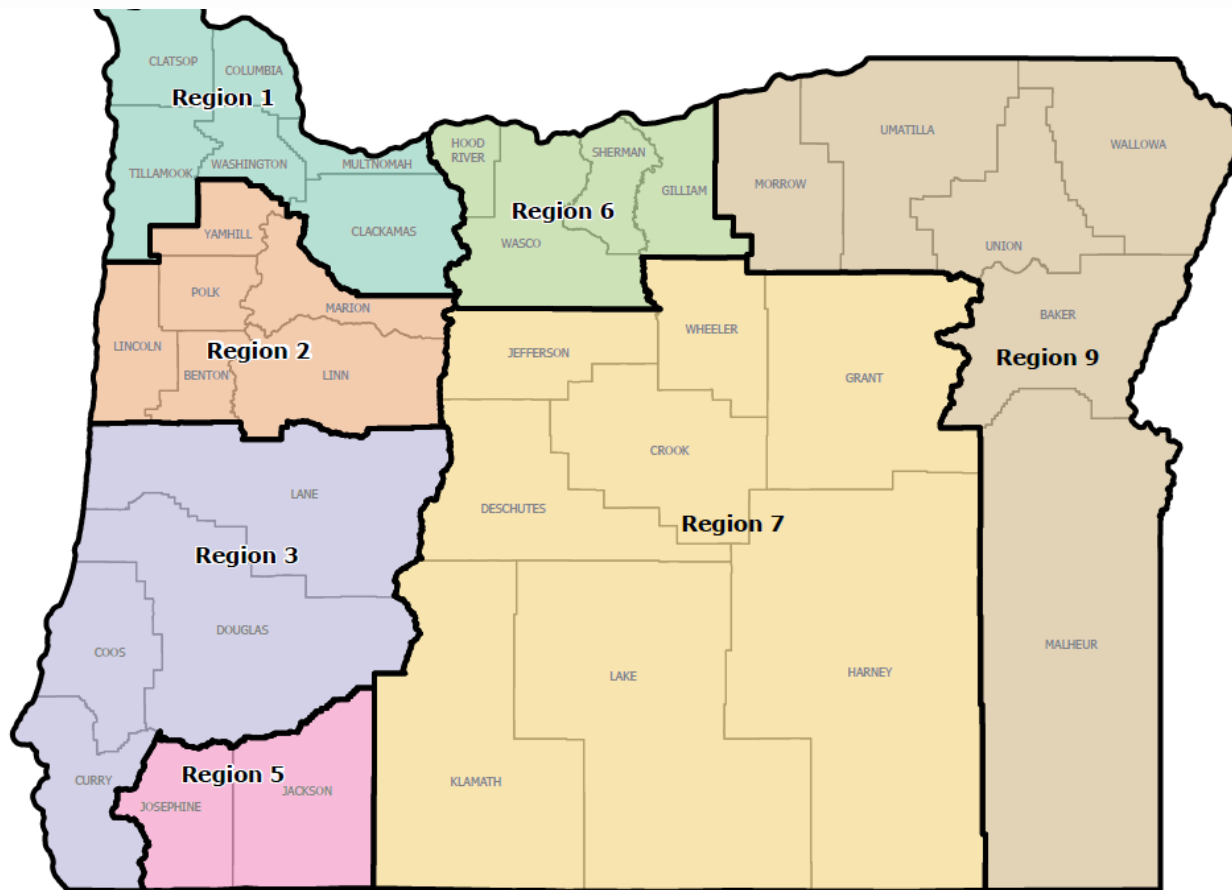
# COVID-19 Medicaid Updates

- Upcoming Guidance Documents – Behavioral Health skills building provided through telehealth
- SPA updates – disaster SPA and 1915(i) SPA
- 1135 and 1115 Waiver Updates

# OHA/ECC Regional Supports

- **Regional Health Care Coalitions & Regional Emergency Coordinators:** Regional Health Care Coalitions and Regional Emergency Coordinators assist local communities with emergency preparedness and response. They maintain communication between regional leaders and OHA.
- **Regional Resource Hospitals:** In the event of a surge of COVID-19 cases, Regional Resource Hospitals would work with local hospitals to maximize patient access to hospital beds.
- **Health and Medical Lifeline:** This online tool allows medical establishments to report directly to the state on their service availability and any service disruptions. Medical establishments can report how they are attempting to solve service issues and what they need from OHA and the ECC to overcome issues.





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