

# Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination FAQ

How to plan and operationalize a mobile vaccine program to support subpopulations who are homebound or may experience barriers in getting to a vaccine clinic.



## Key Staff (at a minimum): eligible vaccine provider, outreach scheduler

- The OHA EMS Office has issued an [emergency scope of practice change](#) that allows all levels of emergency medical services (EMS) providers to do vaccinations to increase the number of vaccine providers
- If you would like information on any local Community Paramedicine or Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) programs, contact the Oregon MIH Coalition Chairs: Keshia Bigler, [biglerk@careoregon.org](mailto:biglerk@careoregon.org) or Sabrina Ballew, [sabrinab@mercyflights.com](mailto:sabrinab@mercyflights.com)

## Scheduling Patients

- One vaccine vial contains 11 doses and must be administered within 6 hours once the vial seal is broken
  - This is true for both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, when using a standard 1-inch needle to administer the vaccine into the deltoid muscle
- Strategically plan the schedule around geographic clusters of patients (in groups of 11, if possible)
  - If there are larger clusters of patients in one city or municipality, you could feasibly vaccinate more patients (estimate max 20-22 vaccines distributed in one 6-hour window)
  - This is important and reduces potential for unintentional vaccine waste
- Vaccine appointments should be windows of time and not specific times
  - Example, 1-3pm (appointment window) vs. 2:45pm (appointment time)
  - This allows for any extenuating variables that could impact the travel schedule
- Set a date for when the second dose will be given ahead of time, if possible
  - Communicate this date to your patients
- Ensure the person calling patients and scheduling for home-delivered vaccines sets clear expectations up front
  - Ex. Level of PPE that will be used by vaccine provider, they are scheduled for an appt window not a specific time, who to contact with questions, overview of process and what to expect
- Document any special circumstances, considerations, or helpful information for schedule patients and ensure that information is given to the vaccine provider
- Have a process in place for the vaccine provider to call each patient the night before to introduce themselves, remind the patient of their appt time window, and ask if they have any questions or concerns
  - If possible, conduct telephonic pre-screening to determine if a patient requires a 15- or 30-minute post-vaccine administration observation period. This will impact your route timeline.

## Documentation

- Have a plan to document all the vaccines administered in the Oregon ALERT database
  - Use paper forms to document in the field and then transfer the information into ALERT afterwards to streamline processes
  - If the goal is to document in ALERT in the field, in real time, then two person teams should be assigned to support and maintain the route timeline
  - Make sure you have forms available in other key languages in your region, like Spanish
- OHA Vaccination Forms:
  - [OHA COVID19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form](#)
  - [OHA COVID19 Vaccine Administration Form](#)

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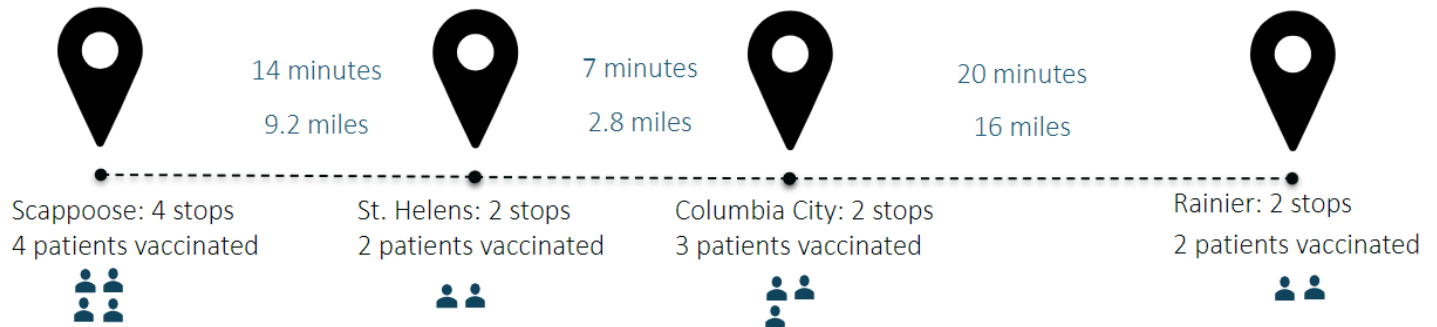
- [Vaccine Record Card](#)
- All materials are available in multiple languages, [linked here](#)

### Planning the Travel Route

- Strategically plan the travel route around geographic clusters of scheduled patients (in groups of 11, if possible)
  - If there are larger cluster of patients in one city or municipality, you could feasibly vaccinate more patients (estimate max 20-22 vaccines distributed in one 6-hour window)
- Plan for each stop taking ~30 minutes, including the standard 15-minute post-vaccine observation period
  - Some patients may require a 30-minute observation period pending pre-screening and risk level
  - If possible, pre-screen ahead of time as you can to help identify higher risk patients and allow for proactive planning and route development
  - One vaccine vial has 11 doses in it, once the vial is opened all vaccines must be delivered within 6 hours

### Example of a Real-World Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Effort

**One Community Paramedic delivered 11 vaccines over 6 hours using one vaccine vial and documenting administrations using paper forms in the field**



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