

COVID-19 Update

The Missing 'Proof of Vaccination' Mandate



Daniel Shoemaker at Teardrop Lounge in Northwest Portland. Teardrop requires proof of vaccination for anyone drinking inside the bar. | Dina Avila/EPDX

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Proof of COVID-19 vaccination Portland

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Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury has no plans to require proof of COVID-19 vaccinations at bars, restaurants or event venues, she tells *WW*.

Not her job.

As the Delta variant erupts across Oregon, sparking the most new infections the state has seen in a single week, venue owners have [called for the county to issue a vaccine mandate for indoor activities](#), similar to requirements in New York City and San Francisco.

Kafoury says the county has no means to enforce such a rule.

Source

Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations - San Francisco

PDX Leaders

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“Many San Francisco businesses are already leading the way by requiring proof of vaccination for their customers because they care about the health of their employees, their customers, and this City. This order builds on their leadership and will help us weather the challenges ahead and keep our businesses open. Vaccines are our way out of the pandemic, and our way back to a life where we can be together safely.” **Source**

Close Quarters

“We are issuing these new health requirements because indoor, public settings where people congregate in close quarters, often with their masks off, **are a main way that the virus spreads,**” said Acting Health Officer, Dr. Naveena Bobba. “With the increased COVID-19 case rates, we need everybody who is eligible for a vaccine to get one now.”

Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations - Relevant PDX Jobs

JOBS 2019			
Industries	Entertainment	Accommodation & Food	TOTAL
Seven District Total	3,810	17,827	21,637
All Districts	9,229	46,017	55,246
Percent of Seven Districts	41%	39%	39%
Sector	Retail and Related	Retail and Related includes: Retail Trade - 44-45 Entertainment - 71 Accommodation & Food - 72 Other - 81	
Seven District Total	37,469		
All Districts	111,584		
Percent of Seven Districts	34%		

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Source: BPS from QCEW data. Average annual growth rates (AAGR) are calculated between peak years at the beginning and end of the last business cycle (2008-2019) to indicate long-term trends.			
'e' = Excluded to meet data confidentiality requirements.			
* Old Town data is shown for 2018, in place of unavailable data in 2019.			
District data is excluded for the Agriculture (NAICS 11), Mining (NAICS 21), Utilities (NAICS 22), and Unclassified (NAICS 99) industries, to meet confidentiality requirements. Total district employment numbers include the excluded industries.			

Selected Sector

Retail & Related Services

2019 Jobs & Firms

Seven Central City Districts

Retail Trade - 44-45
Entertainment - 71
Accommodation & Food - 72
Other - 81

	2019	Percent	Percent	
Districts by sector group	Jobs	District	Portland	Firms
			111,584	
Downtown Retail Council	72,335			3,314
Retail & Related Services	12,522	17%	11%	887
Old Town / Downtown Retail Ccl.*	7,254			443
Retail & Related Services	1,558	21%	1%	177
Pearl District	16,632			1,234
Retail & Related Services	5,001	30%	4%	383
Goose Hollow / Stadium District	5,193			359
Retail & Related Services	2,408	46%	2%	111
Nob Hill	15,072			1,179
Retail & Related Services	5,111	34%	5%	448
Lloyd District	16,950			604
Retail & Related Services	4,772	28%	4%	244
Central Eastside Industrial	22,430			1,492
Retail & Related Services	6,097	27%	5%	477
City of Portland Total	464,413			34,904
Retail & Related Services	111,584		100%	12,294
Percent, Retail & Related, Citywide	24%			35%
Seven District Total, Retail Related	37,469			
Retail Trade, all neighborhoods	111,584			
Percent of Seven Districts of Retail	34%			

* Old Town data is shown for 2018, in place of unavailable data in 2019.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations - workers



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Many New York City restaurant owners say that the absence of virus mandates or consistent guidelines has left them to figure out how to act when workers become sick.



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Employee

“This outbreak shows us clearly that we cannot trust bar owners to notify employees and customers of such an incident,” says Amanda Mays, a former employee of 45 East who says her onetime manager asked her to fill in for workers too sick to complete a shift.

“There needs to be a protocol and oversight in place to mandate employers to report such incidents for the safety of everybody.”

Nightclub Owner

Eric Bowler, who owns the Old Town nightclub Tube, wants such a mandate. “If one bar requires vaccine cards, it just pisses people off and they just go next door,” he says. “It doesn’t do anything to reduce hospitalizations.”

Multnomah County Leaves Revelers to Fend for Themselves in the Omicron Wave

The only reason Portlanders learned of the first significant outbreak in a reopened club scene is because workers blew the whistle.

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The County

Multnomah County officials say there is no need to require disclosure to the public: Anyone who goes to a restaurant, club, bar or gym this winter does so at their own risk.

“Anyone who spends time in a public indoor setting, or a busy outdoor setting, should assume they’ve been exposed to the virus,” says county spokeswoman Kate Yeiser.

OSU Professor

Notifying the public of an outbreak “is especially important,” says Oregon State University professor Chunhui Chi, because “we are dealing with the most contagious variant so far...



...My assessment is that our public health infrastructure actually is not as strong as we would like it to be,” Chi says. “If we had enough resources, enough infrastructure, we would have done a much better job in contact tracing and informing the public about the risk of exposure.”