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The Honorable Representative Maxine Dexter, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Cedric Hayden, Vice-Chair  
House Committee on Health Care Subcommittee on COVID-19  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

SUBJECT: Marion County demographics and COVID-19 vaccines

Dear Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the House Committee on Health Care Subcommittee on COVID-19 on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

According to the United States Census Bureau, individuals of Hispanic ethnicity account for 13% of Oregon's total population but only 3.5% of Oregon's population who are age 65+. In Marion County, persons of Hispanic ethnicity make up a quarter of the population, but an estimated 5% of Marion County's population age 65+ are of Hispanic ethnicity.

As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 865,804 Oregonians have received a COVID-19 vaccine and of them, 4% reported their ethnicity as Hispanic.<sup>1</sup> Marion County is vaccinating people of Hispanic ethnicity at higher rates than the rest of the state. 7.6% of Marion County's Hispanic population has been vaccinated, compared to 6.9% of the rest of Oregon. Marion County is vaccinating people age 65+ and of Hispanic ethnicity at higher rates as well. 45.6% of Marion County's Hispanic population age 65+ have been vaccinated, compared to 35.4% of Oregon's Hispanic population age 65+.

	Marion County	Oregon
Total Population	347,760	4,236,400
Subset of Population: Age 65+	67,808	765,542
Number Vaccinated	32,495	411,028
Percent Vaccinated	47.9%	54%

<sup>1</sup> OHA uses a rarest race methodology when collecting individual data for COVID-19 vaccination. Individuals only contribute to one category: Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander; Black, African American; American Indian, Alaska Native; Asian; Hispanic; White; Other; or Unknown. The count of people of Hispanic ethnicity who have been vaccinated is estimated to be slightly lower if individuals who are Hispanic selected another category for race/ethnicity.

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Subset of Population: Hispanic	90,277	565,177
<i>Number Vaccinated</i>	<i>6,851</i>	<i>38,798</i>
<i>Percent Vaccinated</i>	<i>7.6%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>
Subset of Population: Age 65+ and Hispanic	3,390	26,793
<i>Number Vaccinated</i>	<i>1,546</i>	<i>9,484</i>
<i>Percent Vaccinated</i>	<i>45.6%</i>	<i>35.4%</i>

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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