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SPECIAL LOCAL UPDATE COVID-19 – NEW POSITIVE CASES
Joint Release from Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Douglas Public Health Network

(Douglas County, Ore.) As of 12:00 pm, Tuesday March 31st, 2020, County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer announced two more new positive cases of COVID-19 in Douglas County, bringing the confirmed number of cases in Douglas County to 10. The count of positive cases has been increasing since last week. Douglas Public Health Network has launched their epidemiology investigation related to the new cases, identifying who the individuals may have had contact with. Identifying information about the newest cases are not being released at this time. Close contacts of the confirmed cases will be notified by public health.

There are currently 10 positive cases of COVID-19, 252 negative tests, there have been 5 total hospitalizations with two who remain hospitalized, 0 deaths and 0 recovered from COVID-19 in Douglas County. Results have been returned from the first 3 DPHN sponsored drive-through testing clinics. DPHN has tested 134 residents for COVID-19, over 4 different drive-through clinics. Results from the first 3 clinics have been returned as of today, March 31st. There have been three positive test results from the DPHN drive-through clinics so far. COVID-19 testing is also being completed by private clinics and providers. Currently all COVID-19 testing in Douglas County has to be initiated by a health care provider.

“Douglas Public Health Network is working around the clock to investigate the positive cases of COVID-19 with the goal of containing the spread. There are currently no hotspots of infection in the county, cases are currently spread throughout the county. The best action for everyone to do is to stay home and maintain social distancing to reduce your exposure.”
Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

DPHN has set a new online tracking system for test results from Douglas County residents. The goal is to have the chart updated at noon every day. Residents will be able to go on the website and see the tracking of results. Again, as a reminder for patient safety, they will not be releasing any identifying information of those that had testing done, or those that have tested positive. If a case comes back positive after that time, DPHN will announce it with a press release and updating their website, until further notice. Go to the DPHN website to view the update: www.douglaspublichealthnetwork.org.

Stay Informed with the Accurate Information

Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Public Health Official, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, officials from Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN), Douglas County Emergency Management, Aviva Health, Mercy Medical Center, Evergreen Family Medicine and Umpqua Health Alliance have been working hard to cooperatively

provide accurate and timely COVID-19 information and response to Douglas County residents. If you have questions about resources available, call the COVID-19 hotline, staffed by local volunteers at **(541) 464-6550**.

Stay up to date on COVID-19 in Douglas County on the DPHN website at www.douglaspublichealthnetwork.org. Find additional information on state, federal and international COVID-19 response from the following websites: [Oregon Health Authority](#), [Centers for Disease Control](#), [World Health Organization](#) and by calling or logging onto [211Info](#).

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