



DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM – NOON CASE UPDATE

Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results

It is Wednesday, May 13, 2020 and as of 12:00 pm today, there **NO** new cases of COVID-19 in Douglas County. There has only been one positive case reported in the last 23 days, and that case was reported as recovered before their test results were returned. Testing continues, as DPHN has been holding 2-3 clinics a week and hospitals, urgent cares and clinics continue to test. Twenty-four people have tested positive in the county and twenty-two of those twenty-four have recovered. DPHN defines recovery as an end to all symptoms after a positive test for COVID-19.

Here are the current numbers for Douglas County:

New Cases as of 12:00 pm May 13, 2020	Total Confirmed Cases	Total Recovered Cases <small>(of those that tested positive)</small>	Total COVID-19 deaths	Total Currently Hospitalized <small>(of those that tested positive)</small>	Total Negative Test Result	Total Presumptive Cases
0	24*	22	0	1	1571	0

**confirmed cases are people who have tested positive with a PCR/nasal swab test*

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has expanded their reporting for COVID-19 case management and will now include presumptive COVID-19 cases. DPHN will also be reporting presumptive cases and will use the OHA’s definition of presumptive as having had close contact with a known, confirmed COVID-19 case, showing symptoms and not yet having a positive nasal swab/PCR test for COVID-19. DPHN continues their epidemiologic investigations, identifying individuals who may have had close contact with individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19, advising and supporting quarantine. The majority of the individuals who have tested positive earlier have now recovered.

Get Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive through clinic led by DPHN is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2020. If you are having symptoms of COVID-19 including cough, fever, shortness of breath, muscle aches and pains, diarrhea, sore throat or decreased sense of smell and taste, talk to your health care provider about being tested for COVID-19. The first drive thru testing site was piloted in the county on March 17, 2020, there have been 480 people tested in the drive through clinics alone, additional testing continues in hospitals, urgent cares and clinics simultaneously. The drive through clinics are led by DPHN, in conjunction with partner agencies including; Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Douglas County Public Works, local volunteers and local health professionals. Check out the new infographic from DPHN on COVID-19 testing attached to the release.

Oregon COVID-19 Case Update

Oregon Health Authority reports new cases once a day on its website at www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus. The Oregon Health Authority is also releasing the daily situation status report, which is produced jointly with Oregon Office of Emergency Management. It details the overall picture of the COVID-19 outbreak within the state and the response across government agencies. [Read more here about the daily situation status report.](#)

Stay Informed with the Accurate Information

Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer and the Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team have been working hard to cooperatively provide accurate and timely information to Douglas County residents since March 8, 2020. **If you have questions about resources available, call the COVID-19 hotline, staffed by local volunteers at (541) 464-6550 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days a week.** Stay up to date on COVID-19 in Douglas County on the DPHN website at www.douglaspublichealthnetwork.org. Find additional information on state or federal COVID-19 response from the following websites: [Oregon Health Authority](#), [Centers for Disease Control](#), and by calling or logging onto [211Info](#).

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LOCAL COVID-19 TESTS

We have a few options and lots of questions about testing for COVID-19

COVID-19 SWAB TEST (PCR/RNA)

COVID-19 ANTIBODY TEST (Serology)



WHAT TEST SHOULD I REQUEST?

✓ If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or think you are sick

✓ If you think you had COVID-19 a few months ago and don't currently have any symptoms

HOW ARE SAMPLES COLLECTED?



Nasal swab
to collect virus RNA



Blood draw
to detect IgG antibodies

WHERE ARE SAMPLES COLLECTED?



Ask your provider
We have drive-through clinics and testing through hospitals, urgent cares and clinics via Quest and LabCorp



Ask your provider
Both LabCorp and Quest are offering Antibody tests

HOW LONG TO RECEIVE THE RESULTS?

Usually 2-3 days
Results provided to the health care provider that ordered it and Douglas Public Health Network



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Results provided to your health care provider

HOW DO THE RESULTS DIFFER?



+ Positive
 - Negative

A positive swab/PCR test confirms that you have a COVID-19 infection and you need to follow DPHN guidelines on isolation and talk with your health care provider for care.



+ Positive
 - Negative

A Positive antibody/serology test shows that you have been exposed to a coronavirus, and means you could donate plasma to help those with COVID-19. It does NOT tell you if you are immune to COVID-19. It does NOT tell you if you have an active infection.



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COVID-19 Hotline
(541) 464-6550
8 am-5 pm, 7 days per week

Visit doughaspublichealthnetwork.org for the latest updates on testing and FAQ