



DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - NOON CASE & DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Tuesday, June 30, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there is **ONE** new confirmed case of COVID-19 in Douglas County. The total number of confirmed positive cases in Douglas County is now at 40. Testing continues, as DPHN has been holding 2-3 clinics a week and hospitals, urgent cares and clinics continue to test. 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 and isolation.

Here are the current numbers for Douglas County:

New Cases as of 12:00 pm June 30, 2020	Total Positive Confirmed Cases	Total COVID-19 Deaths	Total Currently Hospitalized <small>Of those that tested positive</small>	Total in Isolation <small>Of those that tested positive</small>	Total Negative Test Result	Total Presumptive Cases
1	40	0	1	8	4926	2

DPHN is following Oregon Health Authority’s policy related to outbreaks and will be reporting workplace outbreaks with 5 or more cases and only for workplaces where there are at least 30 employees. OHA recently expanded their reporting for COVID-19 case management to 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.

Previously, we used the OHA definition for recovered that considered people recovered if they were 10 days from onset and symptoms were improving. As more is learned about COVID, the clinical definition of recovery is evolving. Due to the evolving nature of this definition, we have removed the column in our chart listing our recovered cases. **From here forward, the DCCRT noon case and daily update will report the number of new cases, the number of positive confirmed cases, total COVID-19 deaths, total currently hospitalized, total negative test results, the number of presumptive cases and the number of people in isolation in Douglas County. Currently, DPHN is supporting 8 cases in isolation.**

Please Note: In Douglas County, we have chosen to report our positive confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases separately on our daily report and on our chart above. OHA combines their positive and presumptive COVID-19 case numbers in their daily and weekly reports, so there will be times when you will see a difference in the reported case numbers.

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Tuesday, June 30, 2020. As a reminder, 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. Patients without a Primary Care Provider, that are looking for a COVID-19 test should contact the Sutherlin Aviva Health Clinic at (541) 459-3788. The first drive-through testing site was piloted in the county on March 17, 2020, there have been 837 people tested in 40 drive-through clinics, while additional testing continues in hospitals, urgent cares and clinics. 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.

Oregon COVID-19 Case Update

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reports new cases once a day on their website at www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus. OHA also releases a daily situation status report and a weekly report that details the overall picture of the COVID-19 outbreak within our state. The daily report details positive and presumptive cases, as well as deaths by county and statewide, while the weekly report is more in depth and includes statistical data related the severity of cases by age, gender, zip codes, ethnicity, as well as information on workplace and senior care facility outbreaks in Oregon.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us, tonight, Tuesday, June 30, 2020 for the next virtual town hall Q&A with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, your Douglas County Public Health Officer at 6:00 pm, hosted by DPHN and found on the [DPHN Facebook page](#).



Rural Broadband Capacity Program - Act quickly! Applications are due July 2, 2020

The Oregon Office of Rural Health issued a notice today in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Through this unique program, the Oregon Legislative Assembly Joint Emergency Board has allocated \$10,000,000 for grants from funds received by the state of Oregon under the CARES Act of 2020.

Who Can Apply: Oregon cities, counties, ports, tribes, cooperatives, non-profit corporations, public-private partnerships, school districts, education service districts, hospitals, health systems and private sector internet service providers.

Eligible Projects: Infrastructure construction capable of delivering basic broadband, a minimum of 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream or better; and/or emergency response projects to provide increased broadband capacity internet access for telework, telehealth and K-12 distance learning applications.

Project Location: Unserved* and underserved** areas in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Project Timeline:

1. Applications are due July 2, 2020 by 5:00 pm Pacific Time.
2. Award offers will be made as soon as possible until all funds are committed.
3. All projects must be completed and grant funds must be expended by December 30, 2020.

Additional Information:

- This is a non-competitive rolling grant. Applications will be considered for funding as soon as they are received.
- The application is not lengthy.
- This grant does not need to benefit only COVID patients, but can be used to benefit anyone whose healthcare needs are not being met due to the lack of broadband.
- Complete details and the fillable application form may be found on [Business Oregon's Rural Broadband Capacity Program website](#).

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.

Local COVID-19 Hotline: 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 [Douglas County Government website](#) or the [DPHN website](#). 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](#).

Got Questions about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans?

If you have questions or need more information about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans or Sector Specific Guidelines go to <https://govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon>. There is also a video presentation about Phase Two available [here](#). Or you may contact the [Governor's Office](#), the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) or the [Oregon State Office](#) responsible for regulating your business or agency, or the business or venue that you wish to visit.

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