



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 Wednesday, July 1, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are NO new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Douglas County. The total number of confirmed positive cases in Douglas County remains 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 July 1, 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
0	40	0	1	9	5026	3

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 9 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, July 7, 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 866 people tested in 41 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

If you missed last night’s (Tuesday, June 30, 2020) Q & A Facebook Live event with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, your Douglas County Public Health Officer, it is worth your time to check it out. [Click here for the link to last night’s Facebook Live.](#) The Facebook Live events are hosted by DPHN and found on the [DPHN Facebook page](#).



Face Coverings Now Required Statewide

Starting today, most Oregonians are required to wear face coverings when visiting indoor public spaces, according to new state rules. This includes grocery stores, pharmacies, shops, restaurants, gyms and churches.

“Anytime you might be in an indoor area with the general public, you should put on a face covering,” Gov. Kate Brown said at a news conference today.

There are some exceptions: Children under the age of 12 are not required to wear face coverings, nor are those with medical conditions that would make wearing a mask hazardous to their health. People doing heavy aerobic exercise are allowed to take off their masks if it becomes difficult to breathe, and diners can remove their masks while eating or drinking in a restaurant. Businesses are required to instruct customers to wear masks, and Brown advised businesses to have extra masks on hand for people who may not have brought one. The governor fielded a question about how business owners, already under financial stress due to COVID-19, should handle it if a customer refuses to comply. Although violations of the face-covering rules could technically result in a Class C Misdemeanor charge, Brown advised business owners not to call local police; instead, they should attempt to de-escalate the situation and contact Oregon Occupational Safety and Health. Face coverings have already been required in eight counties; Brown’s new order extends the requirement to all 36 Oregon counties. The governor has said that with this precaution and others, she hopes to avoid re-closing businesses as other states have done. Dr. Renee Edwards, Chief Medical Officer for OHSU Health, praised Oregonians for flattening the curve with their “stay home” efforts in recent months. But she cautioned that as Oregon has reopened, the number of cases has steadily grown and additional measures are needed to stem the recent spike.

“We’re seeing increasing numbers of COVID cases and hospitalizations, which is raising the same concern about a surge that we were discussing in March and early April,” Edwards said.

Studies have shown that the combination of wearing a face covering and practicing physical distancing can drastically reduce the spread of the virus, she said. Face coverings prevent tiny respiratory droplets from floating out into the air and potentially infecting others when we talk, laugh, or cough. And, you may be a COVID-19 carrier and not even know it; increasing numbers of young people, who may have mild or no symptoms, have been contracting COVID-19 in recent weeks, state epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger said. Oregon has seen five straight weeks of growth in its number of COVID-19 cases, and the number jumped by 20 percent – an increase of more than 2,500 cases - in the last two weeks alone, he said. There are 281 new cases just today. Hospitalizations have also been increasing. To date, 208 people have died from COVID-19 in Oregon. He said the fastest growth has been in rural counties, and the state has seen more “sporadic” cases, or cases that can’t be traced back to a known source. That means the virus is circulating more widely in many communities, Sidelinger said. The new cases have included children, and the state will now begin reporting any outbreaks in child care facilities. Heading into the Fourth of July weekend, state officials urged Oregonians to take precautions – wear face coverings, stay 6 feet away from others, and wash hands – and to avoid large gatherings. Brown advised residents to limit backyard barbecues to household members. Sidelinger also encouraged Oregonians to stay safe, and to follow contact tracers’ instructions if you’re informed you have been exposed to someone with the virus. At the current pace, Oregon could hit a grim milestone of 10,000 COVID-19 cases within a week, officials said.

“We can flatten the curve again if we cover our faces,” Sidelinger said.

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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