



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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

(Douglas County, Ore.) The Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy Fourth of July holiday. We all encourage citizens to safely and responsibly participate in Independence Day celebrations to honor our great nation, our freedoms and our patriotism. We released a helpful guide on “[How to Keep Your Independence Day Celebrations COVID-19 Safe](#)”, in our Thursday, July 18, 2020 COVID-19 Daily Local Update. So, if you're planning a family gathering, camping trip or holiday bash to celebrate the Fourth of July, we encourage you to please do so safely. It's no secret that most of us are more than a little restless and are eager to shake off the caution fatigue caused from all the guidelines associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, but remember, the virus is still here, and in order to keep COVID-19 from crashing your party, everyone should continue to include health and safety guidelines as a part of their event planning. [Click here to read the DCCRT article about safe July 4th Celebrations.](#)

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**Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Saturday, July 4, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **3 new** confirmed cases and three new presumptive cases of COVID-19 in Douglas County. The total number of cases (confirmed and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 49. OHA recently expanded their reporting for COVID-19 case management to now include presumptive COVID-19 cases in their total case number. DPHN is reporting confirmed and presumptive cases and uses 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.

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:

<b>Saturday July 4, 2020</b>	
<b>Total Cases: 49</b>	
<i>43 confirmed</i>	<i>6 presumptive</i>

<b>Total Currently Hospitalized: 2</b>
<b>Total in Isolation: 15</b>
<b>Total COVID19 Deaths: 0</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results: 5146</b>

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. 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 confirmed cases, the number of presumptive cases, total COVID-19 deaths, total currently hospitalized, total negative test results, and the number of people in isolation in Douglas County. Currently, DPHN is supporting 11 cases in isolation.**

### 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](http://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.

### **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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