



DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

Our local COVID-19 updates represent the coordinated effort of the 14 agencies that make up the DCCRT

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(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Wednesday, July 15, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **FOUR** people with new positive test results and one new presumptive since our noon case update yesterday. **The total number of cases (positive and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 71***. Please note, we have updated our noon case chart to now include a comparison chart for the last five days.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, July 11, 2020	Sunday, July 12, 2020	Monday, July 13, 2020	Tuesday, July 14, 2020	Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	63	64	65	66	71
<i>Positive Tests</i>	53	53	56	58	62
<i>Presumptives</i>	10	11	9	8	9
Total Currently Hospitalized	1	1	1	1	1
Total Currently in Isolation	22	20	19	20	21
Total COVID-19 Deaths	0	0	0	1	1
Total Negative Test Results	5797	5892	5971	6018	6137

**Our daily update includes the total number of cases in Douglas County, which combines positive and presumptive cases. We provide a breakout of the positive and presumptive cases in the chart above. Please note there will be times when a presumptive case moves to a positive case, and our total case number will not change because the case has already been counted, instead you will see an adjustment to our breakout numbers for positive and presumptive cases.*

OHA expanded their reporting for COVID-19 case management to now include presumptive COVID-19 cases in their total case number. DPHN is reporting positive 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.

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. We added the number of those in isolation that roughly correlates with the number of active cases. The DCCRT noon case and daily update will report the number of confirmed cases (as of 12:00 pm that day), 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 21 cases in isolation.**

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Friday, July 17, 2020, in Roseburg. 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 1069 people tested in 48 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. 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](#).

Local Workplace Outbreak reported by OHA

The Oregon Health Authority reported the first workplace outbreak in Douglas County today, Wednesday, July 15, 2020. An outbreak of COVID-19 cases has been linked to Romtec, Inc., a manufacturing facility in rural Douglas County. OHA started reporting workplace outbreaks of five or more cases in early June, with most cases now reporting as recovered. The OHA weekly report on Wednesday, July 8, noted that there have been 48 reported workplace outbreaks in Oregon. OHA's policy related to workplace outbreaks is to report outbreaks with 5 or more cases and only for workplaces where there are at least 30 employees. Locally, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer and the staff at Douglas Public Health Network have been working directly with Romtec and their employees since the first positive case result was returned. Ongoing epidemiology work including communication with contacts of positive cases and additional testing is continuing to happen on site. Both DPHN staff and Romtec officials are supporting their employees that are in isolation or quarantine.

"After the last several days of epidemiology investigation, we believe the risk to the general public from this outbreak is low. Romtec has done all the right things in preparation, testing and supporting their staff in quarantine. Our experience with this outbreak is a fine example of industry and public health working together to reduce transmission and support those who test positive." stated Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer.

Romtec is a family owned and locally operated manufacturing facility specializing in innovative building structures since 1979. Romtec found its start with the simple yet innovative polyethylene toilet riser that is still used in waterless "vault" restrooms nationwide today. Today, the Romtec product line includes restroom structures of all types and designs, concession buildings, pavilions, storm shelters, urban restrooms, and much more.

"The health and wellbeing of our employees is our top priority. At the inception of the state mandated COVID-19 shut downs, Romtec immediately formulated and implemented an internal COVID safety plan that included, but was not limited to: employees working remotely from home (which was 2/3 of the work force); compartmentalizing of workspace zones (10 in total); restriction of movement from one workspace zone to another; restricting the use of conference rooms and common areas and additional cleaning and hygiene protocols. As a result of our efforts, we were able to isolate and contain the recent outbreak to one workspace zone," commented Tim Bogan, CEO, The Romtec Family of Businesses.

Today at 12:30 pm OHA is Hosting a Live COVID-19 Q&A

Locally, we have been very fortunate that our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer has been conducting weekly Facebook Live Q&A events for our residents on the Douglas Public Health Network Facebook page to answer your COVID-19 questions. Today, Oregonians will have the opportunity to ask the OHA's data experts direct questions. OHA said they regularly get questions about Oregon's data and how to interpret the various charts, reports, and trends. Join them today, **Wednesday, July 15 at 12:30 pm** for OHA's Live COVID-19 Q&A. The event will be offered in both English or Spanish, on their respective Facebook pages click on the link here: [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us, Friday, July 17, 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](#).

Stay Informed with Local 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. **Our local COVID-19 updates represent the coordinated effort of the 14 agencies that make up the DCCRT. 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.**

Got Questions about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans?

If you have questions or need more information about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans, Sector Specific or other State Orders go to the Governor's COVID-19 website at <https://govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon> or call Business Oregon's Navigator Hotline at (833) 604-0880.

Who Do You Contact to Report Compliance Issues with the Governor's Orders?

Please do not call 911, local law enforcement agencies or Douglas County or local Government offices to report compliance issues with the Governor's orders. The Governor has directed the State of Oregon offices for Oregon Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to be the enforcement agencies responsible for ensuring restaurants, bars, and other businesses comply with COVID-related rules. [Read the Governor's official press release on enforcement here.](#) **For more information or to report compliance issues concerning the Governor's COVID-19 orders directly contact: OSHA** at (800) 922-2689 or log onto the [OSHA website](#) or [OLCC](#) at (503) 872-5000 or log onto the [OLCC website](#)

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