Previously, we used the OHA definition for recovered that considered people recovered if they were 10 days from onset and supporting quarantine and isolation. Identifying individuals who may have had close contact with individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19 virus is still here, still infectious and will be around for quite some time. So, before you travel, attend a party or invite your relatives from out of state to visit, you need to assess the risk to you, your family and to your local community. The bottom line is that each and every person needs to take personal responsibility for their actions and adopt the proper precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Travel, Visiting and Social Gathering Caution: Several of our newest positives test results have been directly linked to travel outside Oregon, and especially those residents that have chosen to travel outside of Oregon. Data from CDC and OHA show that traveling and coming into contact with people from other areas, especially COVID-19 hot spots, DOES significantly increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Additionally, we are seeing cases linked to close-contact at social gatherings. Whatever your reason for traveling or attending a party, we encourage you to please consider the risk and only go if you can do so in a COVID-19 safe manner. The COVID-19 virus is still here, still infectious and will be around for quite some time. So, before you travel, attend a party or invite your relatives from out of state to visit, you need to assess the risk to you, your family and to your local community. The bottom line is that each and every person needs to take personal responsibility for their actions and adopt the proper precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Notice: While we are not able to provide case specifics, we wanted to reiterate some facts about the latest positive test results in Douglas County. In addition to positive cases being linked to travel, some of our recent cases are directly related to the increase in local social gatherings; like birthday celebrations, sleep overs, sporting events and parties. Unfortunately, that also means we are seeing younger and younger residents, including children and teens being added to those that have tested positive for COVID-19.

OHA expanded their reporting for COVID-19 case management to now include presumptive COVID-19 cases in their total case number. DPHN is reporting the number of people with new positive test results and any new presumptives, 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.

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If you have questions or need more information about the Governor’s orders contact: OSHA (541) 670-2804 cell (541) 957-4896 tihowell@co.douglas.or.us

If you have questions about COVID-19 and related rules call the Oregon COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550. It is staffed by local volunteers from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days a week.

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics
The next drive-through testing clinic will be Tuesday, July 28, 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 1210 people tested in 53 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 the state or federal COVID-19 response go to Oregon Health Authority, Centers for Disease Control, and 211Info.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer
Join us Tuesday, July 28, 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
Stay up to date on COVID-19 in Douglas County on the Douglas County Government website or the DPHN website. Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer and the Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team (DCCRT) 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 agencies that make up the DCCRT.

Local COVID-19 Hotline
If you have questions about COVID-19 and available local resources, call the Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550. It is staffed by local volunteers from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days a week.

Got Questions about the Governor’s Phased Reopening Plans or her Newest Statewide Rules?
If you have questions or need more information about the Governor’s Phased Reopening Plans, Sector Specific Guidelines or her newest Statewide Orders go to the Governor’s COVID-19 website at https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19/ or call Business Oregon’s Navigator Hotline at (833) 604-0880.

Who Do You Contact to Report Compliance Issues with the Governor’s Statewide Rules?
Please do not call 911, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office or Douglas County 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.

Click here to read the Governor’s official press release on COVID-19 rules compliance.
Click here to review the Governor’s latest statewide rules, effective Friday, July 24, 2020.

For more information or to report compliance issues concerning the Governor’s COVID-19 orders contact:
OSHA: (800) 922-2689 or OSHA website or OLCC (503) 872-5000 or OLCC website

Contact Tamara Howell, Public Information Officer, Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, (541) 670-2804 cell(541) 957-4896 tihowell@co.douglas.or.us

Contact Vanessa Becker, Public Information Officer, Douglas Public Health Network, (541) 817-6552 cell (541) 440-3571 vanessa@douglaspublichealthnetwork.org