



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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

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

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Wednesday, July 29, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **TWO** people with new positive test results since our noon case update yesterday. **The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 121\*.**

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, July 25, 2020	Sunday, July 26, 2020	Monday, July 27, 2020	Tuesday, July 28, 2020	Today, Wednesday, July 29, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	116	117	119	119	<b>121</b>
<i>People with Positive PCR Test Results</i>	111	114	115	115	<b>117</b>
<i>Presumptive</i>	5	3	4	4	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	1	1	1	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	40	39	40	39	<b>34</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	7199	7305	7402	7514	<b>7597</b>

\*Our daily update includes the total number of cases in Douglas County, which combines people with positive test results and presumptives. We provide a breakout of the people with positive test results and presumptives in the chart above. Please note there will be times when a presumptive will move to a positive test result, 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 test results and presumptives.

**Reminder: Travel, Visiting and Social Gathering Caution:** Several of our newest positives test results have been directly linked to travel outside Douglas County, 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, 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. 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.

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.

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 Total Number of COVID-19 Cases, the number of positive test results (as of 12:00 pm that day), the number of presumptive, total currently hospitalized, total currently in isolation, total COVID-19 deaths and total negative test results in Douglas County. **Currently, DPHN is supporting 39 cases in isolation.**

### **Getting Tested & Testing Clinics**

**The next drive-through testing clinic will be Friday, July 31, 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 1224 people tested in 54 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. Find additional information on the state or federal COVID-19 response go to [Oregon Health Authority](http://Oregon Health Authority), [Centers for Disease Control](http://Centers for Disease Control), and [211Info](http://211Info).

### **Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer**

Join us Friday, July 31, 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](#).

### **ODF Raises Most of Western Oregon to High Fire Danger**

Shared from the Oregon Department of Forestry and Douglas Forest Protective Association. Yesterday, July 28, 2020, due to extreme heat and drier conditions, all Oregon Department of Forestry districts in western Oregon have raised the fire danger level to high (yellow) except for the coastal counties of Clatsop, Coos, Curry and Tillamook, which remain at moderate fire danger. Various potential fire-starting activities are more closely restricted during periods of declared high fire danger.

*"Fighting fires in hot and dry conditions is extremely taxing on those who are trained to protect our lands from fire,"* said Unit Forester Chet Behling with ODF's Western Lane District. *"We are asking that our public remain mindful of this as they conduct activities throughout the coming days."*

[Douglas Forest Protective Association](#) increased the fire danger to "HIGH" (Yellow) on all 1.6 million acres of private, county, state, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Affairs lands within the Douglas District on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Under DFPA's Public Use Restrictions, a high fire danger rating changes the shutdown times for several activities for the general public. **During high fire danger, the following activities are prohibited between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM:**

- The cutting, trimming, or mowing of dried or cured grass. This restriction does not apply to the mowing of green lawns or for the commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.
- The cutting, grinding, or welding of metal for non-industrial purposes.
- The use of power saws for non-industrial purposes.
- Any non-industrial improvement or development taking place on private property that utilizes power driven machinery not specifically mentioned in the Public Use Restrictions.

[Industrial Fire Precaution Level III \(IFPL 3\)](#) goes into effect today, Wednesday, July 29, 2020. A complete list of DFPA's Public Use Restrictions can be found online at [www.dfpa.net](http://www.dfpa.net) or by calling DFPA's 24-hour info line (541) 672-0379. For ODF state wide fire restriction information use the online state map at [here](#).

### **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](#).**

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