



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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

## JOINT INFORMATION CENTER PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August 6, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - NOON AND DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Thursday, August 6, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **THREE** people with new positive test results and **ONE** new presumptive since our noon case update yesterday. **The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 145\*.**

Make sure you check out our new Thursday section below called, **Weekly School Metrics Update.**

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Sunday, August 2, 2020	Monday, August 3, 2020	Tuesday, August 4, 2020	Wednesday, August 5, 2020	Today, Thursday, August 6, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	132	134	140	141	145
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	125	125	127	128	131
Presumptive	7	9	13	13	14
Total Currently Hospitalized	0	0	1	0	0
Total Currently in Isolation	23	21	24	24	26
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	1	1	1	1	1
Total Negative Test Results	7862	7970	7991	8099	8201

\*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.



### Advisory: Travel, Visitors, Going to Work While Sick and Social Gatherings:

Just like the old expression says, ‘prevention is the best medicine’, we continue to stress the importance of weighing your COVID-RISK and preventing the continued spread of the virus in Douglas County. We want to keep businesses open, maintain hospital space, have access to services and have a better chance at reopening our schools to in-person instruction this Fall. Several of our recent positive test results have been directly linked to travel outside Douglas County, and especially those residents that have chosen to travel outside of Oregon. In addition to limiting travel, we are asking that you also limit attending social gatherings, stay home if you are sick and reschedule visits from out-of-the-area friends and family to a later date. Reversing the trajectory of COVID-19 cases in our

county is really up to YOU, our residents. 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. The COVID-19 virus is still here, still infectious and will be around for quite some time. 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. Whatever your reason for traveling, going to work while sick, inviting Aunt Sally to come visit or attending a wedding or a pool party, we encourage you to please reconsider and really assess the COVID-RISK to you, your family and your community. And remember to please follow these simple daily precautions as well: wash your hands, stay six feet apart and wear a mask where recommended.

**COVID-RISK INDEX:** Several businesses, agencies and individuals reached out to the DCCRT Team asking about the COVID-RISK Index chart we shared Tuesday, August 4, 2020 in our [DCCRT Special Update](#). The index was adapted from research done by Doctors from the University of Pennsylvania, George Washington University and the University of Arizona, and is an excellent illustration to help residents, employers and our communities evaluate their COVID-RISK.

[Click here to download the COVID-RISK Index chart.](#)



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 26 cases in isolation.**

**Weekly School Metrics Update**

Starting today, the DCCRT team will be featuring a new section in the Thursday edition of our COVID-19 Noon/Daily Updates about the state’s school reopening metrics. OHA has released a weekly case rate and test positivity report that lists the total state numbers, as well as a county by county breakdown. [Click here](#) for the most recent OHA case rate and test positivity report released on July 5, 2020. The report details case and test positivity rates for the weeks of July 5 – August 1.

**Douglas County’s Case Rate and Test Positivity Numbers are as follows:**

Week Start Date	Case Rate per 100,000	Test Positivity (%)
July 5, 2020	12.5	2.4%
July 13, 2020	17.8	2.6%
July 19, 2020	27.6	4.4%
July 26, 2020	15.1	2.3%

As part of the statewide reopen school’s initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic, OHA and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) released their proposed, ‘Ready School, Safe Learners’ guidelines last week. Below is an excerpt from the current guidelines that lists the proposed metric benchmarks that the State is requiring before they will allow local schools to reopen for in-person instruction. Yesterday, the State mentioned that they are considering making a change to those guidelines for some counties. In the meantime, OHA and ODE officials will be working directly with local schools and school boards to adopt and implement their school reopening and/or student learning plans.

<u>County Metrics (Must be Met Three Weeks in a Row)</u>	<u>Statewide Metrics (Must be Met Three Weeks in a Row)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 or fewer cases per 100,000 people over 7 days</li> <li>• Test positivity of 5% or less over 7 days</li> </ul>	Test positivity of 5% or less over 7 days

<u>In-Person Instruction or Hybrid Instruction Model: K-3 Students and Remote and Rural School Districts</u>
<p>Under some conditions, in-person instruction can resume only for K-3 students and remote and rural school districts with fewer than 100 students. Younger students get the virus at lower rates, get less sick, and spread the virus less than older students and adults. Younger students also need more in-person instruction to build the literacy and math skills critical for lifelong learning. Schools in remote and rural communities are less likely to contribute to the community spread of COVID-19 cases that cannot be traced and contained. The following conditions must be met for in-person instruction for K-3 students or for remote and rural students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fewer than 30 cases per 100,000 over 7 days</li> <li>• Test positivity of 5% or less over 7days</li> <li>• COVID-19 is not actively spreading in the school community</li> <li>• School districts are in compliance with sections 1-3 of Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance</li> </ul>

For more information about OHA and ODE’s reopening schools plans, [click here](#) or check out [this .pdf](#).

**Getting Tested & Testing Clinics**

**The next drive-through testing clinic will be Friday, August 7, 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 1280 people tested in 57 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](#), [Centers for Disease Control](#), and [211Info](#).

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 or antigen 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.

**Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer**

Join us tonight, **Friday, August 7, 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](#).

### **Red Cross: Reminder Urgent Need for Blood Donations**

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donations to prevent another blood shortage. Donors are needed to make and keep scheduled appointments to help meet the current need. If you are healthy, feeling well and eligible to give blood or platelets, you are urged to make an appointment to donate as soon as possible. Donate your blood and save a life.

**Local Blood Drives:** Appointments are required, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call (800) 733-2767 to schedule today.

<b>Friday, August 7</b>	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Reedsport Church of God, 2191 Birch Ave., Reedsport
<b>Friday, August 7</b>	10:30 am – 4:30 pm	Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr., 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd
<b>Monday, August 10</b>	1:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr., 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd
<b>Wednesday, August 12</b>	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Masonic Temple #59, 626 Winchester Ave., Reedsport
<b>Wednesday, August 12</b>	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr., 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd
<b>Thursday, August 13</b>	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Elks Lodge #1943, 106 S. Main St., Myrtle Creek
<b>Friday, August 14</b>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr., 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd
<b>Monday, August 17</b>	1:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr., 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd
<b>Monday, August 17</b>	12:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Winston Community Ctr., 440 SE Grape Ave., Winston
<b>Tuesday, August 18</b>	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Roseburg Public Safety Center, 700 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg
<b>Wednesday, August 19</b>	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	Westside Christian Church, 2712 W Harvard Ave., Roseburg
<b>Thursday, August 20</b>	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Sutherlin Community Center, 150 S Willamette St., Sutherlin
<b>Friday, August 21</b>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr., 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd
<b>Friday, August 21</b>	1:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Sutherlin Family Church, 881 W Sixth Ave., Sutherlin

### **Rent and Utility Help Is Available Locally Through UCAN**

If your household, or someone you know in Douglas County, has been financially impacted due to the COVID-19 crisis and household income is at or below 80% of the Average Median Income, you may qualify for rental credit support and/or utility assistance payments through United Community Action Network (UCAN). Up to 6 months of rent, including past due rent back to April 2020, may be available. If you qualify, rent payments will be made to your landlord. Utility payments will be made to your utility.

UCAN encourages community partners, landlords, property managers and friends to refer anyone who they believe may be eligible to this valuable resource as not all individuals have been impacted at the same time, and COVID-19 continues to affect households across our community in ways not previously experienced. Many people are eligible for this funding who previously might not have been and should not self-select out from this opportunity. Funds are limited and UCAN staff will determine eligibility and process applications in the order calls are received, with staff working virtually at this time. To see if you qualify for funds, please leave one detailed message with clear contact information by calling:

#### **Douglas County residents:**

Rental Support (541) 672-5392

Energy/Utility Support (541) 672-3421



#### **Stay Informed Accurate Local 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.

**Questions about Governor's Reopening Plans or 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](#) for the Governor's latest statewide rules, effective Friday, July 24, 2020.

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