



# 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 12, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - NOON AND DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Wednesday, August 12, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there is **ONE** person with a new positive test result and **TWO** new presumptives since our noon case update yesterday. **The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 159\*.** Please note that we are listing three hospitalized COVID patients in our chart below. Two patients are from Douglas County, of those two, one is hospitalized locally, while the other is being hospitalized out-of-the-area. The third hospitalized patient is not a resident of Douglas County, they are from out-of-state and are not reflected in our case numbers, but we wanted to note that they are being hospitalized locally at this time.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, August 8, 2020	Sunday, August 9, 2020	Monday, August 10, 2020	Tuesday, August 11, 2020	Today, Wednesday, August 12, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	150	151	152	156	159
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	135	137	138	142	143
Presumptive	15	14	14	14	16
Total Currently Hospitalized	1	2	2	3	3
Total Currently in Isolation	26	26	27	24	28
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	1	1	1	1	1
Total Negative Test Results	8430	8503	8594	8684	8788

\*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.

### Out-of-State Travel and Visitors Directly Linked to Recent Cases

We know we keep bringing it up, but we continue to identify people with positive test results that have chosen to travel out of Oregon to visit relatives or vacation. While traveling those individuals and families have come in contact with someone with COVID-19 and brought it back to Douglas County. A few other cases were the result of a family member coming to Douglas County to visit, brought the virus with them and infected their host family.

### Consider Staying and Playing Locally

We will continue to issue cautions about traveling outside our county, and instead encourage our residents to delay travel and consider stay-cations. Stay-cations can be fun and productive too. How about discovering or rediscovering our local amenities like camping at one of our dozens of campgrounds or RV parks, playing on the sand dunes in Winchester Bay, hiking to waterfalls along the North Umpqua River, playing disc golf at Whistler's Bend, spending a day with the animals at Wildlife Safari, paddle boarding or kayaking at Loon Lake, stopping at the Butterfly Pavilion in Elkton, going on a wine tour of the many wineries in the Umpqua Valley, picking peaches at a local u-pick farm and canning them, fishing at Lemolo Lake, spending a day or two beachcombing on the Pacific Ocean, picnicking at Mildred Kanipe Park, exploring the Douglas County Museum, rafting, boating and swimming in our local rivers, having lunch or brunch at one of our many hometown diners or taking a country drive to check out our backroads and towns or photographing the iconic Umpqua Lighthouse at night? Or how about taking time to complete some long overdue home repairs, build a deck or create a new outdoor space, clean out that back room and redecorate, renovate your kitchen or paint your home. Not only will these ideas help control the spread of COVID-19, they will definitely help to support our local businesses and our economy. Please help by discovering and planning adventures or projects that provide a safer outlet for social distancing and minimizing contact with others. Keep our county safe.



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 28 cases in isolation.**

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

**The next drive-through testing clinic is Friday, August 14, 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 1341 people tested in 60 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.

### **Sharing Oregon School Reopening Metrics**

We are sharing OHA's weekly case rate and test positivity report that lists the total state numbers, as well as a county by county breakdown to help keep our residents updated. The most recent OHA case rate and test positivity report released on August 10, 2020, [can be found here](#). The most recent report details case and test positivity rates for the weeks of July 5 – August 8, 2020. **As a reminder, this is not a function of county government, OHA and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) officials will be working directly with local schools and school boards to adopt and implement their school reopening and/or student learning plans. For more information about the State's reopen schools initiative and metrics during the COVID-19 pandemic (Ready School, Safe Learners), contact OHA or ODE directly or [click here for the Read Schools, Safe Learners website](#).**

### **Today: State Hosting Facebook Live Event About College and COVID-19**

OHA and the Oregon Education Association will be hosting a Facebook Live event today to help parents and students who have questions about what to expect at colleges and universities in Oregon during COVID-19. Join them at 1:30 pm, today, Wednesday, August 12, 2020. [Click here for the link to the Facebook Live Q&A](#). OHA's Deputy State Health Officer, Dr. Tom Jeanne, and the Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Ben Cannon will answer your questions. **As a reminder, this is not a function of county government, please contact OHA or the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) directly if you have questions.**

### **Sharing Oregon Department of Education's Updated Guidance for 2020-21 School Year**

Again, we are sharing information from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). Yesterday, ODE released an update to the [Ready Schools, Safe Learners](#), 2020-21 school year guidance, as part of their planned guidance review process. Ready Schools, Safe Learners, was developed by the state, in collaboration with OHA. Learn more about the updated guidance from [the ODE press release](#). According to the release, the revised guidance gives rural and remote schools more flexibility to offer in-person instruction. The new metrics require close partnership between school districts and local public health authorities to oversee a return to in-person instruction in small communities not impacted by COVID-19. The metrics also clarify limited in-person opportunities in schools required to operate through Comprehensive Distance Learning. ODE stated its priority is to return to in-person instruction as soon as it can be accomplished with stability and safety. **As a reminder, this is not a function of county government, OHA and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) officials will be working directly with local schools and school boards to adopt and implement their school reopening and/or student learning plans. For more information about the State's reopen schools initiative and metrics during the COVID-19 pandemic (Ready School, Safe Learners), contact OHA or ODE directly or [click here for the Read Schools, Safe Learners website](#).**

### **Prevention is the Best Medicine**

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. 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. 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:** We released a COVID-RISK Index chart in our Tuesday, August 4, 2020 [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](#).

**Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer**

Join us **Friday, August 14, 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 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.

**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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