



# 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 AND DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Friday, August 14, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there is **ONE** new positive test result since our noon case update yesterday. **The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is at 160\***. There are two hospitalized COVID patients locally. One patient is from Douglas County, the other 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	Monday, August 10, 2020	Tuesday, August 11, 2020	Wednesday, August 12, 2020	Thursday, August 13, 2020	Today, Friday, August 14, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	152	156	159	159	<b>160</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</b>	138	142	143	143	<b>144</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	14	14	16	16	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	2	3	2	2	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	27	24	28	28	<b>25</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	8594	8684	8488	8893	<b>9001</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.

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 25 cases in isolation.**

### Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic is today, Friday, August 14, 2020 in Roseburg. There will also be a clinic in Reedsport tomorrow, Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **REMINDER: EXCESSIVE HEAT WATCH**

Just a reminder that the National Weather Service issued an excessive heat watch for this weekend, from Saturday morning, August 15 through Sunday evening, August 16, 2020. They are predicting dangerously hot conditions with high temperatures above 100 degrees in the Umpqua Valley, as well as high temperatures around 105 degrees in the Rogue, Applegate and Illinois Valleys. They wanted to bring special attention to this watch, as they are expecting near-record to record high temperatures (and record warm low overnight temperatures) during what is typically the hottest time of the year in our region. While they typically expect hot temperatures during mid-August, temperatures are expected to go well beyond what is typical. Therefore, there is a high risk for heat impacts for much of the local population. Further, the duration of the heat is significant and could last beyond Sunday.

Extreme heat will significantly increase the potential for heat related illnesses, particularly for those working or participating in outdoor activities. Additionally, warm overnight temperatures are only expected to drop to 64 degrees. This will provide little relief in structures without air-conditioning. Please make sure you are monitor the latest forecasts and warnings for updates on this situation. Be prepared to drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room as much as possible, stay out of the sun, check up on relatives and neighbors and pay close attention to older citizens, children and pets. [Click here, for the latest updates from the National Weather Service.](#)

## **DFPA: TOUGH WEATHER AHEAD FOR FIREFIGHTERS TOO**

The Douglas Forest Protective Association is asking residents to be extra careful! They sent this message in a press release yesterday cautioning people working, living, or recreating in wildland areas that meteorologists are forecasting a period of hot, dry and breezy weather to persist over southwest Oregon through at least early next week. These conditions, combined with already dry forest fuels, could be a recipe for disaster in the event of a new wildfire.

*“The weather that is forecasted for the upcoming weekend is very similar to the weather that was observed during the start of the Stouts Creek Fire in 2015”* says DFPA Fire Prevention Specialist Kyle Reed. *“With these conditions, it only takes one spark to start a new wildfire which is why it’s important for everyone to know and follow the Public Use Restrictions that are in effect.”*

Under DFPA's Public Use Restriction with a fire danger rating of “EXTREME,” the mowing of dead or dry grass, the cutting, grinding, or welding of metal, the use of power saws for non-industrial purposes, and all other power driven machinery used on private property for non-industrial improvements or developments is prohibited. Backyard debris burning, including the use of burn barrels, also remains prohibited. Additional restrictions remain in place on smoking, campfires, off road driving, electrical fence controllers, fireworks, exploding targets, tracer ammunition, and sky lanterns. Residents are reminded that additional fire restrictions or closures may be in place through private industrial landowners or public land management agency, on the lands they own or manage. [For a detailed list of public or industrial fire restrictions, visit www.dfpa.net or call DFPA's 24 hour information line at \(541\) 672-0379.](#)

## **Weighing Your COVID Risk**

We continue to stress the importance of weighing your COVID-RISK and preventing the continued spread of the virus in Douglas County. 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. We 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. Not only will delaying travel and stay-cations help control the spread of COVID-19, they will definitely help to support our local businesses and our economy. 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. 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 tonight, **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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