



# 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 25, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - NOON AND DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Tuesday, August 25, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **THREE** 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 172\*. One Douglas County COVID patient is being hospitalized out-of-the-area.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Friday, August 21, 2020	Saturday, August 22, 2020	Sunday, August 23, 2020	Monday, August 24, 2020	Today, Tuesday, August 25, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	169	169	169	169	172
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	152	152	152	152	155
Presumptive	17	17	17	17	17
Total Currently Hospitalized	3	3	3	3	1
Total Currently in Isolation	11	11	9	8	10
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	2	2	2	2	2
Total Negative Test Results	9577	9671	9721	9773	9922

\*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 10 cases in isolation.**

### Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic is today, Tuesday, August 25, 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 1404 people tested in 64 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).



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: Limit Travel, Social Gatherings and Visitors**

It is important it is to keep your family and loved ones safe during this pandemic. The COVID-19 virus is still here, still infectious and will be around for quite some time. The bottom line is that everyone needs to take personal responsibility for their actions and adopt the proper precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to encourage residents to be cautious about traveling or inviting people from outside our county, and instead encourage our residents to delay travel, consider stay-cations and reschedule visits from out-of-the-area friends and family to a later date. We continue to identify people with positive test results that have chosen to travel out of Oregon to visit relatives or to take vacations. 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. In addition to limiting travel, we are asking that you also limit attending social gatherings, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands, stay six feet apart and wear a mask where recommended. Reversing the increase of COVID-19 cases in our county is really up to YOU, our residents.

### **Update: AVIVA Health Continues Support of North County Citizens and Beyond**

Shared from [Aviva Health](#). Aviva Health is actively involved as a member of the Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team. Aviva Health's North County Health Center, located at 316 West "A" Avenue in Drain, Oregon, is pleased to report that currently all appointment slots each Friday are full, and they have the lowest no-show rate of all of the Aviva Health's clinics. Employees are hearing a sense of community pride in the fact the North County Clinic is operational, even if just one day a week. The good news is that over the next 6 months or so, Aviva Health plans to add a second day of health appointments at the North County Clinic, along with public health services. They anticipate that by January 2021 they will have a new physician on board and will be accepting patients. Additionally, they are in talks to add behavioral health services to the North County Clinic at least one day a week, possibly as soon as the first of December. Aviva Health's North County Health Center in Drain currently offers primary care for children and adults, immunizations, chronic care management, wellness exams, and sports physicals on Fridays, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.). For more information, call (541) 804-1717. Aviva Health is also working on developing future service expansions at some of their other clinics. They are working on concepts for onsite pharmacy options and adding two more dental operatives that will be capable of offering a full-spectrum dental services.

*"Because of the continued support of my organization by our Douglas County Commissioners, my team and I can optimize resources to increase our support to our communities. It is through the vision and leadership of Commissioner Tim Freeman, that Douglas County citizens are provided the opportunity for excellent care and support from Aviva Health. I personally and professionally appreciate their dedication to our county. They can count on me and my organization to be committed to assisting our communities during this crisis and beyond, wherever we can,"* stated KC Bolton, Chief Executive Officer, Aviva Health.

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

Shared from the [American Red Cross](#). 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. Appointments are required, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call (800) 733-2767 to schedule today. See below for a list of upcoming local blood drives.

<b>Tuesday, August 25</b>	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Costco Parking Lot, 4141 NE Stephens Street, Roseburg
<b>Wednesday, August 26</b>	11:30 am - 5:00 pm	Pacific Fitness South, 106 North Street, Myrtle Creek
<b>Thursday, August 27</b>	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Bi Mart, 1381 NW Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg
<b>Friday, August 28</b>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr., 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd
<b>Monday, August 31</b>	1:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr., 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd

### **DOJ: Combatting Coronavirus Fraud**

Shared from the [United States Department of Justice](#) (DOJ). As the COVID-19 public health crisis continues to evolve, the DOJ remains committed to protecting our communities. They are working closely with partners in each state to guard against criminals who might seek to exploit this crisis for their own personal profit. In a memo to U.S. Attorneys, Attorney General Barr said, *"The pandemic is dangerous enough without wrongdoers seeking to profit from public panic and this sort of conduct cannot be tolerated."* Fraudsters frequently prey upon vulnerable individuals during difficult times. Already, scammers have devised numerous methods for defrauding people in connection with COVID-19. They are setting up websites, contacting people by phone and email, and posting disinformation on social media platforms as a ruse to take your money and personal information. To help citizens and communities better protect themselves, they highlighted several fraud schemes connected to COVID-19 and steps that you can take to avoid them.

- **Testing and Treatment scams:** Scammers are offering fake testing and attempting to sell fake cures, vaccines, and advice on unproven treatments for COVID-19. Never share your personal or health information to anyone other than known and trusted medical professionals.
- **Supply scams:** Scammers are creating fake shops, websites, social media accounts, and email addresses claiming to sell medical supplies currently in high demand, such as surgical masks. When consumers attempt to purchase supplies through these channels, fraudsters pocket the money and never provide the promised supplies.
- **Healthcare and Provider scams:** Scammers are also contacting people by phone and email, pretending to be doctors and hospitals that have treated a friend or relative for COVID-19, and demanding payment for that treatment.
- **Charity scams:** Scammers are soliciting donations for individuals, groups, and areas affected by COVID-19.

- **Phishing scams:** Scammers posing as national and global health authorities, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are sending phishing emails designed to trick recipients into downloading malware or providing personal identifying and financial information.
- **App scams:** Scammers are also creating and manipulating mobile apps designed to track the spread of COVID-19 to insert malware that will compromise users' devices and personal information.
- **Investment scams:** Scammers are offering fake online promotions on various platforms, including social media, claiming that the products or services of publicly traded companies can prevent, detect, or cure COVID-19, and that the stock of these companies will dramatically increase in value as a result.
- **IRS Scams:** Be wary of unsolicited telephone calls and e-mails from individuals claiming to be IRS and Treasury employees. Remember IRS first form of communications is by mail - not by phone.

The DOJ urges everyone, to avoid these and similar scams by taking the following steps:

- Independently verify the identity of any company, charity, or individual that contacts you regarding COVID-19.
- Check the websites and email addresses offering information, products, or services related to COVID-19. Be aware that scammers often employ addresses that differ only slightly from those belonging to the entities they are impersonating. For example, they might use "cdc.com" or "cdc.org" instead of "cdc.gov."
- Be wary of unsolicited emails offering information, supplies, or treatment for COVID-19 or requesting your personal information for medical purposes. Legitimate health authorities will not contact the general public this way.
- Do not click on links or open email attachments from unknown or unverified sources. Doing so could download a virus onto your computer or device.
- Make sure the anti-malware and anti-virus software on your computer is operating and up to date.
- Ignore offers for a COVID-19 vaccine, cure, or treatment. Remember, if there is a medical breakthrough, you won't hear about it for the first time through an email, online ad, or unsolicited sales pitch.
- Check online reviews of any company offering COVID-19 products or supplies. Avoid companies whose customers have complained about not receiving items.
- Research any charities or crowdfunding sites soliciting donations in connection with COVID-19 before giving. Remember, an organization may not be legitimate even if it uses words like "CDC" or "government" in its name or has reputable looking seals or logos on its materials. For online resources on donating wisely, visit the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#) website.
- Be wary of any business, charity, or individual requesting payments or donations in cash, by wire transfer, gift card, or through the mail. Don't send money through any of these channels.
- Be cautious of "investment opportunities" tied to COVID-19, especially those based on claims that a small company's products or services can help stop the virus. If you decide to invest, carefully research the investment beforehand. For information on how to avoid investment fraud, visit the [U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission \(SEC\)](#) website.

Criminals will likely continue to use new methods to exploit COVID-19 worldwide. Stay alert and stay informed about common fraud schemes related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. If you think you are a victim of a scam or attempted fraud involving COVID-19, you can report it without leaving your home by calling the DOJ's National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline (866) 720-5721 or online via the [NCFD Disaster Complaint Form](#). To find more about Department of Justice resources and information, please visit [www.justice.gov/coronavirus](http://www.justice.gov/coronavirus).

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

Join us tonight, **Tuesday, August 25, 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](#).

## **LOCAL COVID-19 INFORMATION**

### **Stay Informed with 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 or Statewide Rules?** If you have questions or need more information about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans, Sector Specific Guidelines or her latest 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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