



# 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 29, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - NOON AND DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results: It's another good day in the county! It is Saturday, August 29, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are NO 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 remains at 177\*. One Douglas County COVID patient is being hospitalized out-of-the-area at this time.

**Congratulations Douglas County**, we have successfully met the county metric guidelines for our schools to reopen according to Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education's, Ready Schools, Safe Learners initiative. Douglas County has been under the 1% test positivity rate for the minimum three-week requirement. Good job! We just need to get the rest of the State to get their numbers down for the process to begin. OHA and ODE officials are working directly with local schools and school boards to adopt and implement their school reopening and/or student learning plans. As a reminder, schools and this process are not a function of county government. We encourage you to contact your local school district for information about their 2020-21 academic school year education plans and discover what options are available for your child(ren). If you have questions about the criteria or metrics or need more information about the [State's Ready Schools, Safe Learners](#) initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic, [log onto their website](#), or contact OHA directly at (503) 947-2340 or ODE directly at (503) 947-5600.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Tuesday, August 25, 2020	Wednesday, August 26, 2020	Thursday, August 27, 2020	Friday, August 28, 2020	Today, Saturday, August 29, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	172	173	177	177	<b>177</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</b>	155	156	160	160	<b>160</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	17	17	17	17	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	1	2	3	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	10	10	10	11	<b>11</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	2	2	2	2	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	9922	9955	10,031	10,081	<b>10,227</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 11 cases in isolation.**

### Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

**The next drive-through testing clinic will be Tuesday, September 1, 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 1432 people tested in 66 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: 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.

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

Join us **Tuesday, September 1, 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 or need access to available local resources, call the Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550. It is staffed 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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