



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 – September 2, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results: It's a good news Wednesday!** As of 12:00 pm today, Wednesday, September 2, 2020, there are **NO** 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 remains at 179*.

Reminder: Keep Your Labor Day Celebrations Safe During COVID-19

Labor Day weekend is just around the corner and your Douglas County Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, your Douglas County Public Health Officer, wanted to remind our residents that the safest way to celebrate during the pandemic is to limit groups and gatherings, limit travel, stay six feet apart and to wear face coverings were recommended. Past holiday weekends have led to outbreaks in our state with people celebrating in an unsafe manner that resulted in an uptick in cases. With case numbers finally declining, it's more important than ever for our citizens to rethink and limit holiday weekend gatherings, and find safe ways to celebrate so we can continue to make progress against COVID-19. The bottom line is please use common sense, follow the current guidelines and don't let COVID-19 be an unwanted party crasher this year. We hope you have a safe and happy Labor Day holiday weekend. [Click here to check out our Tips to Help Keep Your Labor Day Celebrations COVID-19 Safe.](#)

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, August 29, 2020	Sunday, August 30, 2020	Monday, August 31, 2020	Tuesday, September 1, 2020	Today, Wednesday, September 2, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	177	177	178	179	179
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	160	160	161	162	162
<i>Presumptive</i>	17	17	17	17	17
Total Currently Hospitalized	1	0	0	0	0
Total Currently in Isolation	11	10	11	12	11
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	2	3	3	3	3
Total Negative Test Results	10,227	10,348	10,432	10,506	10,570

*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 Friday, September 4, 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. 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.

DCBS: Wildfires Spark Two Tasks to Save Time, Money and Stress Ahead of National Preparedness Month

Shared from the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. DCBS says that human- and lightning-caused fires have sparked across Oregon ahead of National Preparedness Month. These stern warnings make it critical for all Oregonians to get prepared for both natural and human-caused disasters. September is National Preparedness Month, and it is kicked-off in Oregon by Home Inventory Week. To recognize this often overlooked part of disaster preparation, the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation encourages all Oregonians to do two simple tasks that will save time, money, and stress when disaster strikes:

- **Build a home inventory** – Take video or photos of each room in your home, paying close attention to walls, drawers, closets, and storage areas. Write down the purchase date and price of high value items. Recalling your personal property is a daunting task following a disaster. A home inventory eases the post-disaster stress, and enables your insurance company to move forward with processing your claim.
- **Review your insurance coverage** – Take time to discuss your policies with your insurance company or agent. Make sure you have the right coverage and know what to expect when you file a claim for disasters such as fire, earthquake, flood, tornado, theft, and ice storms.

“Recent wildfires remind us how important it is for Oregonians to build a home inventory and make sure they have the right insurance coverage to protect their families,” said Insurance Commissioner and Department of Consumer and Business Services Director Andrew Stolfi. *“These projects are easy to do, and now is the time to get these money-saving and stress-reducing tasks done.”*

Oregonians are encouraged to visit dfr.oregon.gov/preparenow for videos and resources to help complete these simple tasks. The site also provides social media tools to help people encourage their families, friends, and neighbors to get prepared as well. Anyone affected by recent wildfires should contact their insurance company as soon as possible to find out the next steps. If you still have questions or concerns, the division's consumer advocates are here to help. Call 888-877-4894 (toll-free) or visit dfr.oregon.gov/help for more information.

ODF: Early September Heat Wave Signals Renewed Fire Danger

Shared from Oregon Department of Forestry. Officials at ODF warn that Oregon will face extremely hot weather for the next few weeks, including the coast. Wildfire managers are concerned about this forecast. The return of high temperatures, low humidity and east winds can turbocharge even the smallest fire start. A smoldering campfire or an errant spark from a vehicle can become a raging blaze in minutes. And this at a time when firefighting resources are already strained in Oregon and nationally. The last three weeks have been extremely challenging for wildland and structural firefighters. They have been working long hours in the heat for weeks at a time in an effort to contain the spread of the state's current wildfires and keep communities safe. Many people across the state have had to evacuate or feared they might have to. And the threat isn't over. While the threat from dry lightning in Oregon lessens after August, human activity again becomes the chief cause of fires. So whether this September hot spell spawns new wildfires depends almost entirely on how Oregonians behave in the forest. Taking a few extra precautions while working or recreating in the forest can prevent most wildfires. ODF asks that residents strive to make a difference by following a few simple tips:

- Operate ATVs and other motorized vehicles only on established roads.
- Check your vehicle for dragging tow chains that can send sparks into roadside vegetation.
- Don't park or idle on dry grass or brush – the hot exhaust system can set it smoldering in seconds.
- Check current fire restrictions for the area before building a campfire. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed at any time of year. Or simplify your life by bringing prepared foods instead of trying to cook over a smoky fire.
- Smoke only in an enclosed vehicle. Properly dispose of cigarette butts.
- If you see smoke, call 9-1-1.
- Always have fire extinguishing tools on hand

ODOT: People Should Plan for Congestion on Area Roads this Labor Day Weekend

Shared from the Oregon Department of Transportation. ODOT says the Oregon Coast is bracing for an influx of both heavy, slow traffic as we approach this Labor Day weekend. They are asking travelers to pack their patience and allow extra travel time if they are venturing out on the roads. With an overwhelming number of travelers choosing short road trips in their cars, while staying close to home because of COVID-19, the Oregon Coast will again be a popular choice. The Oregon Coast has been a favorite destination this summer, causing periods of significant congestion on U.S. 101 and on the roads connecting the Coast to the central valleys of Oregon. This weekend, travelers should expect heavy and slow traffic, especially at the

beginning and end of the weekend as people travel between the Coast, I-5. Also, travelers should be prepared for slow traffic in small towns and cities on the Coast.

Here are a few tips from ODOT for you to consider before and during your trip:

- Plan your travel route ahead and stay socially distant whenever possible to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Make sure that you and your passengers have several face coverings; all Coastal businesses are requiring masks for entry because of the spread of COVID-19.
- Carry plenty of hand sanitizer, toilet paper and other personal items for sanitation.
- Keep your fuel tank at least half full.
- Don't use backroads or logging roads to get around traffic congestion; these roads are typically unimproved and present a number of potential hazards.
- There are many parking/illegal camping restrictions on beach highways and county roads; please obey the signs that are there for your safety; in addition, law enforcement can cite you for parking illegally.
- Protect our health and the environment by disposing of your garbage appropriately.
- Obey the speed limit; we are seeing a lot of excessive speeds and high speed crashes.
- Drive sober and don't drive distracted; drivers should leave the cell phone to someone else.
- Plan your trip and access road conditions and travel information 24/7: www.TripCheck.com or dial 511.

Additionally, ODOT cautioned that however you decide to celebrate the Labor Day holiday weekend this year, remember to plan a sober ride home before you leave for the party or campground. The 2020 national enforcement mobilization "[Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#)" is in effect across the country from August 19 to September 7, to raise awareness about one of the deadliest and most often committed - yet preventable - traffic safety issues. They encourage you to celebrate Labor Day, but to please celebrate safely.

Oregon COVID-19 State of Emergency Extended for 60 More Days

Shared from the State of Oregon. State officials said that Labor Day weekend marks critical moment to prevent outbreaks at beginning of school year. Yesterday, Oregon's Governor extended her [declaration of a state of emergency](#) regarding COVID-19 for an additional 60 days, until November 3, 2020. The declaration is the legal underpinning for her COVID-19 executive orders and the Oregon Health Authority's health and safety guidance. They review and reevaluate the emergency orders every 60 days, to determine whether those orders should be continued, modified, or rescinded. The findings of this review process are listed in the [executive order](#). The state of emergency declaration is the legal underpinning for the executive orders issued to keep Oregonians healthy and safe throughout this crisis, including her orders on reopening Oregon while maintaining essential health and safety protections, as well as orders around childcare, schools, and higher education operations. Extending the state of emergency declaration allows those orders to stay in effect.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us **Friday, September 4, 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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