



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 3, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** As of 12:00 pm today, Thursday, September 3, 2020, there is **ONE** person with a 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 now at 180*.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS: HEAT ADVISORY

Shared from the [National Weather Service - Medford OR](#). High temperatures are expected in central and eastern Douglas County, including Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Elkton, Canyonville, Tiller, Sutherlin, Drain and Camas Valley, with temperatures expected to reach 95 to 102 degrees, with overnight low temperatures as warm as 65 degrees. The heat advisory is in effect until 11:00 pm tonight, but hot temperatures could potentially continue through the Labor Day Weekend. Temperatures are expected to cool down on Friday and Saturday, but the heat risk will increase again on Sunday and beginning of next week. The long duration nature of this event could affect even those who aren't normally impacted by heat stress. The combination of warm overnight temperatures, hot daytime temperatures, and dry conditions will make it difficult for residents to stay hydrated and cool. The potential for heat related illnesses will be significantly higher, especially for those working outside and for those who lack access to adequate cooling resources. [Click here to view the heat advisory in detail.](#)

EXTREME HEAT PRECAUTIONARY AND PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Shared from the [National Weather Service - Medford OR](#). Make sure to take care of you and your family during this heat advisory and remember to:

- Stay hydrated and drink plenty of fluids, especially water.
- Try to stay in an air-conditioned room or building.
- Try to limit your exposure to the sun and heat.
- Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside; like wearing a hat, sunglasses, applying sunscreen, taking frequent breaks in the shade or in air-conditioning and always have plenty of water and fluids with you.
- Please check up on relatives, pets, livestock and neighbors.
- Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances.
- Take precautions if venturing into cold or rushing waters by wearing a life jacket.
- Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside.
- When possible reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening.
- Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Wear lightweight and loose fitting clothing when possible.
- Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke or exhaustion. [Click here for the list of heat related symptoms.](#)
- Remember heat stroke is an emergency! Call 911, if symptoms do not subside.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Sunday, August 30, 2020	Monday, August 31, 2020	Tuesday, September 1, 2020	Tuesday, September 2, 2020	Today, Thursday, September 3, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	177	178	179	179	180
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	160	161	162	162	163
Presumptive	17	17	17	17	17
Total Currently Hospitalized	0	0	0	0	0
Total Currently in Isolation	10	11	12	11	8
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	3	3	3	3	3
Total Negative Test Results	10,348	10,432	10,506	10,570	10,717



**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 8 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 1438 people tested in 67 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.

DFPA: Help Prevent Wildfires This Holiday Weekend!

Shared from the [Douglas Forest Protective Association](#). Every year, firefighters are on high alert for human caused wildfires as people try to escape for one last summer outing over Labor Day weekend. With the fire danger currently at EXTREME throughout the Douglas District, combined with forecasted temperatures in the upper 90's and possibly into the triple digits, this year is no different. As a result, the Douglas Forest Protective Association is reminding everyone to be cautious whether they are having a backyard barbecue or heading to the lake for a weekend camping trip.

Campfires: Campfires pose a major threat of wildfires this time of year as it only takes one spark landing in dry vegetation to start a new wildfire. Currently, campfires are only allowed within DFPA designated campgrounds. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed elsewhere. A list of DFPA designated campgrounds can be found online at www.dfpa.net/public-fire-restrictions.

Vehicles: Over the years, fires have been ignited from wheel bearings going out, flat tires, dragging chains, and vehicle malfunctions. Drivers often didn't realize there was a problem until multiple fires were started over a distance of a mile or more. Before heading to the campground, check the tire pressure and be sure that the trailer is connected properly with nothing that can drag. Those planning to drive through wildland areas are also reminded that vehicles are required to stay on improved roads that are free of flammable vegetation and are required to have an axe, a shovel AND a gallon of water or a 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.

Target Practice: A day of target practice can also start a fire. Target shooters are reminded that tracer ammunition and exploding targets are prohibited during fire season. And while not restricted, metal jacketed bullets have also been responsible for several fire starts in recent years. Having a backstop clear of flammable material is important regardless of what kind of round you are shooting.

Yard Work: Those who stay home to catch up on yard work are still at danger of starting a wildfire. Lawnmowers, weed eaters, and chainsaws can all easily start a fire this time of year. Under DFPA's Public Use Restrictions, the mowing of dead or dry grass and the use of chainsaws for non-industrial purposes is currently prohibited due to the extreme fire danger rating. Residents are also reminded that all backyard debris burning, including debris piles and burn barrels, also remains prohibited.

Additional Closures / Restrictions: In addition to DFPA's Public Use Restrictions, private industrial landowners and public land management agencies may have additional closures or restrictions in effect on the lands that they own or manage. Residents should check with the appropriate private landowner or public land management agency for the locations they wish to recreate at, before heading to the woods. A list of private landowner closures and restrictions can be found online [here](#). BLM specific fire restrictions can be found online [here](#). For more information about DFPA's Public Use Restrictions, visit www.dfpa.net or call DFPA's information line at 541-672-0379.

U.S. DOE: From the Desk of the Secretary: A Letter to America's Parents

Shared from the [U.S. Department of Education, Secretary Betsy DeVos](#). Secretary DeVos wrote: "Friends, This back-to-school season is unlike any other. And so, I'm writing to you, America's parents and educators to say one thing: we support you. The President and I are fighting for more options for all students and teachers this Fall. We want every student to safely return to full-time learning. For some families that could be in-person learning. For others it could be robust virtual learning. For others it could be a hybrid of both. Every family needs to be able to do what's right for their child. Your child. Your school. Your way. Teachers, if you want to teach in-person, we support you. We've provided billions of dollars for personal protective equipment, cleaning and teacher training. If your health requires you to teach virtually, we support you. We have proposed more flexible and personalized funding for professional development to improve teacher preparation. None of us asked for this pandemic, but generally no challenge is invited. As parents, we meet this challenge head on because it's what we do. So, let's commit to do what's right for our children, and all students, this Fall. I hope you'll read my full letter and share it with others by [clicking here](#). Students need the opportunity to return to full-time learning this fall in the ways and places that work for them. Now is the time to rise above all the rhetoric and put kids and our nation's future first. To learn more about our fight to empower parents with choices and give all students access to the learning resources and environment that fits them."

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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