



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 8, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** As the smoke rolls into the valley from local wildfires, we do have good news for our COVID update, but we also have **THREE URGENT WILDFIRE** notices below for **LEVEL 2 – BE SET!** and **LEVEL 3 – GO!** Evacuation notices for parts of Douglas County. As of 12:00 pm today, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 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 182*.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Thursday, September 3, 2020	Friday, September 4, 2020	Saturday, September 5, 2020	Monday, September 7, 2020	Today, Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	180	180	180	182	182
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	163	163	163	164	164
Presumptive	17	17	17	18	18
Total Currently Hospitalized	0	0	0	0	0
Total Currently in Isolation	8	8	7	5	5
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	3	3	3	3	3
Total Negative Test Results	10,717	10,955	10,986	11,346	11,368

WILDFIRE NOTICE #1: FRENCH CREEK FIRE – LEVEL 2 & 3 EVACUATION NOTICES ISSUED

Shared from the [Douglas County Sheriff's Office](#). The Douglas County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Douglas Forest Protection Association issued a **LEVEL 3 - GO!** and **LEVEL 2 -BE SET!** Evacuation Notices due to the French Creek Fire burning near Glide. Residents in several homes located near the fire that were threatened have been evacuated. This is in regards to a fire burning near Glide and Steamboat or Star Mountain Fires. The North Umpqua Highway - Highway 138 East has been closed outside of Glide at the Green Bridge (Glide, MP 17) for east bound traffic and at Steamboat Creek (Dry Creek, MP 47) for west bound traffic. Only local traffic and emergency service vehicles will be allowed through. More information on road closures available at www.TripCheck.com



A **LEVEL 3 - GO! EVACUATION NOTICE** for residents living on Single Tree Lane, Rivershore Drive and residents living along North Bank Road between 17225 North Bank Road and the east North Bank Bridge was issued at 3:39 am this morning, Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

LEVEL 3 - GO! EVACUATION NOTICE means:

- If you choose not to evacuate, emergency services may not be able to assist you further.
- Grab your "go kit" and leave immediately.
- Follow your evacuation plan and stay informed.



A **LEVEL 2 – BE SET! EVACUATION NOTICE** was issued at 7:10 am, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, for **ALL** homes between 13767 North Bank Road and 16998 North Bank Road, including all road systems in between the mentioned addresses.

LEVEL 2 – BE SET! EVACUATION NOTICE means:

- This level indicates significant danger to your area and are encouraged to leave.
- If you decide to stay, be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice.
- This may be the only notice you receive if conditions worsen.
- Supply your "go kit" with all the essentials to last 2 weeks.

- Stay connected with emergency information and evacuation routes.
- Begin evacuating large animals.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Roseburg VA Health Care System



American Red Cross
Southwest Oregon Chapter



Your Douglas County Commissioners have made arrangements for residents affected by the fire to board horses at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Contact the Douglas County Fairgrounds for more information: (541) 957-4854.

"We strongly urge residents to leave their homes in the affected area as fire officials have determined there is a significant public safety risk," Sgt. Brad O'Dell said. *"The Sheriff's Office is committed to working with County Commissions and the fire management team to ensure public safety. We ask that residents look to official sources to the most current information."*

For the most up-to-date information about the French Creek Fire visit [DFPA's Facebook page](#) or the [DFPA website](#) or stay tuned to local media outlets. Please check with [DCSO](#) for additional evacuation notifications as they become available.

WILDFIRE NOTICE #2: FIRE NEAR STEAMBOAT/IDLEYLD PARK ON UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST TRIGGERS LEVEL 3 EVACUATIONS

Shared from the [Douglas County Sheriff's Office](#). At 8:43 am today, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and US Forest Service - Umpqua National Forest officials issued a LEVEL 3 - GO! Evacuation Notice for all homes on Moore Hill Lane and for all visitors of the Bogus Creek Campground on the Umpqua National Forest. Residents in homes located near the fire that were threatened have been evacuated. This is in regards to a fire burning on the Umpqua National Forest near Steamboat and Idleld Park, unrelated to the French Creek or Star Mountain Fires. This decision was made in conjunction with fire officials based on an assessment of existing dangers. The North Umpqua Highway - Highway 138 East has been closed outside of Glide at the Green Bridge (Glide, MP 17) for east bound traffic and at Steamboat Creek (Dry Creek, MP 47) for west bound traffic. Only local traffic and emergency service vehicles will be allowed through. More information on road closures available at www.TripCheck.com



LEVEL 3 - GO! EVACUATION NOTICE means:

- If you choose not to evacuate, emergency services may not be able to assist you further.
- Grab your "go kit" and leave immediately.
- Follow your evacuation plan and stay informed.

For current information, follow official sources. Fire information will be distributed by the [US Forest Service – Umpqua National Forest](#). Please check with [DCSO](#) for additional evacuation notifications as they become available.

WILDFIRE NOTICE #3: STAR MOUNTAIN FIRE NEAR SUSAN CREEK ROAD TRIGGERS EVACUATIONS

Shared from the [Douglas Forest Protection Association](#). At 11:52 am today, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, the DFPA, in conjunction with the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and DCSO evacuated residents in several homes located near the fire that were threatened. Additional evacuation orders are pending from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. This is in regards to fires burning east of Glide near Susan Creek Road, unrelated to the French Creek or Steamboat Fires. The North Umpqua Highway - Highway 138 East has been closed outside of Glide at the Green Bridge (Glide, MP 17) for east bound traffic and at Steamboat Creek (Dry Creek, MP 47) for west bound traffic. Only local traffic and emergency service vehicles will be allowed through. More information on road closures available at www.TripCheck.com.



For the most up-to-date information about the Star Mountain Fire visit [DFPA's Facebook page](#) or the [DFPA website](#) or stay tuned to local media outlets. Please check with DCSO for additional evacuation notifications as they become available.

REMINDER: HEAT ADVISORY, AIR-QUALITY HEALTH ADVISORY, RED FLAG AND FIRE WEATHER WATCH WARNING

Shared from the [National Weather Service – Medford, Oregon \(NWS\)](#). The NWS predicted excessive heat, patchy smoke due to wildfires, red flag and fire weather watch warnings for southern Oregon and northern California including the Umpqua Basin and the Umpqua National Forest to continue through Wednesday, September 9, 2020. What this means for residents is higher than normal temperatures, possibly reaching in triple digits; strong, gusty winds with low relative humidity; poor overnight recoveries with temperatures in the upper 60's; diminished air-quality due to areas of smoke and haze from local wildfires; and high fire danger which could contribute to a significant spread of new and existing fires.

WILFIRES DFPA & USFS: One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire:

Shared from [DFPA](#) and [USFS](#). Crews are currently battling two local fires one near Glide and the other on the Umpqua National Forest. Remember to be fire safe and follow all restrictions and guidelines at home, at work, when traveling or when venturing out into the wilderness. Due to the extreme fire conditions and the forecasted hot and dry weather, DFPA moved to **INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVEL FOUR (IFPL 4) at 12:01 am this morning, Tuesday, September 8, 2020** for all lands within the Douglas District. This includes all private, county, state, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs lands that are protected by DFPA. During IFPL 4, **ALL INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IS PROHIBITED.**

For the general public, DFPA's Public Use Restrictions remain in effect and are unchanged with a fire danger rating of EXTREME. During Extreme fire danger, the mowing of dead grass, the cutting, grinding or welding of metal, the use of

power saw for non-industrial purposes, and the use power driven machinery to complete non-industrial improvements or developments on private property is prohibited. A complete list of DFPA's Public Use Restrictions can be found at www.dfpa.net/public-fire-restrictions.

In addition to DFPA's Public Use Restrictions, many large industrial landowners have closed public access to their landholdings due to the extreme fire conditions. For more information about public access closures issued by industrial landowners, contact the appropriate landowner or visit www.ofic.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2020-OFIC-Closure-Form.pdf. For more information about IFPL or Public Use Restrictions in effect on DFPA protected land, call DFPA's 24-hour closure information line at (541) 672-0379. For the most up-to-date information about local wildfires, restrictions and fire danger in our area log onto Douglas Forest Protective Services website at: <https://www.dfpa.net/> or the US Forest Service – Umpqua National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/umpqua>.

HEAT ADVISORY: EXCESSIVE HEAT EXPECTED: STAY SAFE AND STAY COOL:

There is an excessive heat warning in effect through Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, your Douglas County Public Health Officer, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and DPHN staff encourage you 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.

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY: AREAS OF PATCHY SMOKE:

Air Quality Health Advisory Due to Wildfire Smoke. Areas of moderate to heavy smoke have been observed across Douglas County, today, Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Poor air quality can affect your health. Wildfire smoke creates tiny particles in the air that can cause health concerns. It can cause chest pain, irregular heartbeat, shortness of breath, headaches, sore throat, coughing and eye irritation. Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, your Douglas County Public Health Officer, your Douglas County Board of Commissioners and DPHN suggest the following public health recommendations:

- Try to limit your exposure to wildfire smoke. If smoke is thick or becomes thick in your neighborhood you may want to remain indoors.
- If you are indoors, try to reduce other sources of indoor smoke and dust. Keep windows and doors closed as much as possible. Run an air conditioner, set it to re-circulate and close the fresh-air intake. Avoid burning cigarettes, candles, gas, propane and wood burning stoves and furnaces. Avoid broiling or frying food and vacuuming.
- Reduce time spent outdoors, especially any rigorous activity. If you must go out, set your A/C to recycle or recirculate in your car, to limit your exposure.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water.
- Frequently check current air quality conditions in your area. Go to <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/> or download the OregonAir phone app to stay up-to-date on the current air quality
- If you have heart or lung disease or respiratory illnesses such as asthma, follow your health care provider's advice about prevention and treatment of symptoms.
- If you are feeling sick call your doctor or your local hospital or urgent care clinic.
- Consider relocating temporarily if smoke is present indoors and is making you ill, and it's not possible to keep indoor air clean or cool, especially if you or those you are caring for are having health problems or are in a sensitive group.
- For more information about Wildfire Smoke and Your Health [click here](#).

DCCRT – COVID-19 Daily Update – September 8, 2020 Continued:

**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.*

OHA Definition for Recovered

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 5 cases in isolation.**

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be today, Tuesday, September 8, 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 1455 people tested in 68 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.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us **tonight, Tuesday, September 8, 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, DPHN 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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