



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 9, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** As fire and emergency crews continue to battle wildfires up the North Umpqua Hwy, residents, homes and businesses continue to be inundated with heavy smoke and ash debris. But, there is good news again for our COVID update. As of 2:00 pm today, Wednesday, September 9, 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	Saturday, September 5, 2020	Sunday, September 6, 2020	Monday, September 7, 2020	Tuesday, September 8, 2020	Today, Wednesday, September 9, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	180	182	182	182	182
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	163	164	164	164	164
Presumptive	17	18	18	18	18
Total Currently Hospitalized	0	0	0	0	0
Total Currently in Isolation	7	9	5	5	4
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	3	3	3	3	3
Total Negative Test Results	10,986	11,144	11,346	11,368	11,437

DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDFIRE UPDATE: ARCHIE CREEK FIRE

Last night, an Incident Management Team was ordered by the Umpqua National Forest, the Roseburg BLM and the Douglas Forest Protective Association to lead suppression efforts on the Wildfires currently burning up the North Umpqua Highway (Oregon Hwy 138). This morning, Wednesday, September 9, 2020, the Northwest Interagency Incident Management Team 9 (I.C. Goff) conducted an in-brief with local fire officials and assumed command of the fire. It is now being called the Archie Creek Fire. They have set up a new command center, contact information and a website for updates. For **Archie Creek Fire information**, please log onto: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7176/> They will be the main source for all wildfire related issues.

DCSO: EVACUATION INFORMATION:

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office working in conjunction with the Douglas County Commissioners, Douglas Forest Protective Association, US Forest Service and BLM issued LEVEL 1 – BE Ready; LEVEL 2 – BE Set and LEVEL 3 – GO! evacuation notices for the following areas over the last 24 hours in Douglas County. For more information and questions about evacuations, contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office the non-emergency number (541) 440-4471 or by logging onto their website at: www.dcsso.com. Please do not call 911 for general questions about the local wildfires, please save those lines for emergency calls. If you have not already signed up, please consider signing up for the Douglas County Citizen Emergency Notification System. Being informed is vitally important during emergency situations. In an emergency the Sheriff's Office may do a reverse 9-1-1 to quickly notify residents of critical information. You can sign up at www.dcsso.com/alerts/default.asp

LEVEL 1 – Get Ready! EVACUATION NOTICE ordered for ALL Douglas County Residents. Please get yourself, your family, your pets and livestock ready to be evacuated. Stay tuned into local sources for updates.

LEVEL 2 – BE Set! EVACUATION NOTICE ordered for all residents living on the south side of Nonpareil Road from Plat K Road east to Banks Creek. This includes Fraser Canyon and all other side streets to the east to Banks Creek.

LEVEL 3 – GO! EVACUATION NOTICE ordered for all homes located on Nonpareil Road on and between Gassy Creek West to the end of Nonpareil Road.



LEVEL 3 - GO! EVACUATION NOTICE ordered 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.

LEVEL 3 - GO! EVACUATION NOTICE has been issued for all homes, cabins, recreation sites and the lodge at Diamond Lake. There is a significant wildfire burning in the area of the lake.

LEVEL 3 - GO! EVACUATION NOTICE ordered for all homes between the Green Bridge in Glide East to Klahanie Lane in Idlewild Park. This includes all roads and residences off of these areas.

LEVEL 3 - GO! EVACUATION NOTICE ordered all of Idlewild Park and Glide proper down to Highway 138 East and Little River Road. Little River Road from New Bridge Road down to Highway 138 East. this includes all roads and residences off of these areas.

EVACUATION AND EMERGENCY SHELTER LOCATION:

The Douglas County Commissioners announced this morning that in addition to the notice yesterday about the Douglas County Fairgrounds being open for displaced wildfire residents, pets and livestock from the area wildfires, the [American Red Cross](#) is working with the [Salvation Army](#) and has set up a temporary Emergency Shelter in Douglas Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. They have about 20 beds set up that are COVID-19 friendly, a resource center and are serving limited meals from the available kitchen. They are working directly with Public Health to make sure that all COVID protocols and guidelines for masks, health, sanitation and screening are properly in place.

For more information about RV space and livestock availability at the Fairgrounds please contact Ciera Keith at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Office at (541) 440-4394. At the time of this notice, the RV Park was about 75% full, but there is plenty of land and parking available for dry camping, plus a few additional spots with electrical hook up left. They have about 16 more horse and large animal stalls available, but have the capacity to handle another 50 or more animals in other buildings. They also have an area for small animals like rabbits, goats, pigs and chickens. Please note: Space and priority is being given to Douglas County residents who have received Level 2 and Level 3 Evacuation notices. As additional resources and opportunities for local residents to help and volunteer are made available, we will release updated information.

DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE RESOURCE HOTLINE: (541) 464-6550:

Douglas County Commissioners and Douglas Public Health Network have established a local fire resource hotline for Douglas County residents. We will be utilizing the current COVID-19 hotline number for the fire resource hotline as well. The idea of the hotline is to provide residents access to resources without tying up our valuable 911 emergency call center. We encourage residents to call the hotline for information on local emergency shelters, livestock and animal boarding options, donation locations, volunteer opportunities, welfare check information, food and water resources and health and wellness questions. **So, if you have questions about wildfire resources or COVID-19 call the Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550. It is staffed from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, 7 days a week until further notice.**

DONATIONS FOR WILDFIRE VICTIMS

Options are now available for those wanting to help those effected by the recent fires in Douglas County. The [Greater Douglas United Way](#) is working with the [Salvation Army](#) and [American Red Cross](#) to accept both monetary and physical donations. Monetary donations can be taken to the Greater Douglas United Way office at 702 SE Jackson Street. Physical donations (bottled water/necessities) can be dropped off at either the Greater Douglas United Way office at 702 SE Jackson Street or to the Salvation Army at 3130 NE Stephens Street. For additional questions regarding donations, you can reach the Salvation Army at (541) 672-6581 or the Greater Douglas United Way at (541) 672-1734.

ODOT: ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO THE ARCHIE CREEK FIRE:

Shared from ODOT. The North Umpqua Highway – Oregon Highway 138 East remains closed from the west end of Glide (Little River Road intersection, MP 17 at the Green Bridge) to the Oregon Hwy 230 (West Diamond Lake Highway, MP 83) junction. Only local traffic and emergency service vehicles will be allowed through. For the latest road and weather condition updates, visit <https://www.tripcheck.com/>.

HAZARDOUS AIR QUALITY ADVISORY UPDATE:

The National Weather Service has issued a Hazardous Air Quality Health Advisory due to wildfire smoke for most parts of Douglas County. Our current air quality index is at 331. 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. DPHN has put together a graphic ([click here to view graphic](#)) that will help residents understand the impact of wildfire smoke, poor air quality and COVID-19. 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.
- While 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.

Wildfire Smoke, Poor Air Quality and COVID-19 Considerations

Wildfire smoke creates tiny particles in the air that can cause health concerns.

Poor air quality and COVID can affect your health. **People most at risk:**

Both COVID and breathing smoke can give you a dry cough, sore throat, chest pain and/or difficulty breathing. Fever, chills, muscle aches, diarrhea or loss of taste/smell are distinct COVID-19 symptoms and not likely related to breathing poor air quality from wildfire smoke.

Both COVID-19 and wildfire smoke affect those that are older and that have chronic lung/heart issues.

Protect your health.

Limit time outside. Close windows and doors when possible. Set air conditioner to recirculate and use a HEPA filter. Drink plenty of water. If you are sick, call your doctor.

Check your local air quality at oregonsmoke.blogspot.com or OregonAIR application.

Be prepared and know where to get the most current information about local Wildfires and COVID-19. Be ready, be set and be ready to go, depending on your evacuation level. Follow Douglas Forest Protection Association (DFPA), Douglas County and Douglas County Sheriffs Office (DCSO) for the most up to date fire information and DPHN for COVID-19 information.

For more information visit douglaspublichealthnetwork.org or call the Hotline at (541) 464-6550.

- 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](#).

EXTREME FIRE RISK IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST PROMPTS BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO CLOSE RECREATION SITES

Shared from the Bureau of Land Management Ore. & Wash. Extreme fire activity, fueled by a rare fire weather event with low humidity and strong east winds of 15 to 30 mph and gusts up to 50 mph, occurred on several fires located in western Oregon this week. To prevent human-caused fire and reduce wildfire potential, the Bureau of Land Management has instituted several closures and new fire-use restrictions. *“Public and firefighter safety is our top concern,”* said BLM Oregon Washington State Director Barry Bushue. *“We expect another challenging day as the winds pick up speed in some areas, and we encourage everyone to keep up to date with their local emergency officials for the latest information on evacuations.”* Across the BLM's Northwest Oregon District, all developed campgrounds are closed to the public, and dispersed camping is prohibited. Members of the public may not enter closed recreation areas. This temporary closure covers the northwestern part of the state, west of the Cascade Range and north from Cottage Grove to the Columbia River, and includes popular spots, such as Fishermen's Bend campground, Wildwood recreation site, Alsea Falls recreation site, Shotgun Creek day use area, and Row River Trail. Within the Roseburg District's Swiftwater Field Office, all BLM-administered lands east of Interstate 5 are closed to the public. The Coos Bay District is closing developed recreation sites east of Highway 101, with the exception of the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area. Impacted areas will be closed for seven days beginning September 9. In southwestern and central Oregon, campfires and open flames are prohibited on BLM-administered lands across the Coos Bay, Medford, and Prineville Districts. Under these restrictions, campfires or any other type of open fire, including the use of charcoal briquettes, is prohibited on BLM-administered lands. Visitors can use portable cooking stoves that use liquefied or bottled fuels. Fire officials encourage the public to be diligent with all ignition sources on public lands, ensuring all cigarette butts are properly extinguished in an ashtray or dish of water and spark arrestors are in place on all motorized equipment. Additionally, all motorized recreationists should park in areas cleared of vegetation, as the undercarriage of a vehicle can be hot enough to start a fire. Officials also want to remind the public that using explosive target material, such as Tannerite, and the use of explosives and fireworks continues to be prohibited on all federal public lands. The extreme fire danger and behavior have prompted the closure of recreation sites while fire suppression crews respond to the incidents. As it becomes safe to do so, firefighters will begin to assess the fires and their impacts in alignment with sound risk management practices. Multiple new fires started on Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and private lands in the region have prompted Level 3 “Go” evacuations. Moderate to heavy smoke impacts from the fires are expected to continue along the western slopes of the Cascades and into the Willamette Valley. Personal safety is paramount. Stay informed on air quality ratings and more by visiting the Oregon Smoke Blog at <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>. Learn how to stay safe from wildfire smoke at <https://www.cdc.gov/air/wildfire-smoke/default.htm>. Nearby residents and visitors to the area are encouraged to check with local emergency officials for the latest information on evacuations. A Red Flag Warning for the persistence of critical fire weather on the heels of this historic September event will remain in effect until 8pm Wednesday, September 9. Conditions during this time will remain favorable for continued rapid fire spread. For the latest road and weather condition updates, visit <https://www.tripcheck.com/>. Additional fire information is available on Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/> Please call 911 to report any signs of new fires. Please observe public use restrictions and help us limit potential new starts during this time. A list of personal use restrictions, as well as closure orders, is available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions>. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter @BLMOregon.

DCCRT – COVID-19 Daily Update – September 9, 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 4 cases in isolation.**

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 11, 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 1458 people tested in 69 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 **again on Friday, September 11, 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 and Wildfire Resource Hotline If you have questions about COVID-19 or need access to available local Wildfire resources, call the Douglas County COVID-19/Fire Resources 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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