



# 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 10, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** The DCCRT team is continuing to work on COVID-19 updates and information for our residents. For local Wildfire information, please log onto the Douglas Forest Protective Association website at: [www.dfpa.net](http://www.dfpa.net) or the Douglas County Sheriff's Office website at: [www.dcsso.com](http://www.dcsso.com).

As of 2:00 pm today, Thursday, September 10, 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 183\*.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Sunday, September 6, 2020	Monday, September 7, 2020	Tuesday, September 8, 2020	Wednesday, September 9, 2020	Today, Thursday, September 10, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	182	182	182	182	183
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	164	164	164	164	165
Presumptive	18	18	18	18	18
Total Currently Hospitalized	0	0	0	0	0
Total Currently in Isolation	9	5	5	4	4
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	3	3	3	3	3
Total Negative Test Results	11,144	11,346	11,368	11,437	11,541

### AIR QUALITY ALERT: AIR POLLUTION ADVISORY

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has issued an Air Pollution Advisory that will be in effect until at least 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 10, 2020 for Douglas County and most of central and southern Oregon. Wildfires burning in the region combined with forecast conditions will cause air quality levels to fluctuate and could be at unhealthy levels. For additional information, please visit their web site at <http://www.oregon.gov/deq>. Our current air quality index is at 396. [Click here for air quality index information.](#)

Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, your Douglas County Public Health Officer, your Douglas County Board of Commissioners and DPHN know that poor air quality can affect your overall 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, runny nose and burning 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. Please limit outdoor activities and keep children and those with medical issues indoors if it is smoky. Please follow medical advice if you have other medical conditions that could be affected by the smoke. See below for additional tips and resources.

- Try to limit your exposure to wildfire smoke. If smoke is thick or becomes thick in your neighborhood you may want to remain indoors.

**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.**

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.

**People most at risk:**

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](http://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](http://douglaspublichealthnetwork.org) or call the Hotline at (541) 464-6550.



- 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.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water. Frequently check current air quality conditions in your area.
- 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>.
- 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](#).

*\*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](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.

### **Good Job Douglas County!**

**Good job Douglas County residents in helping us to keep our case rate and test positivity numbers low. Keep up the good work!** 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.

### **Sharing Information About the State's School Reopening Metrics**

Shared from OHA. OHA has released their latest weekly case rate and test positivity report that details the State's overall numbers, as well as a county by county breakdown. The latest report details rates for the weeks of July 5 – September 5, 2020. [Click here](#) for the most recent OHA case rate and test positivity report released on September 8, 2020.

**Douglas County's Case Rate and Test Positivity Numbers for the last FOUR Weeks are as follows:**

Week Start Date	Case Rate per 100,000	Test Positivity (%)
August 9, 2020	8	1.3%
August 16, 2020	8	1.2%
August 23, 2020	7	0.9%
August 30, 2020	3	0.3%

OHA and the Oregon Department of Education (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 Senior Dining Site in Glide Will Be Closed Today for Meal Pick Up**

Due to the wildfires and evacuations in the Glide area, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners in conjunction with Douglas County Senior Services have closed the Glide Senior Dining Site for hot meal pick for Thursday, September 10, 2020. However, the rest of the Douglas County's Senior Dining Sites are available for hot meal pick up. Due to COVID-19 all sites are pick up only, via their Curb Service format. All seniors 60 and up and their spouses are welcome. Hot meals are available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. [Click here to see the menu](#).

Douglas County Senior Dining Sites That Are Open for Hot Meal Pick Up:

- Glendale - Special People's Depot - 176 Glendale Town Rd, Glendale, OR
- Reedsport - Lower Umpqua Senior Center, 460 Winchester Ave., Reedsport, OR
- Riddle - Riddle Community Center - 123 Parkside St., Riddle, OR
- Sutherlin - Sutherlin Senior Center - 202 E Central Ave., Sutherlin, OR
- Winston - Winston Community Center - 440 SE Grape Ave., Winston, OR
- Yoncalla - Yoncalla Community Center - 440 Main Street, Yoncalla, OR

Also, the Friendly Kitchen has pick-up lunch available for seniors at 1771 W Harvard Avenue in Roseburg. Call (541) 673-5929 for more information on available days and times for meal pick up. If you are unable to reach the dining sites, please contact Douglas County Senior Services for assistance for additional resources. If you are able and available to volunteer at our dining sites, please contact Douglas County Senior Services. They can be reached at (541) 440-3677. We are thankful for all the volunteers that are able to make it to the dining sites. However, we are in desperate need of more volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at all of our dining sites, as well as, deliver meals to homebound seniors. Our Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers are doing their best to reach homebound seniors, via roads and driveways that are accessible.

### **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.

### **Douglas County Resource Hotline: (541) 464-6550:**

Douglas County Commissioners and Douglas Public Health Network have added a resource and referral service to the current COVID-19 hotline for Douglas County residents. The added service will help residents get connected to resources and services due to the local wildfires. Referral and resource information will be available about local emergency shelters, livestock and animal boarding options, donation locations, volunteer opportunities, welfare check referrals, food and water resources and help with health and wellness questions. This is **NOT** the hotline for Fire Updates or Evacuation information. Please contact or follow DFPA and DCSO for the most up-to-date wildfire information. **The Resource/COVID-19 Hotline is (541) 464-6550. It is staffed from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, 7 days a week until further notice.**

**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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