



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 21, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results: Focus continues on our local COVID-19 response. As of 12:00 pm today, Monday, September 21, 2020, there are **THREE** new people with new positive test results and **ONE** new presumptive since our noon case update yesterday. The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 214*. Currently, there are **FIVE** hospitalized Douglas County COVID-19 patients. One Douglas County patient is being hospitalized out-of-the-area, and the remaining four are being hospitalized locally. Sadly, we also received notice of another passing of a Douglas County resident related to COVID-19, this brings the COVID-19 death toll to four in Douglas County.

Fourth COVID-19 Related Death of a Douglas County Resident

Our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, has confirmed the death of our fourth Douglas County resident from the COVID-19 virus. Our fourth COVID related death is an 88-year-old man who passed away yesterday, Sunday, September 20, 2020 in Roseburg, Oregon. He tested positive for COVID-19 on September 13, 2020. In the interest of privacy for the individual's loved ones, no additional information will be released. Each death related to COVID-19 is painful for all Douglas County residents, and a reminder of the terrible impact COVID-19 has had in our local communities. The Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Dr. Dannenhoffer, DPHN staff and the DCCRT Team continue to extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to all family members, friends, relatives, co-workers and community members of those who have passed after contracting this deadly virus.

"Today is incredibly heartbreaking. The Douglas County Board of Commissioners are deeply saddened by the report of our fourth death of a county resident from the coronavirus. To the family and friends of this beloved community member, on behalf of my family, my fellow Board of Commissioners, Dr. Dannenhoffer, DPHN staff and the DCCRT team, we send our sincere condolences and prayers," commented Commissioner Tim Freeman. *"This is again a sobering reminder that the COVID-19 virus is still active in our communities. We continue to urge all of you, as the citizens of Douglas County to take all the appropriate precautions to protect yourselves, the ones you love, and help stop the spread of this virus!"*

During the difficult times of this pandemic, the DCCRT Team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, along with Dr. Dannenhoffer and Douglas Public Health Network, would like to remind residents of the importance of being compassionate to one another and to take extra care in helping us to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect your health, your family's health and the health of our communities.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Thursday, September 17, 2020	Friday, September 18, 2020	Saturday, September 19, 2020	Sunday, September 20, 2020	Today, Monday, September 21, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	199	202	208	210	214
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	178	181	187	189	192
Presumptive	21	21	21	21	22
Total Currently Hospitalized	6	6	6	8	5
Total Currently in Isolation	17	19	25	27	27
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	3	3	3	3	4
Total Negative Test Results	12,074	12,139	12,215	12,267	12,311

*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.

REMINDER - NOTICE: More new cases today, means that we need to take a moment and revisit how we are socializing



and protecting ourselves from the spread of this virus. We were fortunate to have had low weekly numbers over the past five weeks that allowed us to meet local metrics for schools to look at reopening for in-person instruction. With the surge of cases this last week, we are in jeopardy of losing our accrual status of meeting the State's requirements for that to start happening. In addition to dealing with COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize that our residents, neighbors and friends are incredibly distracted, displaced and reeling from the devastating local wildfires, we are too. **But, we cannot lose sight of the fact that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic.** We continue to encourage you to stay vigilant in protecting you and your family from contracting or spreading this virus. Please continue to curb your travel, limit attending social gatherings, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands, stay six feet apart and wear a mask where recommended. Stopping the increase of COVID-19 cases in our county is really up to YOU, our residents. Please stay safe out there and remember to be kind to others.

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 27 cases in isolation.**

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Tuesday, September 22 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 1480 people tested in 71 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](#).

Oregon COVID-19 Case Update

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.

Reminder: Limit Travel, Social Gatherings and Visitors

We will continue to encourage residents to be cautious about traveling or inviting people from outside our county, and instead encourage our residents to delay travel, consider stay-cations and reschedule visits from out-of-the-area friends and family to a later date. We continue to identify people with positive test results that have chosen to travel out of Oregon to visit relatives or to take vacations. While traveling those individuals and families have come in contact with someone with COVID-19 and brought it back to Douglas County. We have expanded our list of states directly related to our cases though travel, they include Alaska, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee, Michigan, Ohio, Massachusetts and Wyoming. A few other cases were the result of a family member coming to Douglas County to visit, brought the virus with them and infected their host family.

LOCAL WILDFIRE INFORMATION

Local wildfire information is available directly from the links listed here. Please log onto their sites for the most up to date information. The **Archie Creek Fire** [Website](#), [Facebook page](#), phone number: (971) 334-7674 and email: 2020.archiecreek@firenet.gov. The **Thielsen Fire** [Website](#), [Facebook page](#), phone number: (541) 595-8227 and email: 2020.Thielsen@firenet.gov. Please continue to monitor the **Douglas Forest Protective Association's** [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for additional local wildfire updates. Regional fire information is available on [Inciweb](#). For current evacuation information please continue to monitor the **Douglas County Sheriff's Office** [website](#) or [Facebook page](#). **Please call 911 to report any signs of new fires.**

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us **Tuesday, September 22, 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.

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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