



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 23, 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, Wednesday, September 23, 2020, there is a **ONE** presumptive that has been moved to a positive with a positive test result since our noon case update yesterday. The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County remains at 221*. Currently, there are **FOUR** hospitalized Douglas County COVID-19 patients. One Douglas County patient is being hospitalized out-of-the-area, and the remaining three are being hospitalized locally.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, September 19, 2020	Sunday, September 20, 2020	Monday, September 21, 2020	Tuesday, September 22, 2020	Today, Wednesday, September 23, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	208	210	214	221	221
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	187	189	192	194	195
Presumptive	21	21	22	27	26
Total Currently Hospitalized	6	8	5	4	4
Total Currently in Isolation	25	27	27	31	33
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	3	3	4	4	4
Total Negative Test Results	12,215	12,267	12,311	12,413	12,438

*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.

NOTICE: Unfortunately, we are seeing daily COVID case counts on the rise in our county. The most recent cases all point to unwitting and presumably unintentional behavior by these residents attending or hosting social gatherings were COVID-19 guidelines for social distancing, food preparation, hand washing and masks are not being followed. So, again we need to take a moment and revisit how we are socializing and protecting ourselves from the spread of this virus. Stopping the increase of COVID-19 cases in our county is really up to YOU, our residents.

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. Please stay safe 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 33 cases in isolation.*

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Friday, September 25, 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 1492 people tested in 72 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.

U.S. Department of Education Offers Virtual Webinar About Reopening Schools

Shared from the [U.S. Department of Education](#). In a letter sent to many K-12 education stakeholders, the U.S. Department of Education's Assistant Secretary, Frank Brogan, for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education sent invitations to a virtual webinar that will feature a panel discussion on successful strategies used to reopen schools around the country. A geographically diverse group of education practitioners will discuss how they prepared for and executed opening their schools while sharing how they overcame difficulties along the way. This forum is meant to engage all types of K-12 education leaders as they consider creative ways to help students learn this fall. This webinar will be held online on Wednesday, September 23 from 10:30 am to 11:45 am (PDT). **Web Link:** You may join the webinar at <https://edstream.ed.gov/webcast/Play/aefab277db624054a7e8620103c404221d> at the time of the event. The webinar will also be posted online after the event.

OHA: Back to school: What Classrooms Will Look Like

Shared from [OHA](#). Even though your local school may not be ready for in-person instruction, you may wonder how teachers, students and families will stay safe and healthy once schools do reopen. Here are some things to know:

- Oregon schools are required to take specific steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 at school. These steps include sanitizing, screening, use of face coverings; and limiting interactions between groups of students.
- You can view the specific public health and safety plans your school must follow by reviewing your school district's Operational Blueprint for Reopening. Links to each district's blueprint are available on the [Oregon Department of Education website](#).

You can also learn more about the requirements for Oregon schools by reading ODE's [COVID-19 frequently asked questions](#) and [Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance](#).

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.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us **Friday, September 25, 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 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. 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.**

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/COVID-19 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 go to the Governor's COVID-19 website at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19/> or call 211 or the 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 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 contact:

OSHA: (800) 922-2689 or [OSHA website](#)

OLCC (503) 872-5000 or [OLCC website](#)

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