



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 25, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results: Our team continues to focus on our local COVID-19 response. As of 12:00 pm today, Friday, September 25, 2020, there are **TWO** people with new positive test results and **TWO** presumptives have been **MOVED** to positives with positive test results since our noon case update yesterday. The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 223*. 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	Monday, September 21, 2020	Tuesday, September 22, 2020	Wednesday, September 23, 2020	Thursday, September 24, 2020	Today, Friday, September 25, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	214	221	221	223	225
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	192	194	195	199	203
<i>Presumptive</i>	22	27	26	24	22
Total Currently Hospitalized	5	4	4	5	4
Total Currently in Isolation	27	31	33	34	36
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	4	4	4	4	4
Total Negative Test Results	12,311	12,413	12,438	12,538	12,725

*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 our numbers are continuing to increase at a steady pace. This is not good. The most recent cases all point to unwitting and presumably unintentional behavior by residents choosing to attend or host social gatherings where 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. 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. Stopping the increase of COVID-19 cases in our county is really up to YOU, our residents.

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 36 cases in isolation.**

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be today, 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 Health Authority features new COVID-19 dashboard

Shared from [OHA](#). Monday, September 21, 2020, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) launched a new version of the dashboard [Oregon COVID-19 Case Demographics and Disease Severity Statewide](#) to provide more information on the demographics of COVID-19 cases in Oregon. The new dashboard will present case rates per 100,000 people, which more clearly shows disparities in the burden of COVID-19 between demographic groups. In addition to case counts and rates, users will be able to view the percent of cases in each age group, sex, race and ethnicity that have ever been hospitalized for their illness or have died with COVID-19.

Oregon COVID-19 Presumptive

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.

USDA Announces Second Round of Coronavirus Food Assistance For Farmers And Ranchers

Shared from the [Oregon Department of Agriculture](#). On Friday, September 18, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced details of the new \$14 billion Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, or CFAP 2. The program expansion will provide direct payments to farmers and ranchers to partially offset COVID-19 related losses. Sign up for CFAP 2 began September 21 and runs through December 11. Producers interested in signing up can do so at their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office. [FSA Service Center Locator](#).

"Since May, we have urged USDA to include more specialty crops including cranberries, sweet cherries, hazelnuts and hops to the list of crops eligible for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program funding," said Alexis Taylor, director, Oregon Department of Agriculture. *"We are pleased to see more commodities included in this second round of aid. "The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant and continuing market disruptions and these dollars will provide Oregon growers with some much-needed relief."*

The CFAP 2 includes more commodities than the original program which focused on livestock, dairy and non-specialty crop producers. For more information about CFAP 2 eligible commodities and commodity payment rates, the USDA has an online tool to help. [CFAP 2 Eligible Commodities Finder](#). The first round of CFAP aid was only available to producers who suffered losses from January 15 through April 15, 2020. The application period for the first round of CFAP began May 26 and ended September 11.

Applying for CFAP 2 Assistance

Shared from the [Oregon Department of Agriculture](#). Producers can apply for assistance now (Acceptance stated September 21, 2020). Applications will be accepted through December 11, 2020. Additional information, eligibility requirements and application forms can be found online at farmers.gov/cfap. Customers seeking one-on-one support with CFAP 2 application process can call **877-508-8364** to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

Quarantine Relief Fund for Farmworkers

Shared from [OHA](#). Farmworkers who need to quarantine may qualify for the Quarantine Fund, which provides financial support of up to \$ 1,290 to farmworkers who have been exposed to COVID-19 at work or at home and who quarantine for three weeks (21 days).

Who is eligible to apply to this fund? Oregon agricultural workers, 18 years of age or old, who:

- Have had exposure to COVID-19 for which self-quarantining is recommended;
- Are practicing self-quarantining; and
- Are seeking health care assistance during the period of self-quarantine.

Call 1-888-274-7292 to apply for this fund. More information is available on the [Oregon Worker Relief Fund website](#).

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 **Tonight, 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.

UPDATE: 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 5:00 pm, 7 days a week until further notice.** (Please note that the hotline hours have been adjusted, effective September 23, 2020.)

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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