



# 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 30, 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, Wednesday, September 30, 2020, there are **FOUR** people with new positive test results and **TWO** new presumptives since our noon case update yesterday. The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 246\*. Currently, there are **THREE** Douglas County COVID-19 patients being hospitalized locally.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, September 26, 2020	Sunday, September 27, 2020	Monday, September 28, 2020	Tuesday, September 29, 2020	Today, Wednesday, September 30, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	229	233	237	240	<b>246</b>
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	207	210	212	215	<b>219</b>
<i>Presumptive</i>	22	23	25	25	<b>27</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	6	6	5	4	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	38	39	35	36	<b>36</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	4	4	4	4	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	12,793	12,895	12,950	13,025	<b>13,097</b>

### Notice: Case Surge Awareness

As September comes to an end, we sadly mark the month with a surge in cases. This should be very concerning to everyone. We have worked so hard to minimize the spread of the virus, but the numbers are increasing. So, again we would like to remind our residents that this is not a time to let your guard down. We continue to urge residents to protect themselves and their loved ones by following these simple, basic health and safety precautions: washing your hands, staying six feet apart, staying home if you are sick, minimizing travel and wearing a mask were recommended. The most recent cases can be attributed to travel and unwitting and 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. Cases have been linked to social gatherings including: birthday parties, weddings, funerals, prayer groups, play dates, visiting family members and back-to-school events. Again, we ask that you take a moment and revisit how you are socializing and please protect yourself and your loved ones from the spread of this virus. 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.

\*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.

### What Can YOU Do to Prevent The Spread of COVID-19

- Stay home** if you're sick
- Wash your hands often**
- Stay 6 feet away** from people when in public
- Talk to public health** if you think you've been exposed to a known positive case
- Know risks of gatherings** — indoor, larger, close contact all higher risk
- Wear mouth and nose coverings**, to protect others and yourself
- Know your own personal risk**, some people are more high risk
- Limit travel**

**DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK** COVID-19 Hotline (541) 464-6550  
8 am-5 pm, 7 days per week  
Visit [douglaspublichealthnetwork.org](https://douglaspublichealthnetwork.org) for the latest updates on testing and FAQ



### **Local Flu Clinic and Emergency Management Training Exercise**

Douglas Public Health Network, partnering with emergency management and medical personnel from around Douglas County, will be conducting two drive-thru point of dispensing (POD) emergency preparedness exercises to practice rapid dispensing of medications during a public health emergency. These exercises are planned for October 16 and October 30, 2020 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The exercise will include dispensing free flu vaccines to community members 6 months and older to the first 300 participants each day.

If a widespread disease or other emergency were to occur, it may be necessary for the local health department to activate PODs to dispense large amounts of vaccinations, antibiotics or other medicines to the community. This POD exercise is a great opportunity for community members to get vaccinated against the flu and be involved in emergency preparedness planning in Douglas County.

*“Influenza comes around every year and can be very dangerous for some seniors, those with weak immune systems and the occasional otherwise healthy child or young adult who gets a severe case of the flu. This year, COVID-19 will be circulating and the co-existence of COVID and flu will make this a very difficult year. We do not yet have a vaccine for COVID-19 but do have a good vaccine for the flu. So, the very best thing you can do to protect yourself and others in the community is to get a flu shot.”* Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, Douglas County Public Health Officer

POD participants will receive a free flu vaccination administered by area health professionals. They will remain socially distanced in their vehicle throughout the exercise. During the event, participants will be directed through the exercise with local officials and community volunteers. They will be asked to complete a brief intake form, receive medical screening if indicated, proceed to a vaccination station for a free flu vaccine and then exit the exercise. The intake form may be completed and printed prior to arrival by using the Dispense Assist website at <https://www.dispenseassist.net/flu.html>

These exercises help our community prepare for public health emergencies and are in partnership with several local and state agencies including Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Oregon Health Authority, Aviva Health, Mercy Medical Center, Umpqua Community College and Red Cross.

### **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 in isolation.**

### **Getting Tested & Testing Clinics**

**The next drive-through testing clinic will be Friday, October 2, 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 1521 people tested in 73 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](http://Oregon Health Authority), [Centers for Disease Control](http://Centers for Disease Control), and [211Info](http://211Info).

### **Oregon Health Authority features new COVID-19 dashboard**

Shared from [OHA](http://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](http://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.

### **Special Notice: 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 through 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.

### **ODOT: Interactive 2020 Get There Challenge is On!**

Shared from [ODOT](#). COVID-19 has caused unprecedented disruption to daily life. Get ahead with new mindsets and lessons learned during this year's annual 2020 Get There Challenge, running October 5 through October 18, 2020. New this year, build skills and healthy habits by unlocking 20 different online remote work and transportation options achievements—many that can be done from home—to earn badges and points toward weekly and grand prizes like home WiFi extenders, Hydro Flasks, Dutch Bros coffee, a \$500 cash card, and more. Achievements include optimizing your home WiFi, sharpening bike maintenance skills, joining scavenger hunts, and logging remote work days and trips made by bike, foot, transit, carpool, and vanpool. Anyone age 18 or older who lives and/or works in Oregon can join the Get There Challenge at any time, Oct. 5-18, by visiting [GetThereOregon.org](#). Get There is a program of the Oregon Department of Transportation.

### **OHA: Facebook Live Today with OHA: Experts Discuss Mental Health**

Shared from [OHA](#) press release. We know this is an incredibly challenging time for a lot of Oregonians. As many of us continue to deal with the devastating effects of wildfires and COVID-19, we've heard questions and concerns about the mental health impacts of these events. Join OHA today, Wednesday, 30, 2020 at 1:00 pm, for tips on protecting your mental health during this difficult time and to ask our experts your mental health questions. The event takes place on [OHA's Facebook page](#) and [OHA en Español](#). You can sign up for a reminder, watch live today or check out the recorded version later.

### **Oregon Law Center: Eviction Moratorium Protects Renters Through Dec. 31**

Shared from [OHA](#) press release. The state issued a new Executive Order ensuring that Oregon renters are protected from eviction until Dec. 31, 2020. Landlords cannot evict tenants for nonpayment during this time. Landlords also cannot use most kinds of no-cause notices until the end of the moratorium. Find out more about this moratorium on the [Oregon Law Center Website](#).

### **OHA: Back to College: Staying Safe in The Dorms**

Shared from [OHA](#) press release.. If you are planning to head to college this fall, here are a few health and safety tips to keep in mind while living in the dorms, an apartment with others or during times in congregate settings:

- Stay at least six feet apart from people you don't live with. This may mean taking turns when using elevators or stairwells, or when using shared living spaces like a bathroom, kitchen, laundry or exercise room.
- Wear a mask or face covering in shared spaces with people who don't live with you.
- Keep visitors to a minimum, just like you would at home. Indoor gatherings are still limited to 10 people or fewer.
- Practice good hand hygiene.
- Don't share food, dishes, glasses or eating utensils.
- Don't place personal items like toothbrushes on shared surfaces like sinks or counters. Put these items in a tote that you can carry to avoid touching the surface.

This graphic shows more tips for keeping safe in the dorm and other shared areas. You can find more tips [on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#). Oregon schools also maintain their own pages about COVID-19 safety regulations. You can find links to these pages on [Oregon's Higher Education Coordination Commission website](#).

### **Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer**

Join us **Friday, October 2, 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 Workplace Outbreaks to be Listed by OHA**

The Oregon Health Authority will be listing one school outbreak and two workplace outbreaks in Douglas County in their Wednesday, September 30, 2020, weekly COVID report. OHA attributes cases through use of what, they define as an epidemiological link or an eplink. An eplink is a place or person or a group who've tested positive for COVID-19 have in common, such as a workplace or family member. When OHA declares a workplace or school outbreak, which it does on a weekly basis, it does not mean that the workplace was the source of the outbreak, only that the worksite is the shared "eplink." [Click here to read the OHA Workplace Outbreak FAQ](#).

As of September 23, 2020, OHA's policy related to school outbreaks is to report outbreaks with 2 or more cases in school settings with the capacity for more than 16 students. Case counts include all persons linked to the outbreak (eplinks), which may include household members or other close contacts of cases, and not just employees, staff or students at the school. Locally, OHA will list a school outbreak linked to the Sutherlin School District.

In a letter to parents posted to their website, on Sunday, September 27, 2020, Sutherlin School District Superintendent, Terry Prestianni, stated, "We are working very closely with local public health and the Oregon Health Authority to notify parents of

*the children in the cohort that the child that tested positive was in, and are asking them to quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.”*

The release went on to quote, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, the Douglas County Public Health Officer, *“This is a great example of a school doing everything right regarding student cohorts, reducing risk and mitigating transmission of COVID-19 in a school setting. School officials are working very closely with DPHN and myself to care for the one positive case and advise parents, families and staff that are close contacts. We believe the risk is low to the school community and DPHN remains available to support the families that are quarantining.”*

OHA’s policy related to workplace outbreaks is to report outbreaks with 5 or more cases and only for workplaces where there are at least 30 employees. Case counts include all persons linked to the outbreak (epilinks), which may include household members or other close contacts of cases, and not just employees, staff or visitors at the workplace. Locally, OHA will list workplace outbreaks linked to Roseburg VA Health Care System and Mercy Medical Center.

Dr. Dannenhoffer, and the staff at DPHN are working in conjunction with both officials and staff at both medical facilities providing vital epidemiology investigation, including communicating with cases and contacts of cases, providing information, charting, resources and guidance, as well as assisting with testing and jointly supporting those that are in isolation or quarantine.

*“We believe that it is safe for residents to continue to seek medical care at both the Roseburg VA and Mercy Medical Center, because they have been focused on safeguarding the welfare of their patients by quickly identifying and isolating any cases. They have also put strict COVID protocols in place that require staff to follow proper PPE procedures while on duty, conduct screenings of everyone who enters their facilities, limit and monitor visitors and follow all CDC guidelines to mitigate the transmission of the virus to staff, patients as well as the larger community,”* commented Dr. Dannenhoffer.

OHA started reporting workplace, school and care facility outbreaks since early June, with the majority of cases now reporting as recovered. The OHA weekly report on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 listed 110 workplaces with current and/or resolved outbreaks in Oregon. For more information on how OHA determines and reports workplace outbreaks, log onto: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

### **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](mailto:2020.archiecreek@firenet.gov). The **Thielsen Fire** [Website](#), [Facebook page](#), phone number: (541) 595-8227 and email: [2020.Thielsen@firenet.gov](mailto: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 5:00 pm, 7 days a week until further notice.** (Please note that the hotline hours were adjusted on 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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