



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 – October 1, 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, Thursday, October 1, 2020, there are **THREE** people with new positive test results and **TWO** presumptives that have been moved to positive 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 249*. Currently, there are **THREE** Douglas County COVID-19 patients being hospitalized locally.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Sunday, September 27, 2020	Monday, September 28, 2020	Tuesday, September 29, 2020	Wednesday, September 30, 2020	Today, Thursday, October 1, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	233	237	240	246	249
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	210	212	215	219	224
<i>Presumptive</i>	23	25	25	27	25
Total Currently Hospitalized	6	5	4	3	3
Total Currently in Isolation	39	35	36	36	31
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	4	4	4	4	4
Total Negative Test Results	12,895	12,950	13,025	13,097	13,181

Notice: Case Surge Awareness

The news is that we are still on a case increase trend. 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 for the latest updates on testing and FAQ



Reminder: 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 31 cases in isolation, as well as another 174 contacts in quarantine in Douglas County. Isolation is recommended for confirmed and presumptive cases, quarantine is recommended for contacts of confirmed or presumptive cases. As of today, the staff at DPHN is actively supporting over 200 people in either quarantine or isolation. This number represents a snapshot of the significant amount of work being done by our county and our public health to help control the spread of COVID-19.**

Getting Tested

Should I get Tested for COVID-19?

DPHN created a new informational graphic that talks about getting tested for COVID-19 that should help residents understand when they should ask for a COVID test.

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 1549 people tested in 77 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.

Should I get tested for COVID-19?

Q&A

YES! As soon as possible.

WAIT... At least 5-8 days after your last exposure. Most people start feeling sick 5-8 days after exposure, but symptoms may appear in as few as 2 or as long as 14 days. A negative test does NOT mean you can end your self-quarantine.

NO. Unless you feel ill or are specifically directed by DPHN, testing is probably not needed.

I am currently sick with COVID-19-like symptoms: (cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, nausea, loss of smell or taste, muscle aches, runny nose.)

I am not sick but have been in contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19.

I am not sick but I have been in contact with someone who was in contact with someone who is positive.

DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK Learn more at douglaspublichealthnetwork.org or call (541) 440-3571.

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.

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 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, 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](#).

Making sense of truth vs. rumor

Shared from [OHA](#). There is so much information to be had on the internet, it can be hard to make sense of what is fact and what is fiction. The Oregon Pediatric Society (OPS) addresses the issue in the article "Rumors I've heard about COVID-19 – Myth or Fact?" The authors, Megan Jacobs, MD, MSCS, and Jessica Serrano, MD, MPH, are adolescent medicine pediatricians at Oregon Health & Science University. They encourage addressing the challenges youth and young adults face during the pandemic and the changes that are a part of these times, as well as COVID-19 safety. The authors remind us that, "people we love may have pre-existing medical conditions or a higher risk of getting more sick from COVID that we don't even know about. Even though mask-wearing can protect the wearer, the best reason for wearing a mask is that it can protect others. If you ever think, 'Maybe I don't need a mask for this,' ask yourself, 'How would I feel if I accidentally gave this person COVID-19?' The article also addresses common myths such as the idea that drinking alcohol will burn away the novel coronavirus and prevent people from becoming sick. The fact is that drinking alcohol, bleach and other cleaning products does not kill COVID-19 or prevent you from getting sick. In fact, these items can be very dangerous to your health. You can find the full article on the [OPS website](#). You can also check out the Douglas Public Health Network's myth buster videos on their [YouTube Channel](#).

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

➔ Douglas County (541) 672-3311

➔ Douglas Public Health Network (541) 440-3571

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 DCSSO 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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