



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 2, 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, October 2, 2020, there are **THREE** people with new 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 252*. Currently, there are **THREE** Douglas County COVID-19 patients being hospitalized. One is being hospitalized out of the area, and the other two are hospitalized locally.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Monday, September 28, 2020	Tuesday, September 29, 2020	Wednesday, September 30, 2020	Thursday, October 1, 2020	Today, Friday, October 2, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	237	240	246	246	252
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	212	215	219	219	227
<i>Presumptive</i>	25	25	27	27	25
Total Currently Hospitalized	5	4	3	3	3
Total Currently in Isolation	35	36	36	36	29
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	4	4	4	4	4
Total Negative Test Results	12,950	13,025	13,097	13,097	13,273

Case Surge Awareness

Three new cases today means 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 on the rise. 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 or 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 29 cases in isolation, as well as another 177 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 & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Today, 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.

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 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.

Safe Halloween During COVID-19 with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer- DPHN

As we approach yet another season filled with iconic events and holidays during the time of COVID-19, our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, the team at Douglas Public Health Network, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and the Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team have put together a few tips about ways to safely celebrate Halloween this year, during the time of COVID-19. Check out the video DPHN and Dr. Bob posted on the DPHN Facebook page about celebrating safely this Halloween during the time of COVID-19.

<https://www.facebook.com/DouglasPublicHealthNetwork/videos/2740747149503780/>

“A year without Halloween will be a very sad year for many people.” Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, Douglas County Public Health Officer. We recommend that families, households and community members make choices in celebrating Halloween and participating in Halloween activities based on their level of risk tolerance.

Here is a list of suggested things not to do:

- 1) Refrain from hosting or attending indoor Halloween parties.
- 2) Do not go on a hay ride full of people not from your immediate household.
- 3) Refrain from going with a large group trick or treating.
- 4) Refrain from going door-to-door trick or treating where you have in-person contact with others passing out candy.
- 5) Refrain from handing out candy to trick-or-treaters in-person, face-to-face.

Here is a list of suggested safe ways to celebrate:

- 1) Opt to stay home this year and create fun games or activities for your kids to do. Ideas: a fun scavenger hunt around the home or a pumpkin craft or make fun Halloween themed food.
- 2) Sit on your couch watching Halloween movies with members of your immediate household.
- 3) Decorate the outside of your home with fun Fall and/or Halloween decorations for people to see as they drive by.
- 4) Host or log onto a virtual Halloween party to show off your costume and chat.

Here is a list of suggested ways to still be safe if you choose to go out: (The in-betweeners)

- 1) Wear a mask that covers both your mouth and your nose. Most Halloween masks are not made to protect in this manner, and only wearing face make up definitely does not do the job.
- 2) Keep a six-foot distance from anyone not from your household. Avoid crowds.
- 3) Take hay ride with only members of your immediate household in the cart. Make sure driver is more than 6 feet from you and everyone is wearing masks.
- 4) Go to the pumpkin patch, but stay with members of your immediate household, keep your distance from others and wear a mask.
- 5) Find creative ways to safely distribute Halloween candy with no or minimal face-to-face contact, like installing a long (six feet or longer) tube to slide candy down to the trick-or-treaters. Or placing a bowl of candy on your porch or entry. You can safely watch the trick-or-treaters from inside your home.
- 6) Go to a Drive-in Movie
- 7) Go for a drive to look at all the Halloween Decorations.
- 8) Post fun videos or pictures of the kids in their costumes online.
- 9) Attend or drive by an outdoor/open air haunted house, where hosts are wearing masks and keeping their distance. In this case perhaps 10 feet away.

Whatever your plans, we hope you have a safe and fun Halloween despite COVID. Please be safe and be kind.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us **Tonight, 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 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 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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