



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 6, 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, Tuesday, October 6, 2020, there are **THREE** people with new positive test results and **ONE** presumptive that has been moved to 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 is now at 262*. Currently, there are **TWO** Douglas County COVID-19 patients being hospitalized. One is being hospitalized out of the area, and the other one is being hospitalized locally.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Friday, October 2, 2020	Saturday, October 3, 2020	Sunday, October 4, 2020	Monday, October 5, 2020	Today, Tuesday, October 6, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	252	252	256	259	262
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	227	227	230	231	235
<i>Presumptive</i>	25	25	26	28	27
Total Currently Hospitalized	3	3	3	2	2
Total Currently in Isolation	29	29	28	29	26
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	4	4	4	4	4
Total Negative Test Results	13,273	13,393	13,434	13,533	13,607

WILDFIRE RECOVERY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Douglas County Board of Commissioners, have set up a webpage for Douglas County [Wildfire Information and Updates](#). The webpage includes wildfire updates and information about recovery and assistance programs available for those affected by the recent wildfires.

Currently, residents affected by the recent wildfires can sign up for a program to assist them with the removal of household hazardous waste at no cost to them. [Click here to access the Douglas County “Free Wildfire Household Hazardous Waste Removal Program” information webpage.](#)

To apply for the free household hazardous waste removal program, residents affected by the local wildfires just simply need to fill out and return the [Right-of-Entry Permit Form](#) as soon as possible to grant state contractors access to your property. The link will take you to a webpage that is being managed by a consultant for the state of Oregon that is managing household hazardous waste removal. **Please note that residents must act by October 15, 2020 in order to participate.**

For additional information about this program, residents can call (541) 440-6011. Help sessions have also been set up for residents to stop by and sign up for the program and/or drop off their forms.

Donation Center, Old Glide Middle School Gym
Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Douglas Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds
Wednesday, October 8, 2020 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Please continue to monitor the Douglas Forest Protective Association’s [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for local wildfire updates. For evacuation information please monitor the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office [website](#) or [Facebook page](#). **Please call 911 to report any signs of new fires.**



Increase in Case Numbers Continues to Be an Issue

We see an increase in cases again today in Douglas County. 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.*

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 26 cases in isolation, as well as another 124 contacts in quarantine in Douglas County. Isolation is recommended for confirmed and presumptive cases, quarantine is recommended for contacts of confirmed or presumptive cases. 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, Tuesday, October 6, 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 1579 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.

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



Know your own personal risk, some people are more high risk



Wear mouth and nose coverings, to protect others and yourself



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

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 **Tonight, Tuesday, October 6, 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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