



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

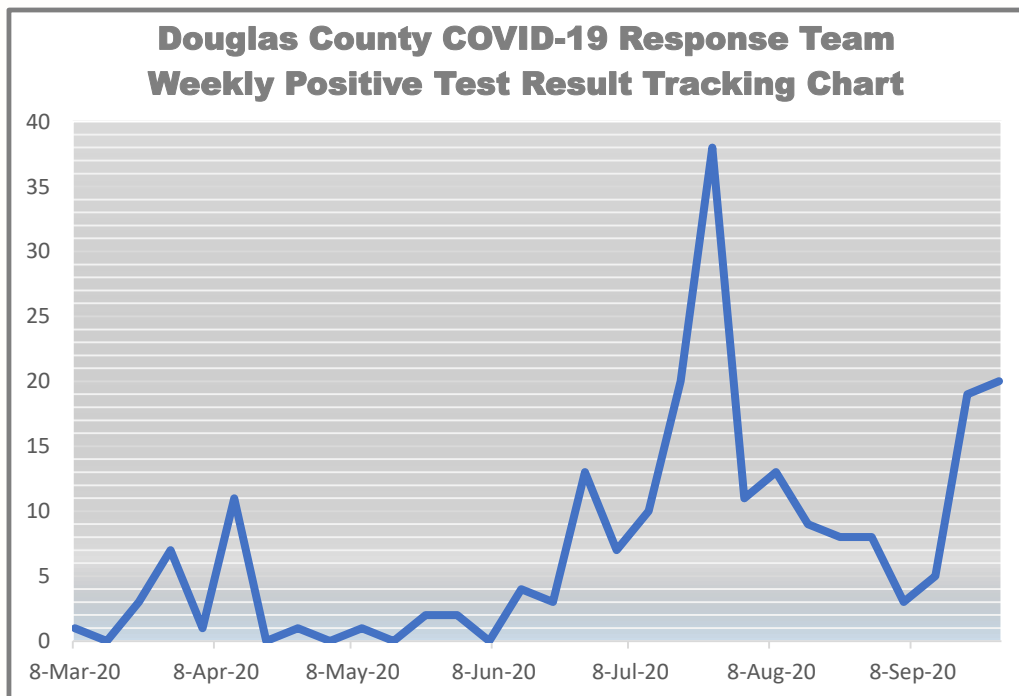
Our local COVID-19 updates represent the coordinated effort of the agencies that make up the DCCRT

## JOINT INFORMATION CENTER PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 8, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results: The Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team continues to focus our efforts on our local COVID-19 response. **As of 12:00 pm today, Thursday, October 8, 2020, there are FOUR people with new positive test results and THREE 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 275\*. Currently, there are **THREE** Douglas County COVID-19 patients being hospitalized. One is being hospitalized out of the area, and the other two are being hospitalized locally.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Sunday, October 4, 2020	Monday, October 5, 2020	Tuesday, October 6, 2020	Wednesday, October 7, 2020	Today, Thursday, October 8, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	256	259	262	268	<b>275</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</b>	230	231	235	239	<b>243</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	26	28	27	29	<b>32</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	3	2	2	3	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	28	29	26	29	<b>29</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	4	4	4	4	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	13,434	13,533	13,607	13,666	<b>13,836</b>

\*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.



**Prevention is the Best Medicine**  
As you can see from our Douglas County Weekly Positive Test Result Tracking Chart, which tracks the weekly positive test results since our first case was reported in early March, we have seen many up and down weeks, but most notably the unfortunate spike in the middle of July. **What we also wanted to bring your attention to is the fact that our positive test results are again on the rise.** This should be very concerning for our residents. The DCCRT team continues to encourage residents to protect themselves and their loved ones by practicing prevention measures to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Residents can protect themselves



and their families by following these simple, basic health and safety precautions:

- Washing and sanitizing your hands frequently.
- Staying at least six feet apart from anyone not from in immediate household.
- Staying home from work, shopping, school and play if you are sick.
- Minimizing travel and visitors.
- Wearing a mask were recommended.

Our 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.

### **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 150 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 Friday, October 9, 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 1612 people tested in 79 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).

### **OHA Weekly Report Shows Slight Increase In New Daily Cases**

[OHA's Weekly Report](#), released on Wednesday, October 8, shows that during the week of Monday, September 28 through Sunday, October 4, 2020, that 2,055 new cases of COVID-19 were reported – up 3 percent from last week's tally of 1,999. The number of newly tested Oregonians decreased by 7 percent to 22,548, while the percentage of tests that were positive increased slightly to 6.3 percent. Twenty-five Oregonians were reported to have died in association with COVID-19 – up from 18 the previous week. One hundred nineteen Oregonians were hospitalized, down from 143 the previous week.

### **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

## 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](http://douglaspublichealthnetwork.org) for the latest updates on testing and FAQ



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.

### **COVID-19 Travel Caution: Please 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 9, 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](#).

### **Aviva Health: North Douglas County Free Flu Shot Clinics**

Shared from [Aviva Health](#). Flu season is upon us and the Aviva Health's North County Clinic will be hosting free, no appointment necessary flu shot clinics on Friday, October 23, 2020, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and again on Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Aviva Health North County Clinic is located at 316 West A Avenue in Drain. Click [here](#) for the event flyer. For more information about the free flu shot clinics contact Aviva Health at (541) 672-9596, or by email at [info@aviva.health](mailto:info@aviva.health) or by logging onto their website at [www.aviva.health](http://www.aviva.health) or their social media at [www.facebook.com/avivahealthor](https://www.facebook.com/avivahealthor).

### **Wildfire Information and Recovery Assistance**

Douglas County Board of Commissioners, set up a webpage for Douglas County [Wildfire Information and Updates](#). The webpage includes wildfire updates, as well as 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.

Local wildfire information is available directly from the links listed here. 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) 625-0687 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.**

### **Oregon DMV: Tips for Getting DMV Services**

Shared from the [DMV](#). The Oregon DMV is continuing to improve its services by adding more appointments, expanding online services and retrofitting offices to catch up with its backlog. However, customers who need DMV services this fall and into 2021, should start early to set an appointment. It will take months for DMV to catch up with the backlog created by the 10-week closure of offices due to COVID-19. Here's what DMV is doing to catch up safely:

**Appointments:** Due to COVID-19 safe distancing needs, DMV offices are open by appointment only for the foreseeable future. Driver license and ID cards, including the Real ID option, and knowledge tests must be done in person. The only exception is if you need to replace a card that's lost, damaged or stolen, you can order it at [DMV2U.Oregon.gov](http://DMV2U.Oregon.gov). Customers – including commercial driver license holders and new applicants – can set appointments themselves at [DMV2U.Oregon.gov](http://DMV2U.Oregon.gov). Please be aware that the earliest available appointments are weeks away at some of our busier offices. With DMV's new computer system and four months of experience running by appointment only, we have increased our appointment capacity by 27%. During September, we went from 16,000 appointments per week to 22,000. If you need a VIN inspection, check your local office page on [OregonDMV.com](http://OregonDMV.com) to see if drive-up VIN inspections are available. Otherwise, you need to schedule an appointment for a VIN inspection.

**Drive Tests:** DMV has not yet resumed behind-the-wheel test appointments. We are preparing to offer this service by appointment in some offices by December. We will announce the date with a news release.

**Calling DMV:** If you call DMV, expect long wait times or a message that the phone system is beyond capacity. We continue to update our website with helpful information, so save yourself some time and check [OregonDMV.com](http://OregonDMV.com) before calling. You may find what you need without waiting on hold by phone. DMV is recruiting and training additional employees now in order to open another call center at headquarters this fall.

**Do It Yourself:** Many DMV services are now available online at [DMV2U.Oregon.gov](http://DMV2U.Oregon.gov). You can replace a lost, stolen or damaged driver license or ID card, change your address, order a driving record, pay a reinstatement fee, renew your registration, and more from the comfort of your home.

**This Season's Sno-Park Permits Now Available Online:** Sno-Park permits, required to park in Oregon's winter recreation areas Nov. 1 through April 30, are available at [DMV2U.Oregon.gov](https://dmv2u.oregon.gov) as well as from businesses around the state. Sno-Park permits will not be issued from DMV offices this season. Before you drive to the mountains, check [TripCheck.com](https://tripcheck.com) to see if your destination is open after Oregon's devastating wildfires.

**Where's My Title and Registration?** Title transfers and other mailed-in services are taking 2-3 months because of the backlog. We understand this is frustrating and continue to seek ways to leverage our updated technology and hire/train new employees to shorten the COVID-19 backlog. Please allow 10-12 weeks for processing your title before calling DMV to check the status of your transaction. Find out [how to submit a title transfer by mail here](#).

**If You Can't Renew Before Your Expiration Date:** The Oregon law enforcement moratorium on expiring driver licenses, ID cards, vehicle registration and more is in effect through December 31, 2020. Find out what the moratorium covers here: [https://www.oregon.gov/odot/DMV/docs/Citation\\_Moratorium\\_Memo.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/odot/DMV/docs/Citation_Moratorium_Memo.pdf) Will this moratorium be extended? We don't know yet, but discussions are underway.

## 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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