



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 9, 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, Friday, October 9, 2020, there are SEVEN 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 282*. Currently, there are **THREE** Douglas County COVID-19 patients being hospitalized locally.

OHA Update: Thursday, October 8, 2020 Marked the Highest Number of Daily COVID-19 Cases in Oregon
Shared from [OHA](#). Over the past few weeks, Oregon has seen a steady rise in daily cases. Sadly, yesterday we saw the highest number of COVID-19 cases reported in Oregon in a single day since the beginning of the pandemic in Oregon. Yesterday, Oregon reported 484 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases. During a media briefing yesterday, Deputy State Health Officer and State Epidemiologist Dr. Tom Jeanne said that cases have been caused by infections passed along at social gatherings, workplaces and long-term care facilities. The increase in cases has reversed the progress Oregonians had made in the late summer, and their most recent modeling shows the virus is spreading more rapidly, just as we enter the fall and winter when Oregonians will spend more time indoors. That means that COVID-19 is in communities across Oregon. When the virus is in the community, it will spread if people don't take precautions to prevent the spread. If people don't continue to follow the suggested health and safety precautions (Three w's: wash your hands, watch your distance and wear masks were recommended), and continue to socialize frequently with people outside their households or gather in groups, the virus will enter our workplaces, our schools and our nursing homes. Dr. Jeanne reminds us: Every one of us needs to continue to take this threat seriously. The choices we make affect not only us and our families but our neighbors, our communities and the most vulnerable people among us. You have worked hard to limit the spread of COVID-19. Keep it up: Wear face coverings, keep physically distant, frequently wash your hands, and avoid gathering in groups.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

| Date | Monday, October 5, 2020 | Tuesday, October 6, 2020 | Wednesday, October 7, 2020 | Thursday, October 8, 2020 | Today, Friday, October 9, 2020 |
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| Total COVID-19 Cases | 259 | 262 | 268 | 275 | 282 |
| <i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i> | 231 | 235 | 239 | 243 | 250 |
| <i>Presumptive</i> | 28 | 27 | 29 | 32 | 32 |
| Total Currently Hospitalized | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Total Currently in Isolation | 29 | 26 | 29 | 29 | 35 |
| Total COVID-19 Related Deaths | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Total Negative Test Results | 13,533 | 13,607 | 13,666 | 13,836 | 13,882 |

*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 Survey: Most State Residents Wear Masks in Public, But Many Continue to Gather Socially on Frequent Basis
Shared from [OHA](#). OHA released two surveys yesterday that showed that a large majority of people in Oregon are taking steps to limit their exposure to the COVID-19 virus. A [survey of 1,000 Oregonians](#), conducted by DHM Research, found the following:

- More than eight in 10 report wearing masks nearly all of the time while in public indoor spaces.



- More than two in three avoid crowded places.
- More than six in 10 are staying 6 feet apart when in public.

The survey also found the following about how often people attend gatherings:

- Half of Oregonians report attending about four or more social gatherings in the previous two weeks.
- One in five Oregonians say they have attended at least one social gathering of more than 10 people in the past two weeks.
- 16% of respondents said they participated in 11 or more social gatherings in the previous two weeks.

A separate [survey of 468 Latinx Oregonians](#) conducted in Spanish by Lara Media found the following:

- 87% of respondents report wearing a face mask nearly all of the time while in public indoor spaces.
- More than half of respondents avoid crowded places.
- More than six in 10 are staying 6 feet apart when in public.

The survey found different levels of concern about COVID-19 among respondents based on age, geography, political views and race/ethnicity. Latinos expressed higher levels of concern than whites and reported wearing masks more frequently. Members of the Latinx community have accounted for nearly 40% of Oregon’s COVID-19 cases.

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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 35 cases in isolation, as well as another 130 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, 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

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

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.

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 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.

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 **Tonight, 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](#).

Red Cross: Urgent Need for Blood Donations Continues

The American Red Cross still has an urgent need for blood donations to prevent another blood shortage. Donors are needed to make and keep scheduled appointments to help meet the current need. If you are healthy, feeling well and eligible to give blood or platelets, you are urged to make an appointment to donate as soon as possible. Donate your blood and save a life. Remember, appointments are required, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767 to schedule today.

Local Upcoming Blood Drives:

Friday, October 9 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr, 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd.

Monday, October 12 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Roseburg Blood Donation Ctr, 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd.



Tuesday, October 13 12:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Church on the Rise, 3500 NE Diamond Lake Blvd, Roseburg

Tuesday, October 13 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Reedsport High School, 2260 Longwood Dr, Reedsport

Thursday, October 15 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Masonic Temple Aurora Lodge #59, 626 Winchester Ave,
Reedsport

Thursday, October 15 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wal-Mart, 2125 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg

Monday, October 19 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Coastal Farm & Ranch 782 NE Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg
Monday, October 19 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm Roseburg Blood Donation Center, 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd.



BATTLE OF THE BADGES
Respond to the call. Give blood.

Blood Drive
City of Roseburg Police

Public Safety Building
South Umpqua Rm. 203
700 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg

Friday, October 30, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, contact Jeff Eichenbusch (541-672-6760, jeichenbusch@cityofroseburg.org) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Roseburg Police

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| Thursday, October 22 | 11:30 am - 5:00 pm | Mobile Tune, 504 SE Rose Street, Roseburg |
| Friday, October 23 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | Roseburg Blood Donation Center, 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd. |
| Monday, October 26 | 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm | Roseburg Blood Donation Center, 1176 NW Garden Valley Blvd. |
| Monday, October 26 | 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm | LDS Church, 2001 W. Bertha Ave., Roseburg |
| Friday, October 30 | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Roseburg Public Safety Center, 700 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg |
| Friday, November 6 | 10:30 am – 4:00 pm | Sutherlin Community Center, 150 S Willamette St., Sutherlin |
| Monday, November 9 | 10:30 am - 3:00 pm | Glide Rural Fire Protection District, 18910 N Umpqua Hwy, Glide |

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 & Thielsen Fire [Website](#), [Facebook page](#)**, phone number: (971) 334-7674 or (541) 625-0687 and emails: 2020.archiecreek@firenet.gov and 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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