



# 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 14, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results: Unfortunately, we have reached 300 cases in Douglas County. The Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team remains committed to our local COVID-19 response. **As of 12:00 pm today, Tuesday, October 14, 2020, there are NINE people with new positive test results and one new presumptive since our noon case update yesterday.** The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 300\*. Currently, there are **FOUR** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized. One is being hospitalized out of the area, while three are being hospitalized locally.

### Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Saturday, October 10, 2020	Sunday, October 11, 2020	Monday, October 12, 2020	Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Today, Wednesday, October 14, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	287	287	287	290	<b>300</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</b>	255	255	255	258	<b>267</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	32	32	32	32	<b>33</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	4	4	4	4	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	36	34	34	30	<b>40</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	4	4	4	4	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	13,990	14,069	14,157	14,279	<b>14,361</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.

#### What Can YOU Do to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

We know we sound like a broken record, but our primary focus is to do everything we can to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of our residents. Today we are reporting a significant spike in new cases. With many holidays on the horizon and people yearning for social activities and parents already expressing remote teaching fatigue, it's important that everyone get back on track with COVID-19 prevention measures or we will not be able to get back to living a normal life again. So, it is definitely not the time to forgo your preventative COVID-19 health and safety measures. The DCCRT team continues to encourage residents to protect themselves, their loved ones and their communities 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 your immediate household.

#### What Can YOU Do to Prevent The Spread of COVID-19

 <b>Stay home</b> if you're sick	 <b>Wash your hands often</b>
 <b>Stay 6 feet away</b> from people when in public	 <b>Talk to public health</b> if you think you've been exposed to a known positive case
 <b>Know risks of gatherings</b> — indoor, larger, close contact all higher risk	 <b>Know your own personal risk</b> , some people are more high risk
 <b>Wear mouth and nose coverings</b> , to protect others and yourself	 <b>Limit travel</b>

 **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



- Staying home from work, shopping, school and play if you are sick.
- Minimizing travel and limiting 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 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.

### **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 40 cases in isolation, as well as another 152 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 16, 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 1645 people tested in 81 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](#), [Centers for Disease Control](#), and [211Info](#).

### **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 **Friday, October 16, 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 Outbreaks to be Listed by OHA**

The Oregon Health Authority will be listing one school outbreak and one care facility COVID-19 outbreak in Douglas County in their Wednesday, October 14, 2020, weekly COVID report. OHA attributes cases through use of what, they define as an epidemiological link or an eplink. An eplink is a place or person or a group who've tested positive for COVID-19 have in common, such as a school, workplace, facility or family member. When OHA declares a school or care facility outbreak, which it does on a weekly basis, it does not mean that the location was the source of the outbreak, only that the worksite is the shared "eplink."

As of September 23, 2020, OHA's policy related to school outbreaks is to report outbreaks with 2 or more cases in school settings with the capacity for more than 16 students. Case counts include all persons linked to the outbreak (eplinks), which may include household members or other close contacts of cases, and not just employees, staff or students at the school. OHA is publishing data on COVID-19 cases associated with schools that offer in-person instruction. According to OHA, the notice is to inform the public of potential COVID-19 exposure and to provide transparency surrounding COVID-19 in schools. School is defined as any place of learning for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade, or a subset, with at least 30 students enrolled. This includes, but is not limited to, public schools, private schools, parochial and charter schools. Staff is defined as any person who works full time or part-time at the school, regardless of their position. A volunteer is defined as any person who volunteers onsite. Locally, OHA will list a school outbreak linked to the South Umpqua School District.

*"We are working very closely with local public health and the Oregon Health Authority to ensure the safety of all students and staff. As soon as the Douglas Public Health Network informed us that a student in our district tested positive for COVID-19, we started notifying staff, and parents of the children in the cohort that a student tested positive, asking them to quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms. We will continue to follow and maintain the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education guidelines; namely practicing handwashing, physical distancing to the degree we can, requiring people wear masks inside the building, and upholding cleaning and disinfecting protocols."* Kate McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools, South Umpqua School District

OHA's policy related to care facilities, senior living communities, and congregate living settings outbreaks is to report outbreaks with three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases or one or more deaths. Case counts include all persons linked to the outbreak (eplinks), which may include household members or other close contacts of cases, and not just employees, staff or visitors at the care facility. Locally, OHA will list an outbreak linked to Umpqua Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, a division of Avalon Health Care Management.

*"Our top priority will always be the health and safety of our residents and staff. We continue to follow proper infection control procedures for those who have tested positive. We are working closely with our local public health officials to prevent further spread of the virus."* Robert Barry, Administrator, Umpqua Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Dr. Dannenhoffer, and the staff at DPHN are working in conjunction with officials and staff at both facilities providing vital epidemiology investigation, including communicating with cases and contacts of cases, providing information, charting, resources and guidance, as well as assisting with testing and jointly supporting those that are in isolation or quarantine.

*"South Umpqua has been following public health guidelines regarding student cohorts, reducing risk and mitigating transmission of COVID-19 in a school setting. School officials are working very closely with DPHN and myself to care for the positive case and advise parents, families and staff that are close contacts. The staff at Avalon Health Care Management and Umpqua Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center have also been working closely with DPHN to limit exposure to staff and patients and to mitigate transmission. We believe the risk is low to both the school community and the general community in both outbreaks."* commented Dr. Dannenhoffer.

OHA started reporting workplace, school and care facility outbreaks since early June, with the majority of cases now reporting as recovered. For more information on how OHA determines and reports outbreaks, log onto:

<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

## 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 the Business Oregon's Navigator Hotline at (833) 604-0880. For information on COVID-19 in Oregon, call 211 or visit [211info](#)

**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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