



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 15, 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 remains committed to our local COVID-19 response. **As of 12:00 pm today, Thursday, October 15, 2020, there is ONE person with a new 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 301*. Currently, there are **TWO** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized. One is being hospitalized out of the area, while the other one is being hospitalized locally.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Sunday, October 11, 2020	Monday, October 12, 2020	Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Wednesday, October 14, 2020	Today, Thursday, October 15, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	287	287	290	300	301
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	255	255	258	267	268
Presumptive	32	32	32	33	33
Total Currently Hospitalized	4	4	4	4	2
Total Currently in Isolation	34	34	30	40	41
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	4	4	4	4	4
Total Negative Test Results	14,069	14,157	14,279	14,361	14,472

*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. Yesterday, we reported a significant spike in new cases. With the onset of cold/flu season, holiday happenings on the horizon, 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. It is definitely not the time to forgo your preventative COVID-19 health and safety measures. If you still want to partake in social activities, we ask that you do so with safety in mind. 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

- 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**

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- 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.

Aviva Health Offering Veterans Free Flu Shots at 2020 Veterans’ Day Parade

Shared from Aviva. Aviva Health is providing area veterans free flu shots at this year’s Douglas County Veterans’ Day Parade Wednesday, November 11, at 11:00 am. Organizers of this year’s event are planning a reverse parade, where floats and other elements of the parade will remain stationary while visitors to the event drive by them in their cars. Proper social distancing and masking guidelines will be followed to protect people from COVID-19. Aviva Health typically hosts a Veterans’ Day event at its Roseburg campus called Vets and Their Pets, but the pandemic forced the organization to cancel this year’s festivities. Still, Aviva Health intends to honor and assist those who have served in a meaningful way.

“While we cannot host our annual event this year, we remain committed to honoring and supporting women and men in Douglas County who bravely and selflessly served our country,” says Aviva Health CEO KC Bolton, himself a retired U.S. Army colonel. *“We’re very pleased to partner with other community organizations and participate in this safe alternative to traditional Veterans’ Day celebrations.”*

There are many reasons to get a flu vaccine, and with the COVID-19 pandemic still impacting communities across the globe, it’s especially important this year. *“The flu is most dangerous for older adults and young children,”* says Shanthi Kappagoda, MD, clinical associate professor of infectious diseases at Stanford Medicine. *“In addition, every fall and winter hospitals see an increase in patients because of the flu, and there’s concern they will become overwhelmed with COVID-19 and flu patients.”* Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor’s visits annually and can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization for children, working-age adults, and senior citizens, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

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 41 cases in isolation, as well as another 154 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. 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](#). In the meantime, check out Dr. Bob's latest video with his creative 'Trick-or-Treat' candy delivery system. As always, please remember be safe and be kind. <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasPublicHealthNetwork/videos/661129401468910/>

REMINDER: 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 or by logging onto their website at www.aviva.health or their social media at www.facebook.com/avivahealthor

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

➔ Douglas County (541) 672-3311

➔ Douglas Public Health Network (541) 440-3571

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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