



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 17, 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, Saturday, October 17, 2020, there are SEVEN people with a 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 315*. Currently, there are **FIVE** COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized. One Douglas County patient is being hospitalized out of the area, three Douglas County patients are being hospitalized locally and a fifth hospitalized patient is being hospitalized locally, but they are not a resident of Douglas County and are not reflected in our case numbers, but we wanted to note that they are being hospitalized locally at this time.

NOTICE: We again have another day of reporting several new cases in Douglas County. This brings our weekly total to 28 new cases (27 positive test results and 1 presumptive). While we were fortunate to have low numbers towards the end of summer, we have had an unfortunate spike in cases. Since the week of September 13, 2020 we have reported **127 new cases (114 positive test results and 13 presumptive).** We cannot stress the importance of not losing sight of the fact that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic. We continue to encourage you to stay vigilant in protecting you, your family, our friends and those most vulnerable in our community from contracting this virus. Please continue to curb your travel, limit attending social gatherings, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands, stay six feet apart and wear a mask where recommended. Stopping the increase of COVID-19 cases in our county is really up to YOU, our residents. Please stay safe out there and remember to always be kind to others.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Wednesday, October 14, 2020	Thursday, October 15, 2020	Friday, October 16, 2020	Today, Saturday, October 17, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	290	300	301	308	315
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	258	267	268	275	282
<i>Presumptive</i>	32	33	33	33	33
Total Currently Hospitalized	4	4	2	3	4
Total Currently in Isolation	30	40	41	44	46
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	4	4	4	4	4
Total Negative Test Results	14,279	14,361	14,472	14,504	14,653

*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.

PLEASE HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

We know we keep reiterating this message, but our primary focus is to do everything we can to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of our residents. Today, as noted above, 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 and COVID protection 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:

- Make a habit of washing and sanitizing your hands. That means washing after you eat, touch new surfaces, go to the bathroom, go to the store, go to the post office or after a meeting. Remember also to try to avoid touching your face as much as possible.
- Stay at least six feet apart from anyone that is not from your immediate household. This means paying attention to the distance stickers at the store, the bank, at restaurants and at businesses. Please be respectful and polite, by giving people ample space.
- Stay home from work, school and play if you are sick. This includes not running errands or going shopping or inviting visitors to your home. If you need help, reach out to friends, family or utilize an app or businesses that offers no contact deliveries.
- Minimize travel, especially out of the state and limit visitors to your home.
- Wear 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.

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 46 cases in isolation, as well as another 129 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 Tuesday, October 20, 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 1671 people tested in 82 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 **Tuesday, October 20, 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/>

Red Cross: Urgent Need for Blood Donations Continues

As we begin the new school year, 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:

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.
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
Wednesday, October 28	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Glide Rural Fire Protection District, 18910 N Umpqua Hwy, Glide
Thursday, October 29	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Winston Community Center, 440 SE Grape Ave, Winston
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	Sutherland Community Center, 150 S Willamette St., Sutherland
Monday, November 9	10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Glide Rural Fire Protection District, 18910 N Umpqua Hwy, Glide

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

REMINDER: Aviva Health Offering Veterans Free Flu Shots at 2020 Veterans' Day Parade

Shared from [Aviva Health](#). 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.

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](#) or [OLCC](#) (503) 872-5000 or [OLCC website](#)

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