



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 19, 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, Monday, October 19, 2020, there are FOUR 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 319*. Currently, there are SIX COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized. One Douglas County patient is being hospitalized out of the area, four Douglas County patients are being hospitalized locally and the sixth 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. ****Please note: that we have retracted ONE positive case number from our totals today. After investigation, we determined that one person previously reported with a positive test result was not a Douglas County resident, and therefore, the case was moved to their respective County. We have adjusted our chart and numbers to reflect the retraction and movement.**

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Thursday, October 15, 2020	Friday, October 16, 2020	Saturday, October 17, 2020	Sunday, October 18, 2020	Today, Monday, October 19, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	301	308	315	316	319**
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	268	275	282	282	285**
Presumptive	33	33	33	34	34
Total Currently Hospitalized	2	3	5	4	6
Total Currently in Isolation	41	44	46	44	49
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	4	4	4	4	4
Total Negative Test Results	14,472	14,504	14,653	14,692	14,752

*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.

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



Residents can help to protect themselves, their families and our communities from the spread of COVID-19 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 citizens.

UPDATED: OHA Definition for Recovered

We wanted to let you know that as per the Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 Investigative Guidelines, the number of recovered is no longer being assessed or reported. Up until May 1st, 2020 recovery from COVID-19 was defined as being afebrile (not feverish), without the use of antipyretics (medicine to reduce a fever), and having resolution of cough, shortness of breath and diarrhea for at least 72 hours. As more was learned about symptoms, recovery and contagious period, the definition of recovered changed. Beginning May 1st, OHA stopped reporting recovered cases while also separating recovery from contagious or isolation period. Many cases were no longer contagious as they were outside of the contagious period, but still having lingering symptoms. To be consistent with OHA and to adapt as we learn more about this new virus, we removed the column in our chart listing recovered cases. At that point, we added the number of those in isolation, roughly indicating active or infectious cases of COVID-19.

Currently, DPHN is supporting 49 cases in isolation, as well as another 139 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/>

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: Drive-Thru Flu Clinic October 30 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Douglas Public Health Network, partnering with emergency management and medical personnel from around Douglas County, will be conducting a second drive-thru point of dispensing (POD) emergency preparedness exercise to practice rapid dispensing of medications during a public health emergency on Friday, October 30, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The first exercise was on October 16, 2020. 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 for community members to get vaccinated against the flu and be involved in emergency preparedness planning in Douglas County. 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.

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.

OHA's Facebook Live Event Recap: Tips For a Safe, But Still Spooky and Fun Halloween

Shared from OHA. COVID-19 is reshaping how Oregonians celebrate holidays, including Halloween. But that doesn't mean Halloween can't still be spooky and fun this year! On October 14, OHA held a Facebook Live with public health physicians, Dr. Shimi Sharief and Dr. Claire Poche, to answer questions and offer tips on how to celebrate Halloween safely. Follow the link to view the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPn6fT6BrcQ&feature=youtu.be>. The low to high risk activity graphic discussed during the Facebook live can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3dtiAvK>.

Consider the risk of the activities you choose this Halloween

Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Online parties/contestsOnline Halloween movie watch partiesDecorating your house, apartment or living spaceTouring local Halloween yard and home displays with household membersCarving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people are maintaining physical distancing and wearing face coveringsHaving an outdoor Halloween movie night with face coverings and physical distancingGoing to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where face coverings and physical distancing are in place	<p>Right now it's best to avoid these.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Indoor and outdoor Halloween gatherings, events or parties with non-household membersCarnivals, festivals, live entertainment and haunted housesTrick or treating or "trunk" or treatingIndoor haunted housesHayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household

Here are a few of the questions ask/answered during the Facebook live event with timestamps:

- 1) Every year our store sets out bowls of individually wrapped candies for our customers to help themselves to. Is this something we can still do? 3:44
- 2) Can I just layer a face covering under my Halloween mask? 4:25
- 3) If the goal is to stop the spread of droplets, wouldn't a plastic Halloween mask work just fine? 5:00
- 4) How is getting handed candy while trick or treating different than getting handed takeout at a drive-thru or restaurant? 6:08
- 5) What about a social distancing candy dispenser or chute? 8:04
- 6) Why are face shields considered safe if Halloween masks are not? 8:33
- 7) Wouldn't it be safe to individually wrap candy for trick or treaters? 9:47

For more information visit healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211



- 8) Why wouldn't a Halloween mask protect us if it's made of the same fabric as a face covering? 10:10
- 9) Is it possible to make trunk or treating safe in some way? 10:40
- 10) What is safe for trunk or treat events? Is trunk or treating just as risky as trick or treating? 13:25
- 11) So is trick or treating not happening due to safety? 15:05
- 12) Have you considered creating a low to high risk document for families to follow? 16:26
- 13) Can we do an outdoor costume parade? 16:58
- 14) We're hearing that some of the alternative events folks are planning could be less safe than trick or treating. Can we tell folks how to safely trick or treat outdoors? 18:18

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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