



# 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 24, 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 24, 2020, there are **FOUR** 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 347\*. Currently, there are **FIVE** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized. One Douglas County patient is being hospitalized out of the area, and four Douglas County patients are being hospitalized locally.

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

Date	Tuesday, October 20, 2020	Wednesday, October 21, 2020	Thursday, October 22, 2020	Friday, October 23, 2020	Today, Saturday, October 24, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	328	333	341	342	347
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	294	298	303	304	308
Presumptive	34	35	38	38	39
Total Currently Hospitalized	5	5	4	6	5
Total Currently in Isolation	43	45	49	50	50
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	4	4	5	5	5
Total Negative Test Results	14,843	14,930	15,049	15,108	15,217

\*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.

#### Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 In Douglas County

During the difficult times of this pandemic, the DCCRT Team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, along with Dr. Dannenhoffer and Douglas Public Health Network, would like to remind residents of the importance of being kind to one another and to take extra care in helping us to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect your health, your family's health and the health of our communities. Today, again we reported several new cases. 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 citizens. Today, as noted above, we reported new cases. With the onset of cold/flu season, holiday happenings on the horizon, some schools 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](http://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 50 cases in isolation, as well as another 260 contacts in quarantine in Douglas County. Isolation is recommended for confirmed and presumptive cases, quarantine is recommended for contacts of confirmed or presumptive cases. Currently, staff is supporting 310 total contacts in isolation/quarantine. 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 is Tuesday, October 27, 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 1698 people tested in 84 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 **Tuesday, October 27, 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/>

### Reverse Parade Format for 2020 Douglas County Veterans Day Parade

Parade: Wednesday, November 11  
Entry Deadline: Friday, October 30

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming Douglas County Veterans Day Parade this year, and encourage those able to participate and/or attend to join us in honoring our local military heroes. The annual Veterans Day Parade, organized and run by the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade Committee, will take place on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, starting at 11:00 am. However, in light of the current social gathering guidelines, as well as concern for our resident's health and safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year it will be a "Reverse" parade. Which means that the floats will be stationary, while the parade viewers will be the ones driving by in vehicles. The parade route has also been moved to the Douglas County Fairgrounds in order to provide proper distancing for staging of the parade entries. The Commissioners and Parade Officials encourage those able to design, craft and enter a float or gather a band or static display, to do so by the fast approaching entry deadline of Friday, October 30, 2020.

The poster features a background image of a group of people, likely veterans, with a blue and white color scheme. The text is centered and reads: "Oregon's Greatest Veterans Day Parade in Reverse for 2020!!" followed by "Douglas County Invites You!" and "Grand Marshals US Military Doctors & Nurses". Below this is the theme: "Embrace the past, Engage the present, Envision the future". The event details are: "When: Wednesday, November 11, 2020", "Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds", and "Time: 11:00am to 2:00pm". A call to action says "Parade Applications: www.co.douglas.or.us/veterans/" and "Application Deadline October 30, 2020". On the right side, there is a vertical column of military service branch emblems. A red text box on the right contains COVID-19 safety restrictions: "\* Due to Covid-19 safety restrictions, floats and parade entrants will be stationary with 6 foot distancing in place, and spectators will drive through." Below that, it says "The 2020 Reverse parade will include a drive-thru Flu clinic, static displays, food trucks, and much more. Join us!"

The Douglas County Veterans Day Parade is a long-anticipated tradition that is held every year on Veterans Day. It is often referred to as the greatest Veterans Day Parade in Oregon, and on several occasions it has been the largest. The 2020 Grand Marshals will be Military Doctors & Nurses, while the theme is "Embrace the past –Engage the present –Envision the future." We invite you to join us for the 2020 Veterans Day Parade at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, however, due to the circumstances, we ask that you please follow the guidelines that have been designed for the safety, protection and enjoyment of all participating.

#### 2020 Douglas County Veterans Day Reverse Parade Information and Guidelines

- Due to Covid-19 this year's Veterans Day Parade will be a "Reverse" Parade.
- The parade entries will be stationary, while the viewers drive past along the parade route in vehicles.
- It will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 11:00 am
- It will be at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and not in downtown Roseburg this year.
- [Click here](#) to see a map of the 2020 Douglas County Veterans Day Parade route.
- All parade entries are asked to be in place by 10:00 am and parade officials will allow the community to start driving through at 11:00 am
- Parade floats will be staged in the North Parking Lot of the Douglas County Fairgrounds.
- Static parade displays in West Parking Lot of the Douglas County Fairgrounds.
- The bands will be in the Grandstands, adjacent to the racetrack.
- There will also be an optional drive-thru flu clinic and food trucks available. The flu clinic will be behind the grand-stands and food trucks will be located at the end of the parade route in the racetrack pits.
- Parade viewers and participants must follow the posted signs and directions of Parade Officials/Staff.
- Parade viewers are asked to stay in their vehicles, and not make any pit stops along the parade route.
- All entries must check in to receive their staging location.
- No support vehicles will be allowed in staging areas.
- Facemasks are required for anyone not able to maintain 6-foot distancing, per state guidelines.
- All entries will obey instructions and take directions from parade control units, aligners and police officers concerning the operating and staging of vehicles for this reverse parade.
- Floats will need to stay in the staging area from the start to the end of the parade.
- If parade viewers wish to stop at the end of the parade to visit the food trucks, they will need to make sure to follow the posted guidelines and directions of Parade Officials/Staff.

The Douglas County Veteran's Day Parade entry deadline is Friday, October 30, 2020 by 5:00 pm. Your entry must include your completed parade application, and since there is no judging this year, the \$5.00 entry fee has been waived. Late entries will be notified of space availability. The Veterans Day Parade Committee reserves the right, for safety purposes to deny entry either prior to or during the parade to any entry not adhering to the rules or following the directions of the Law Enforcement personnel or Parade Officials. If you have questions, please contact the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade Committee at (503) 504-8198.

Douglas County Veteran's Day Parade Entry Applications are available online at:  
<https://www.co.douglas.or.us/veterans/parade.asp>

Douglas County Veteran's Day Parade Entry Applications may be mailed to:  
Veterans Day Parade Committee, PO Box 1124, Roseburg, Oregon 97470

We hope you are able to join us for the 2020 Veterans Day Parade at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

**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.

**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.**

**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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