



# 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 29, 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 29, 2020, there are **FIVE** people with new positive test results and **ONE** presumptive that has been moved to positive with a 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 369\*. Currently, there are **TWO** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized locally.

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

Date	Sunday, October 25, 2020	Monday, October 26, 2020	Tuesday, October 27, 2020	Wednesday, October 28, 2020	Today, Thursday, October 29, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	349	351	360	364	<b>369</b>
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	309	310	318	321	<b>327</b>
Presumptive	40	41	42	43	<b>42</b>
Total Currently Hospitalized	4	3	3	3	<b>2</b>
Total Currently in Isolation	49	49	51	52	<b>52</b>
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	7	8	8	8	<b>8</b>
Total Negative Test Results	15,301	15,387	15,450	15,552	<b>15,690</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.



### You are the Key to Stopping the Spread of COVID-19

It is no secret that the key to stopping the continued spread of the coronavirus is, **YOU**. Yes, prevention is the best medicine and not just to help stop the spread of COVID, but for your overall health as well. It really is as simple as that, we can control the spread of this deadly virus and other diseases by making a habit of exercising basic, everyday prevention and cleaning measures. If each and every individual in our county would make a real concerted effort to follow the recommended the health and safety guidelines, we could see a huge decrease in our COVID case numbers. That means we need each and

everyone one of you to make good healthy choices, really evaluate your everyday actions and look at changing how you interact with others, in order to make your everyday life more virus-spread conscious. The guidelines are not just for your health and safety, but for the health and safety of our kids, our grandparents, our coworkers, our first responders, our teachers and our businesses. 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. We know that Fall and Winter holidays are just around the corner and that means it is time to plan for festive holiday activities, but while it may be hard, it really is important that you consider alternative options to social gatherings this year. The DCCRT team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, along with Dr. Dannenhoffer and Douglas Public Health Network continue to encourage residents to protect themselves, their loved ones and their communities by practicing these simple, basic health and safety prevention measures to stop the spread of the coronavirus.



**PLEASE HELP AND MAKE THESE PART OF YOUR DAILY ROUTINE**

<p><b>Make a habit of washing and sanitizing your hands, regularly. That means washing after you eat, if you touch new surfaces, go to the bathroom, open a door, go to the store, go to the post office or after a meeting. Also try and avoid touching your face as much as possible.</b></p>	<p><b>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, kind and polite, by giving people ample space.</b></p>	<p><b>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 businesses that offer no contact deliveries or services.</b></p>	<p><b>Minimize travel, especially out of the state and limit visitors to your home. Minimize attending social gatherings or going places where there are large groups of people.</b></p>	<p><b>Please wear a mask where recommended.</b></p>
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**UPDATED: OHA Reporting and Definition for Recovered**

As per the [Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 Investigative Guidelines](#), the number of recovered cases is no longer being assessed or reported by OHA. 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 in Douglas County.

**Currently, DPHN is supporting 52 cases in isolation, as well as another 335 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 387 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 will be Friday, October 30, 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.

**Travel Caution: Please Limit Travel, Social Gatherings and Visitors**

Our recent surge in 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 travel and 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, your loved ones and our communities from the spread of this virus. We encourage you 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. Other cases and outbreaks were the direct result of someone coming to Douglas County

to visit and bringing the virus with them and infecting their host family. 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.

### **MORE CHANGES: OUR COVID FACEBOOK LIVE EVENTS WITH DR. BOB WILL CONTINUE ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS**

Please bear with us as we work on a few changes to our weekly Facebook Live events with Dr. Bob. We had originally considered doing all pre-recorded videos, then maybe just doing one day a week, but decided to just adjust the timing of the live events. So, as of today, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer will continue to do his Facebook "Live Q&A Updates" on Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm, but starting this week (October 26, 2020), his Friday Facebook "Live Q&A Updates" will be at 4:00 pm on DPHN's Facebook page. Residents are still able to submit their COVID-19 questions to Dr. Bob during the live shows, but now you can also email your questions to: [Facebookquestions@douglaspublichealthnetwork.org](mailto:Facebookquestions@douglaspublichealthnetwork.org). Dr. Bob and the DPHN team will do their best to respond to as many questions as they can during their weekly updates.

So, please join us on **Friday, October 30, 2020 at 4:00 pm** for the next Facebook Live event with Dr. Bob. hosted by DPHN on the [DPHN Facebook page](#).

### **REMINDER: Drive-Thru Flu Clinic Friday, October 30 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

DPHN, partnering with emergency management and medical personnel from around Douglas County, is conducting a second drive-thru point of dispensing (POD) emergency preparedness exercise to practice for a 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 exercise will include dispensing free flu vaccines to community members 6 months and older to the first 300 participants each day. 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 Drive-Thru Flu Shots at the 2020 Veterans' Day Parade**

Shared from [Aviva Health](#). Aviva Health is providing area veterans with the option to get a free drive-thru flu shot at this year's 'Reverse' Douglas County Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, starting at 11:00 am. The 2020 Veterans Day Parade will be a reverse format at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The Douglas County Veterans Day Parade Committee have planned a reverse parade, where floats and other elements of the parade 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.

### **Tri City Elementary School Announces Positive Case**

Shared from the [Tri City Elementary School Facebook Page](#). In a notice posted to their Facebook page at 12:07 pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, school officials with at Tri City Elementary School announced that they were notified by DPHN and Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer, that a student at Tri City Elementary School had tested positive for COVID-19. Tri City Elementary School officials have been very proactive in their approach in dealing with this event to help mitigate the spread of the virus. Below is a copy of the notice that was posted:

*"Dear Students, Families, and Staff,*

*We were notified by Douglas Public Health Network and Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer (and local Pediatrician), that we have had one student test positive for COVID-19 at Tri City Elementary School. We are working very closely with local public health and The Oregon Health Authority to notify parents of the children in the cohort that the child that tested positive was in and are asking them to quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.*

*"School officials are working very closely with me and DPHN to care for the one positive case and advise parents, families and staff that are close contacts. We believe the risk is low to the school community and DPHN remains available to support the families that are quarantining." - Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, Douglas County Public Health Officer.*

*If your child was in the same cohort or bus route, or a staff member in the same cohort, and need to quarantine, you will be notified by school officials today. If you have concerns or questions about COVID-19, please call the Douglas Public Health Network hotline at 541-464-6550, 7 days a week between 8-5:00 pm.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kate McLaughlin, Superintendent*

*Emily Veale, Principal"*

For reference: The Oregon Health Authority issues a weekly COVID-19 report that publishes data on K-12 schools with in-person instruction, child/day care centers, businesses and care facilities that meet their outbreak criteria. As of last week, OHA's policy related to school outbreaks is to report outbreaks with 1 or more cases in school settings at any place of

learning for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade, or a subset, with at least 30 students enrolled. Case counts includes employees, staff, volunteers or students at the school. 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.

### **Local Residential Care Facility Outbreak Listed by OHA**

The Oregon Health Authority listed a new COVID-19 outbreak at a residential care facility in Douglas County in their Wednesday, October 28, 2020, weekly COVID report. As of this week, OHA's policy related to care facilities, senior living communities, and congregate living settings is to report those that have three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases or one or more deaths. OHA listed an outbreak linked to Timber Town Living, as residential care facility in Sutherlin, Oregon.

According to OHA, care facilities, senior living communities and congregate living settings with outbreaks that are considered resolved are moved to the closed outbreak list. An outbreak is considered resolved if no new cases are identified for 28 days after the last case onset. Facilities will be removed from the closed outbreak list after 56 days. To date, there have been 3,515 cases and 385 deaths associated with congregate care settings.

OHA started reporting workplace, school and care facility outbreaks in 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.**

**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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