



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 30, 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, Friday, October 30, 2020, there are FIVE people with 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 374*. Currently, there are TWO Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized locally.

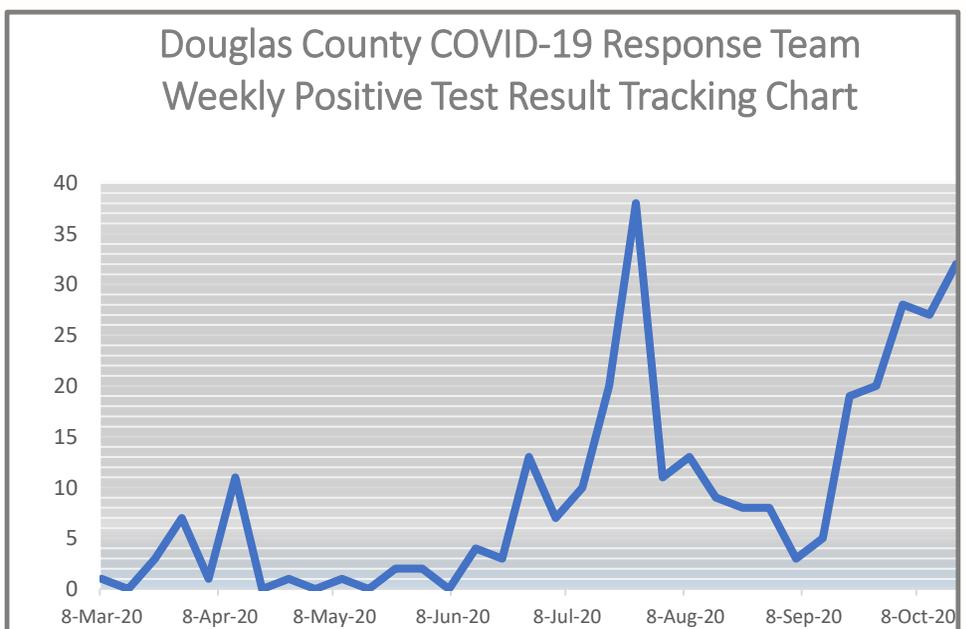
Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Monday, October 26, 2020	Tuesday, October 27, 2020	Wednesday, October 28, 2020	Thursday, October 29, 2020	Today, Friday, October 30, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	351	360	364	369	374
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	310	318	321	327	332
<i>Presumptive</i>	41	42	43	42	42
Total Currently Hospitalized	3	3	3	2	2
Total Currently in Isolation	49	51	52	52	51
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	8	8	8	8	8
Total Negative Test Results	15,387	15,450	15,552	15,690	15,781

*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

As you can see from our Douglas County Weekly Positive Test Result Tracking Chart, which tracks the weekly positive test results since our first case was reported in early March, we have seen many up and down weeks, but most notably the unfortunate spike in the middle of July. **What we also wanted to bring your attention to is the fact that our positive test results are again on the rise.** This should be very concerning for our residents. 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.

Help Stop the Spread and Stay Healthy

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 offer no contact deliveries or services.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Please wear a mask where recommended.</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 51 cases in isolation, as well as another 263 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 314 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 Today, 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. 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.

COVID FACEBOOK LIVE EVENTS WITH DR. BOB WILL CONTINUE ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS

Please join us **Tonight, Friday, October 30, 2020 at our new time, 4:00 pm** for the next Facebook Live event with Dr. Bob, hosted by DPHN on the [DPHN Facebook page](#). Thank you for your patience as we work through 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. Dr. Bob and the DPHN team will do their best to respond to as many questions as they can during their weekly updates.

REMINDER: HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Halloween is tomorrow, and our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, the team at Douglas Public Health Network, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and the Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team have put together a few tips about ways to safely celebrate Halloween this year.

We recommend that families, households and community members make choices in celebrating Halloween and participating in Halloween activities based on their level of risk tolerance.

Here is a list of suggested things not to do:

1. Refrain from hosting or attending indoor Halloween parties.
2. Do not go on a hay ride full of people not from your immediate household.
3. Refrain from going with a large group trick or treating.
4. Refrain from going door-to-door trick or treating where you have in-person contact with others passing out candy.
5. Refrain from handing out candy to trick-or-treaters in-person, face-to-face.

Here is a list of suggested safe ways to celebrate:

1. Opt to stay home this year and create fun games or activities for your kids to do. Ideas: a fun scavenger hunt around the home or a pumpkin craft or make fun Halloween themed food.
2. Sit on your couch watching Halloween movies with members of your immediate household.
3. Decorate the outside of your home with fun Fall and/or Halloween decorations for people to see as they drive by.
4. Host or log onto a virtual Halloween party to show off your costume and chat.
5. Have a neighborhood jack-o-lantern contest.
6. Make your own Halloween candy or caramel apples.

Here is a list of suggested ways to still be safe if you choose to go out: (The in-betweeners)

1. Wear a mask that covers both your mouth and your nose. Most Halloween masks are not made to protect in this manner, and only wearing face make up definitely does not do the job.
2. Keep a six –foot distance from anyone not from your household. Avoid crowds.
3. Take hay ride with only members of your immediate household in the cart. Make sure driver is more than 6 feet from you and everyone is wearing masks.
4. Go to the pumpkin patch, but stay with members of your immediate household, keep your distance from others and wear a masks.
5. Find create ways to safely distribute Halloween candy with no or minimal face-to-face contact, like installing a long (six feet or longer) tube to slide candy down to the trick-or-treaters. Or placing a bowl of candy on your porch or entry. You can safely watch the trick-or-treaters from inside your home.
6. Go to a Drive-in Movie
7. Go for a drive to look at all the Halloween Decorations.
8. Post fun videos of picture of the kids in their costumes online.
9. Attend or drive by an outdoor/open air haunted house, where hosts are wearing masks and keeping their distance. In this case perhaps 10 feet away.

Whatever your plans, we hope you have a safe and fun Halloween despite COVID. Please be safe and be kind.

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.

South Umpqua School District Announces Positive Cases

Shared from the [South Umpqua School District Facebook Page](#). In a notice posted to their Facebook page at 3:38 pm on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, South Umpqua School District (SUSD) officials announced that they were notified by DPHN and Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer, that a student at Coffenberry Middle School had tested positive for COVID-19. The initial notice stated that students, staff and teachers did not have to quarantine, but

yesterday, October 29, 2020 at 2:54 pm, officials posted an updated notice that after further investigation, it would be necessary for students, staff and teachers in the same cohort as the positive case would need to quarantine. SUSD 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:

“UPDATED INFORMATION: Coffenberry Middle School,

As you know from our report yesterday, a Coffenberry student tested positive for COVID-19. Initially, Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN) reported that no quarantine was necessary for students and staff. However, after further investigation and contact tracing, DPHN has determined that it will be necessary to quarantine the cohort of students and staff who had direct contact with the one Coffenberry student who tested positive.

“After more thorough investigation by our epidemiology team and with an abundance of caution, we have deemed that quarantine is now necessary for the students and staff that this student has had contact with at school. We recognize these are confusing times with changing recommendations and ask for patience and kindness as we do our best to determine what is safe for our students and staff at schools. We are working closely with the district and commend them for their desire to keep their students and staff as safe as possible in this pandemic.” Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and due to the safety protocols in place, the risk of spread at the school is still considered very low. While we are disappointed to quarantine this cohort, we are grateful to DPHN for their thoroughness and precautions to protect the greater community. School staff have begun the process of notifying staff and families of students who are in the same classroom and/or bus cohort. All contacts will be notified by school staff today, with a follow-up call from DPHN tomorrow. 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 and Laura Smith, Principal”

Additionally, SUSD Officials announced that they were notified by DPHN and Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer, that a staff member at South Umpqua High School had tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member did not have direct contact with students or teaching staff and the determination was made that no quarantine will be required for students or teaching staff in regards to this case.

“Although no action or quarantine is needed, we thought it important to notify our school, parents and staff that we did have a positive case and assure everyone that we have been working very closely with local public health and the Oregon Health Authority to be sure that we don’t have to quarantine anyone and to support the staff member that tested positive while they are in quarantine,” commented Kate McLaughlin, Superintendent

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 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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Contact [Tamara Howell](#), Public Information Officer, Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, (541) 670-2804 cell/(541) 957-4896 tjhowell@co.douglas.or.us
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