



# 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 31, 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 31, 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 379\*. Currently, there are FOUR Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized locally.

**We hope you have a safe and fun Halloween:** Happy Halloween from the Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, your Douglas County Board of Commissioners, your Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bob Dannenoffer, and the staff at Douglas Public Health Network. We encourage you and your family to celebrate this Halloween in a safe and creative manner. Whatever your plans, we hope you have a fun Halloween despite COVID. Be safe and be kind to others.

**Here is a list of suggested things to try and avoid:**

1. Consider not hosting or attending indoor Halloween parties.
2. Avoid going with a large group trick or treating.
3. Try to avoid going door-to-door trick or treating where you have in-person contact with others passing out candy.
4. Try to avoid handing out candy to trick-or-treaters in-person, face-to-face.

**Here are a few fun ways to celebrate:**

1. Maybe choose 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 or watch Halloween movies.
2. Decorate the outside of your home with fun Fall and/or Halloween decorations for people to see as they drive by.
3. Host or log onto a virtual Halloween party to show off your costume and chat.
4. Have a neighborhood jack-o-lantern contest.

**Here are a few suggestions if you choose to go out:**

1. Wear a mask that covers both your mouth and your nose.
2. Think small groups and keep a six-foot distance from anyone not from your household.
3. 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.
4. Go to a Drive-in Movie
5. Go for a drive to look at all the Halloween Decorations.
6. Post fun videos of picture of the kids in their costumes online.

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

Date	Tuesday, October 27, 2020	Wednesday, October 28, 2020	Thursday, October 29, 2020	Friday, October 30, 2020	Today, Saturday, October 31, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	360	364	369	374	<b>379</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</b>	318	321	327	332	<b>337</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	42	43	42	42	<b>42</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	3	3	2	2	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	51	52	52	51	<b>41</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	8	8	8	8	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	15,450	15,552	15,690	15,781	<b>15,835</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.

**Help Stop the Spread and Stay Healthy**

<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 utilize an app 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 41 cases in isolation, as well as another 364 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 405 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 Tuesday, November 3, 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 1720 people tested in 86 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.

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

Please join us **Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6:00 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](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.

### **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.

## **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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