



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 – November 4, 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 continues to focus on our local COVID-19 response. **As of 12:00 pm today, Wednesday, November 4, 2020, there are TEN (10) people with new positive test results and TWO new presumptives since our noon case update yesterday*.** The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at **411****. Currently, there are THREE Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized locally. *****Please note: that we have retracted ONE positive case number from our totals today. After investigation, it was 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.***

Ninth COVID-19 Related Death of a Douglas County Resident

Our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, has confirmed the death of our ninth Douglas County resident from the COVID-19 virus. Our ninth COVID related death is an 81-year-old woman who passed away this morning, Wednesday, November 4, 2020, in Roseburg, Oregon. She tested positive for COVID-19 and was admitted to the hospital on October 10, 2020. In the interest of privacy for the individual’s loved ones, no additional information will be released. Each death related to COVID-19 is painful for all Douglas County residents, and a reminder of the terrible impact COVID-19 has had in our local communities. The Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Dr. Dannenhoffer, DPHN staff and the DCCRT Team extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to all family members, friends, relatives, co-workers and community members of those who have passed after contracting this deadly virus.

“Sadly, we report that we have lost another beloved Douglas County resident to the COVID-19 virus. On behalf of my family, my fellow Board of Commissioners, Dr. Dannenhoffer, DPHN staff and the DCCRT team, we send our sincere condolences and prayers to all the family members and friends,” commented Commissioner Tim Freeman. *“It is concerning to continue to see an increase in case numbers and deaths in our communities. We cannot stress enough the importance of staying vigilant in protecting yourselves, the ones you love and all of our communities from the continued spread of this deadly virus!”*

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Saturday, October 31, 2020	Sunday, November 1, 2020	Monday, November 2, 2020	Tuesday, November 3, 2020	Today, Wednesday, November 4, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	379	387	390	400	411**
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	337	345	347	355	364
<i>Presumptive</i>	42	42	43	45	47
Total Currently Hospitalized	4	3	3	5	3
Total Currently in Isolation	41	51	49	54	61
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	8	8	8	8	9
Total Negative Test Results	15,835	15,937	16,010	16,062	16,159

*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.



Perspective: A Look at Our Local COVID-19 Statistics

We know that pandemic fatigue has definitely set in for most of our residents, as we now pass the 250-day mark (8.2 months) since the first coronavirus case was reported in Oregon. We are all tired of COVID, tired of social distancing and tired of talking about this pandemic. But, the truth is that this virus is not going away anytime soon, and residents should prepare for a long winter with continued recommendations for following virus spread prevention measures. We wanted to share a few statistics that should be very concerning for everyone, and hopefully help to put things into perspective.

- In the first **190 days** since the first COVID case was reported in Douglas County, we reported **189 Total COVID cases**. **Which equates to about 1 case per day for the first six months**. Also, during that time, we reported **3 COVID related deaths** of Douglas County residents.
- In the past **52 days**, we reported a staggering increase of **222 Total COVID cases in Douglas County**. **Which equates to about 4 cases per day or a 117% increase in just the last 7 weeks alone**. We have also sadly reported **6 COVID related deaths** of Douglas County residents in the last 52 days.

You Are the Key to Controlling the Spread of COVID-19!

It is no secret that the key to stopping the continued spread of the coronavirus is, **YOU**, our residents, our families, our communities and our businesses. Yes, prevention is the best medicine, and not just to help stop the spread of COVID, but for your overall health and wellbeing as well. If each and every individual in our county would make a real concerted effort to implement prevention measure into their daily routine, we could see a huge decrease in our COVID case numbers. That means we need each and everyone one of our residents to take steps to minimize the spread of germs and contagions, by choosing every day to maintain healthier eating habits; incorporate exercise and cleaning routines; being cautious and keeping distance from others; making modifications to how you socialize with others; choosing no contact deliveries and services; and staying home if you are sick. The suggestions we make and the guidelines presented by public health are not just for your health and safety, but for the health and safety of everyone, including 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 Encourage You to Help Stop the Spread and Stay Healthy

- *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.*
- *Please wear a mask where recommended. Not just for your protection, but for the protection of others.*
- *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.*
- *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.*
- *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.*

We have now surpassed the four hundred mark with COVID-19 cases in Douglas County, with 12 new total positive cases and presumptives combined today. This trend of has become increasingly concerning for all of us. An ounce of prevention really is worth a pound of cure — and that's never been more true than right now. But, just like the old adage, the recommendations from public health for preventing the spread of diseases, viruses and illnesses are not new notions, but rather age old advice based on decades of scientific research. From a young age we are taught to wash our hands, cover our coughs, clean and disinfect and stay home if we are sick. This sage advice continues to be the basis for good hygiene and virus prevention practices today. The DCCRT team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, along with Dr. Dannenhoffer and Douglas Public Health Network encourage residents to make prevention measures a part of their everyday routines. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) recommend six daily habits that can help you avoid sickness and prevent the spread of viruses to others too.

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 61 cases in isolation, as well as another 338 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 an astonishing 399 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, November 6, 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 1747 people tested in 87 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.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob

Please join us on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 4:00 pm for the next Facebook Live event with Dr. Bob. hosted by DPHN on the [DPHN Facebook page](#). Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer will continue their normal schedule of Facebook "Live Q&A Updates" next week with both his Tuesday night at 6:00 pm and Friday night at 4:00 pm on the DPHN Facebook page. Residents are still able to submit their COVID-19 questions to Dr. Bob during the live shows, but 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: 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.

Roseburg School District Announces Positive Cases

Shared from the [Roseburg School District](#). The Roseburg School District announced their first two COVID cases yesterday, noting that they were notified by DPHN and Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer, that an adult at Green Elementary School had tested positive for COVID-19 on Sunday, November 1, 2020, and a staff member at Hucrest Elementary School had tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The affected adult at Green Elementary School was advised to isolate for 14 days, and DPHN determined that students and staff were not exposed and did not need to be quarantined. The staff member at Hucrest Elementary School will be in isolation 14 days and students in one classroom, along with a reading group, will be required to quarantine for 14 days and monitor symptoms. Parents and guardians of the students in the affected groups will be notified today. Roseburg Public Schools Superintendent Jared Cordon said in-person learning will resume at both schools for the students and staff who are not in isolation or quarantine. "We will keep families and the school community updated with any new information as it becomes available, while meeting the requirements to honor everyone's right to privacy," he said.

Dr. Dannenhoffer and DPHN will continue to work with district and school officials in monitoring and supporting those in isolation and quarantine.

“We have had several outbreaks in our local schools in the last 2 weeks,” stated Dr. Dannenhoffer. *“A large part of our work in public health is establishing when a case is contagious and when it is necessary to quarantine close contacts. We’ve worked with the district and school officials to care for the positive cases at Hucrest and Green Elementary Schools and to advise parents, families and staff. We believe the risk for contraction is low in both schools.”*

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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