



# 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 5, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) Before we get to a third day with a spike in local cases, we wanted to share this special announcement from Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Official:

*“Please stay home if you are sick, feeling sick or not fully recovered from being sick! This means not only staying home from work and school, but also staying home from all other activities and social events. Please, if you are sick, do not attend birthday parties, weddings, poker nights, prayer groups, church or go work out at the gym. What I’ve noticed in the last several large local outbreaks are people who were sick, and still went to school, work, poker club and dinner parties. A case in point: A local student was sick and went back to school before she was better. Had she waited a few days, she would have lost 3 or 4 days of school, but her class would not have been impacted. Unfortunately, she went to school and exposed 40 others. Now, those 40 others will need to be quarantined for 2 weeks and will miss a total of 760 days away from activity. In addition, those 40 families will need to take time away from work, school and activities to care for them. So, the economic impact of going back to school or work before you are well is enormous.”*

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, Thursday, November 5, 2020, there are FIFTEEN (15) people with new positive test results, TWO new presumptives and our TENTH COVID related death since our noon case update yesterday\*.** The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at **428\***. Currently, there are **FOUR** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized locally.

*Currently, DPHN is supporting 78 cases in isolation, as well as another 389 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 467 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.***

### Tenth COVID-19 Related Death of a Douglas County Resident

Our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, has confirmed the death of our tenth Douglas County resident from the COVID-19 virus. Our tenth COVID related death is a 62-year-old woman who passed away yesterday, Wednesday, November 4, 2020, in Roseburg, Oregon. She tested positive for COVID-19 upon being admitted to the hospital on October 14, 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.

*“We are saddened by the death of another Douglas County resident to this deadly 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. *“Over the last three days we have reported 38 new cases and 2 deaths. Clearly, this should be a wakeup call for all of our residents! Please, we encourage everyone to stay safe, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands, keep your distance from others and protect your friends, family, coworkers and classmates from getting sick!”*

### Don't Feel Well? Stay Home and Keep Others Safe

**Tell your boss, teacher or friend that you are sick and need to stay home from work, school or that birthday party**



**cough**



**shortness of breath or problems breathing**



**chills**



**sore throat**



**loss of taste or smell**



**muscle pain**

#### Other symptoms may include:

**fever, runny nose, diarrhea, feeling nauseous or vomiting, feeling tired, headache and lack of appetite.**

**When sick, please avoid any public contact; always cover your coughs and sneezes; wash your hands often; don't share utensils, towels, sheets or clothing; separate yourself from others in your household and disinfect all surfaces.**



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Roseburg VA Health Care System



American Red Cross  
Southwest Oregon Chapter



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

Date	Sunday, November 1, 2020	Monday, November 2, 2020	Tuesday, November 3, 2020	Wednesday, November 4, 2020	Today, Thursday, November 5, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	387	390	400	411**	<b>428</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</b>	345	347	355	364	<b>379</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	42	43	45	47	<b>49</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	3	3	5	3	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	51	49	54	61	<b>78</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	8	8	8	9	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	15,937	16,010	16,062	16,159	<b>16,226</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.*

*\*\*Please note, we retracted ONE positive case number from our totals on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. 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.*

### **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](https://www.cdc.gov) (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.

### **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](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](http://Oregon Health Authority), [Centers for Disease Control](http://Centers for Disease Control), and [211Info](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/douglaspublichealthnetwork). 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](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: Join Us for the 2020 Douglas County REVERSE Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11**

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners issued a [proclamation](#) at the Weekly Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, calling upon all citizens of Douglas County to join us in supporting our local military heroes by attending the special **"Reverse" 2020 Douglas County Veterans Day Parade** on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, starting at 11:00 am, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

The proclamation was presented by Commissioner Tim Freeman, on behalf of the Board and acknowledged that: *"The freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been purchased and protected at a high price; that courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our nation; and we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who served, were wounded, or died in battle. The Douglas County Commissioners express their support for the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, and agree to urge all our citizens to honor our veterans and rededicate themselves to the preservation of our liberties under the constitution of the United States of America."*

The proclamation was presented to Larry Hill, President of the Douglas County Veterans Forum, Carol Hunt, Co-Chair of the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade Committee and Jerry Anderson representing the Douglas County Veterans Advisory Committee. Despite COVID-19, the Douglas County Veterans Forum and Veterans Day Parade Committee knew our annual parade honoring our veterans **must go on**, so they put their heads together and came up with the idea of a **"Reverse"** parade format to keep the tradition alive. In a reverse parade, the floats are stationary, while the parade spectators are the ones driving by in vehicles. The parade route was moved to the Douglas County Fairgrounds this year, in order to provide proper

distancing for staging of the parade entries. The reverse format takes into account the current social gathering guidelines, as well as the concern for the health and safety of our residents during the pandemic. The **2020 Douglas County Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshals will feature our Military Doctors & Nurses, while the theme is Embrace the past –Engage the present –Envision the future.** The Douglas County Veterans Day Parade, is one of only two Veterans Day parades in Oregon that was not cancelled due to the pandemic.

The Commissioners are proud to support this cherished annual event, often called Oregon's Greatest Veteran's Day Parade and this year possibly the largest. In Douglas County, 'We Honor Veterans', and encourage you to take time this Veterans Day to recognize the brave men and women who have fearlessly served our nation by thanking them and their families for their dedication, service, as well as the many sacrifices made on behalf of our great nation. 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: 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 Workplace Outbreak Listed by OHA**

Shared from the [OHA](#). The Oregon Health Authority has listed a new COVID-19 workplace outbreak in Douglas County today, in their Wednesday, November 4, 2020, [Weekly COVID report](#). As of last week, OHA's policy related to workplace outbreaks is to report outbreaks with five or more cases and only for workplaces with at least 30 workers. Case counts include all persons linked to the outbreak, which may include household members and other close contacts. The list includes active workplace outbreaks, meaning that there has been a case within the past 28 days. Outbreaks that are resolved are moved to a separate table of resolved outbreaks. Outbreaks are removed from the closed outbreak list after 56 days. Locally, OHA listed a new workplace outbreak linked to Clint Newell Motors.

OHA publishes data on cases in workplace outbreaks. Given a cluster of cases in space and time, within plausible incubation periods for the pathogen, OHA epidemiologists will consider cases to be related—i.e., part of a workplace outbreak—unless a more likely alternative source for acquisition is identified. Any suspected workplace outbreak is required to be reported to the local public health authority (see OAR 333-018-015). The list of outbreaks will be updated as investigations continue, and they learn about epidemiologic links between cases. 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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