



# 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 10, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) Sadly, another day of new records. We have surpassed **500** cases in Douglas County, with 81 cases since our noon update on Friday, November 6, 2020. We also jumped to just short of **700** people in isolation and quarantine that staff is supporting. Our new cases are due to a large number of people attending social events and not following COVID-19 guidelines for social distancing and wearing of face coverings while with others. These events include crowding in small rooms or in small areas to attend birthday parties, Halloween celebrations, weddings, baby showers, dinner parties, poker games, in-person meetings and other social gatherings. You may think it's just a small gathering, but if one person attends the event and is sick, then they can infect the entire group. Attendees from that event take it home to their families, and it then pass it onto their co-workers, classmates, customers and our community. This triggers an exponential explosion in cases that leads to numerous outbreaks and new positive cases. Again, we ask our residents to step up and help us to control the spread of COVID-19 by choosing to not attend these events AND delaying in-person parties, events and meetings until a later date AND opting for a safe virtual event instead. And, please, stay home if you are sick.

**Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** As of 12:00 pm today, Tuesday, November 10, 2020, there are **TWENTY (20)** 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 **517\***. Currently, there are **TEN** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized locally. Despite the spike in cases, our Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Public Health Officer and Douglas Public Health Network staff continue to focus on COVID prevention, testing and education efforts.

Currently, DPHN is supporting **127 cases** in isolation, as well as another **559 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 **686 total** contacts in isolation or 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.

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

Date	Friday, November 6, 2020	Saturday, November 7, 2020	Sunday, November 8, 2020	Monday, November 9, 2020	Today, Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	436	457	482	497	<b>517</b>
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	387	404	428	439	<b>459</b>
Presumptive	49	53	54	58	<b>58</b>
Total Currently Hospitalized	6	6	7	7	<b>7</b>
Total Currently in Isolation	80	79	115	124	<b>127</b>
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	10	10	10	10	<b>10</b>
Total Negative Test Results	16,331	16,448	16,520	16,633	<b>16,709</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.

**REMINDER: PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK, FEELING SICK OR NOT FULLY RECOVERED FROM BEING SICK!**

Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, Douglas County Public Health Official would like to remind residents about the importance of staying home when you are sick to help protect others from getting 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, even if you just have a runny nose or



stuffy head, do not attend birthday parties, weddings, poker nights, prayer groups, church or go work out at the gym and expose others to your illness. What we have discovered with several of our large local outbreaks are people who were sick, and have chosen to still to go to school, work, poker club, shopping and holiday 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.

**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.

**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.**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**  
**How can I help stop the spread of COVID!**



**AVOID**  
Crowded indoor and outdoor areas  
Parties, weddings and large groups  
People who are sick  
Going to work or school when sick

**USE CAUTION**  
While shopping or eating out  
If traveling out of the area  
When inviting people into your home  
If in close contact with others

**SAFE TO DO**  
Call, text or video chat  
Take a walk outdoors  
Have food or medicine delivered  
Send flowers or mail cards and gifts

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**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 are now passed five hundred mark with COVID-19 cases in Douglas County, with 20 new total positive cases 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.

### **Getting Tested & Testing Clinics**

**The next drive-through testing clinic will be Today, Tuesday, November 10, 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 Tonight, Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 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](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 are 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.

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.

### **Roseburg School District Revises Reopening Strategy In Light Of Recent COVID Case Increase**

Shared from the [Roseburg School District](#). Roseburg Public Schools is revising our reopening plans in response to the recent significant increase in COVID-19 cases and test positivity rates in Douglas County. When the new metric standards were released by the Governor's Office last month, it appeared that we would soon be able to welcome our fourth and fifth-grade students back to classrooms. Unfortunately, in the short time since, case rates in Douglas County have risen significantly. The latest weekly school metrics were released Monday by the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Health Authority, and, as expected, highlight a troubling trend of increased COVID case and test positivity rates. The data released Monday shows that Douglas County has shifted to what the state calls the "transition" phase. In this phase, we cannot add any grade levels to in-person learning and we must consider a transition to remote learning for all grade levels at this time. While we did experience a window for reopening to fourth- and fifth-graders, we believe that, due to the upward trend in COVID cases locally, the most responsible decision is to delay our plans for these grade levels. Numbers rose from 62.4 cases per 100,000 people to 108.7 cases per 100,000 in the most recent two-week period. Test positivity rates in Douglas County rose from 4.5% to 9.1%. The latest OHA metrics can be accessed by clicking <https://bit.ly/3eKTau9>. We have been eagerly anticipating a return for all of our students, but the state metrics and the local upward trend in cases means that we must hold off. We will continue to do everything possible to support our students and families through the challenges and opportunities that this school year presents while maintaining our focus on safety. In reviewing the latest metrics and considering the trends across the county, state and nation, Roseburg Public Schools is modifying our strategies for in-person learning by moving forward with the following plan:

- Cautiously maintain K-3 in-person learning at all schools, while continuing to offer a remote option for the families who chose this learning model.
- Delay the anticipated November 16 return of our fourth- and fifth-grade students until we see a decrease in cases, looking instead toward a December 7 target date. This will be dependent on our county once again meeting the threshold for returning to in-person learning (50 to 100 cases per 100,000). We will be closely monitoring the school metric data for trends in an effort to provide a two- to three-week window for any adjustments that need to be made prior to the December 7 target date for return. If the metrics are not satisfied by the date, we will adjust the return date accordingly.
- Continue remote learning for both middle schools and the high school through the end of the first semester, January 22. This date provides the consistency and predictability that our staff and community needs. If the metrics are met, hybrid instruction would begin on January 25. In the meantime, we will begin limited in-person instruction during the closure, per ODE/OHA updated guidance.

We continue to work closely with the Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN) in making our decisions. DPHN is assisting our district in monitoring for potential COVID-19 spread within our elementary schools and the local community. Please continue to visit our website, [www.roseburg.k12.or.us](http://www.roseburg.k12.or.us), for the latest information about our schools.

## **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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