



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 – December 3, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** As of 12:00 pm Today, Thursday, December 3, 2020, Douglas County has passed the 1,000 mark with total COVID-19 cases. During the month of November, we recorded a record number of 589 new cases (positive and presumptive combined), which equates to 61% of our total COVID cases since our first case was reported on March 8, 2020. That also means that in November we averaged about 19 new COVID cases per day. While this is a significant milestone during this pandemic, Douglas County is still listed as one of the lowest outbreak areas in the United States. We also want to continue to encourage residents to please help us to stop this new outbreak trend and be mindful to follow the recommended COVID guidelines in order to help keep our residents healthy and COVID-free. Today, there are **EIGHTEEN (18)** people with new positive test results, and **ONE (1)** presumptive has been moved to a positive, with a positive test result since our noon case update yesterday. The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at **1,010***. Currently, there are **FIFTEEN (15)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, 13 locally and 2 out-of-the-area. 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 continue to devote all resources available to our local COVID efforts.

New Mobile Medical Unit Arrives in Douglas County

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners are excited to announce that earlier this week a 45-foot, 35,000-pound, 2008 International truck and trailer outfitted as a Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) rolled into Douglas County. The first of its kind in our area, the new MMU, currently dubbed, “MOBILE ONE,” will allow valuable and critical health care services to be delivered directly to all areas of the county, all with the turn of a key. MOBILE ONE is the first of two mobile medical units, the second arriving in about two weeks, that were purchased through a Federal C.A.R.E.S. Act Grant Program designated specifically for rural health initiatives. Both of the MMU’s will be administered locally by Aviva Health.



“We are incredibly grateful that we have an amazing team here in Douglas County that was able to acquire this grant, and quickly make this mobile medical unit a reality. The MMU will provide invaluable medical and testing capabilities to our residents that were previously non-existent, not only during the current COVID-19 pandemic, but also as an asset for future medical outreach, education and disaster relief services,” commented Commissioner Tim Freeman.

MOBILE ONE was purchased from Life Line Mobile in Columbus, Ohio, who specialize in designing and refurbishing mobile medical units. Omar Assed, the Douglas County Fleet Division Manager, and staff were able to secure and have the MMU delivered to us in less than six weeks. The MMU was previously owned by Peak Vista Medical in Colorado and used as Ronald McDonald Mobile Dental Clinic. It features a totally refurbished, fully contained 450 square foot medical clinic, complete with a reception area, two outfitted patient rooms, an ADA wheelchair accessible lift and essential medical equipment. It was delivered to Aviva Health in Roseburg, on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, so staff could begin the process of adding the final touches with new graphics, as well as stocking it with medical provisions and tools.

Aviva Health, located at 150 NE Kenneth Ford Drive in Roseburg, currently provides primary medical, dental and behavioral health services at eight locations throughout Douglas County. The new MMU’s will now allow the medical staff at Aviva to bring health care services, testing, education and treatment directly to high-need areas of Douglas County that do not currently have access to reliable medical services. Aviva Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center and an Oregon Health Authority Designated Tier 4 Patient-centered Primary Care Home, recognition the organization has earned by providing not only high-quality clinical care, but a variety of support programs and resources to help residents achieve health goals.

In the near term, Aviva Health intends to use the larger of the two units as a cough and fever clinic in response to COVID-19. Upon its arrival and when the COVID-19 vaccination is available, the smaller of the two MMU’s will be mobilized as a COVID-19 vaccination clinic. The long-term plan for both units is to utilize them in the traditional sense, to bring deserving, high quality, community-based, comprehensive health care to every resident, regardless of financial means. The tagline Aviva Health has developed for this new and exciting medical service unit is “Better Health Coming Your Way.”



“We were humbled and honored to be selected to manage the two MMU’s for Douglas County. We want to thank the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and staff at Douglas County for the incredible effort that it took to get these units here expeditiously. We are very excited to start this new adventure and feel our new MMU tagline perfectly captures the intent behind the deployment of these two units, and underscores our promise to the people of Douglas County to provide compassionate, caring, accessible and affordable health care regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status,” stated KC Bolton, CEO Aviva Health.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Sunday, November 29, 2020	Monday, November 30, 2020	Tuesday, December 1, 2020	Wednesday, December 2, 2020	Today, Thursday, December 3, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	930	963	976	992	1,010
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	861	895	908	921	940
<i>Presumptive</i>	69	68	68	71	70
Total Currently Hospitalized	17	16	20	19	15
Total Currently in Isolation	186	193	183	180	174
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	19	19	19	19	19
Total Negative Test Results	18,584	18,584**	18,584**	19,299**	-----**

**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: OHA has chosen to no longer provide or report negative test results, so we will no longer be reporting this data in our daily update starting Thursday, December 3, 2020. In the meantime, you can log onto OHA’s website for more information.*

Weekly COVID Series:

Week 2, Day 4: Why Wear a Mask?

On day 4 of our COVID series on why you should consider wearing a mask, we wanted to talk about R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Just like the iconic 1967 hit song from the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, the message about R.E.S.P.E.C.T. for yourself and others is still so important in our lives today. It’s a message that never goes out of style. It may seem like treating others with dignity and respect is a lost art. But, the age-old action of treating other people with dignity as you yourself would like to be treated is not lost. You may have even heard the phrase, ‘chivalry is dead’, but the truth is, we all have the ability to show compassion for others. For some, we just need to awaken the sleeping giant, or remind yourself and others to stop and take a moment to walk in someone else’s shoes. During the pandemic, we have witnessed incredible acts of kindness, care and empathy across the globe, but simple acts of kindness like wearing a mask to protect others from the spread of germs may not seem like a lot, but this humble gesture shows you have an incredible amount of respect for others...and that is an amazing and noble thing! You can think of it as kind of like being a knight, whose actions symbolize courage, honor, courtesy, justice, and a readiness to help the weak. During this confusing and uncertain time, we ask you to bring out your sleeping compassionate giant or knight, and be kind to others by covering your nose and mouth with a mask. **Remember, Protecting is Respecting!**



Especially During the Holiday Season - You Are the Key to Controlling the Spread of COVID!

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. Please celebrate safely this holiday season. 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 measures into their daily routine, we could see a huge decrease in our COVID case numbers. We need each and everyone one of our residents to take the necessary steps to minimize the spread of germs and contagions. You can help by staying home this holiday season, keeping gatherings to just your household, maintaining 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. Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, Douglas County Public Health Official, urges residents to stay home when they are sick to help protect others from getting sick and spreading disease. 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 go to work or attend gatherings, church, parties, events, weddings, game nights, prayer groups, or go work out at the gym and expose others to your illness.

Tips to Help Stop the Spread of COVID

- *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 when you are around others not from your household. 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.*

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.

Local Cases Being Supported in Isolation and Quarantine

Currently, DPHN is supporting **174 cases** in isolation, as well as another **325 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 astounding **499 total contacts** in isolation or quarantine. This number represents a snapshot of the significant amount of work being done by our county and Douglas Public Health Network to help control the spread of COVID-19.

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Friday, December 4, 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 2045 people tested in 95 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.

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.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob

Please join us on **Friday, December 4, 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.

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 New Statewide Metrics and Rules? If you have questions or need more information on statewide mandates, guidelines or rules, 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 other counties and around 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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