



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 11, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** As of 12:00 pm Today, Friday, December 11, 2020, there are **ELEVEN (11)** people with new positive test results and **TWO (2)** more deaths to report since our noon case update yesterday. The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at **1,171***. Currently, there are **FOURTEEN (14)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized locally. 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.

Two More COVID-19 Related Deaths of Douglas County Residents

Our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, has confirmed the death of two more Douglas County residents from the COVID-19 virus. Our twenty-eighth death is a 71-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID and admitted to the hospital on Saturday, November 28, 2020. She passed away on Monday, December 7, 2020. Our twenty-ninth death is a 70-year-old man who was diagnosed with COVID on Monday, November 9, 2020 and admitted to the hospital on Friday, November 13, 2020. He passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. In the interest of privacy for the loved ones of these residents, no additional information will be released.

“Today, we announced that two more precious Douglas County residents have succumbed to the deadly COVID 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 the family, friends and neighbors of this beloved resident,” commented Commissioner Tim Freeman. *“Regrettably, our COVID cases, and now death rates continue to escalate in our county. This last week alone, we painfully announced the deaths of ten (10) Douglas County residents to COVID, with sadly more deaths predicted in the days and weeks to come. This is by far our highest weekly COVID death toll, and also represents a shocking one-third of our overall COVID deaths since the pandemic began. If the recent rash of cases and outbreaks has not already gotten your attention, we hope the latest death toll report is a wakeup call to our residents to please do everything you can to protect you, your family and your loved ones from this deadly virus, before it takes someone precious from you.”*

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

| Date | Monday, December 7, 2020 | Tuesday, December 8, 2020 | Wednesday, December 9, 2020 | Thursday, December 10, 2020 | Today, Friday, December 10, 2020 |
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| Total COVID-19 Cases | 1,090 | 1,110 | 1,138 | 1,160 | 1,171 |
| People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results | 1,018 | 1,036 | 1,064 | 1,085 | 1,096 |
| Presumptive | 72 | 74 | 74 | 75 | 75 |
| Total Currently Hospitalized | 20 | 20 | 21 | 17 | 14 |
| Total Currently in Isolation | 182 | 179 | 188 | 194 | 197 |
| Total COVID-19 Related Deaths | 25 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 29 |

*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. Also, note that 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. Please contact the [Oregon Health Authority](#) for more information.

A Special Thank You!

You may or may not know, but it is a very small group of dedicated people that have helped to make our Douglas County COVID Response Team updates possible seven days a week for the last 273 days. It is important for our team to take some



much needed, and well deserved time off occasionally to recharge our mind, body and soul. During these times, others have stepped up to help pull numbers, write stories and release our updates. We would like to take a moment to recognize the efforts of our amazing update team, as well as those individuals that have stepped up to help so we can take a break. Our DCCRT, core Joint Information Team is made up of Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman; Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer; Tamara Howell, Douglas County Emergency Communications & Community Engagement Specialist and Vanessa Becker, Douglas Public Health Network, Public Information Officer. Additionally, the following agencies/individuals have contributed to our local COVID updates as a part of our coordinated team effort: Douglas County Commissioners, Chris Boice and Tom Kress; Kathleen Nickel, Mercy Medical Center; Sarah Baumgartner, Mercy Medical Center; Mark Tsuchiya, Aviva Health; Rosa Solano, Lower Umpqua Hospital; Mark Turney, Umpqua National Forest; Carisa Hettich, American Red Cross - Southwest Oregon Chapter and Dr. Tanveer Bokhari, Umpqua Health. Last but, not least, a special thank you to the following who have willingly stepped in to help so our team could take a break: Melissa McRobbie-Toll, Douglas County Local Public Safety Council; Brad O'Dell, Douglas County Sheriff's Office; Michael Kurtz, Douglas County Human Resources; Jennifer Miller, Douglas County Commissioners Office; Brian Prawitz, BP Media; Laura Turpen, Douglas Public Health Network and Christin Rutledge, Douglas Public Health Network. **We appreciate every one of you!**

REMINDER: COVID Business Relief Funding for Douglas County - Applications Due TODAY!

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners announced last week that they finally received the grant and funding information from the State of Oregon for the Federal CARES Act Coronavirus Business Relief Fund program that was announced on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, for all Oregon counties. The allocation of Federal CARES Act dollars for financial assistance to support Oregon businesses who have been detrimentally impacted by COVID-19 has been divided up amongst the 36 Oregon counties, and each county is responsible for establishing a local application process and allocation program.

CCD Business Development Corporation announced that they were contracted by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners to administer approximately \$1,450,000 in grant funds for the Douglas County COVID-19 Business Grant Program. The funds allocated to Douglas County are a part of the Federal CARES Act Funds that have now trickled down to our local area. These funds were allocated to counties to deploy in the form of grants to small businesses who have been financially impacted. CCD Business Development Corporation is a private nonprofit Oregon corporation which was formed in 1971. CCD enjoys a national reputation as one of the leading economic development organizations in the United States and is the federally recognized Economic Development District for Coos, Curry and Douglas counties.

NOTICE: DEADLINE TO APPLY IS TODAY!

To Apply: The application is available at www.ccdbusiness.org and applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm, tonight, Friday, December 11, 2020. You can also access the application on Douglas County Government's website at www.co.douglas.or.us.

"Please be aware that there is a very short window to apply for these funds, so we encourage everyone that has a business in Douglas County, that is eligible to apply, to get their application in as soon as they can! As we have mentioned before, we know that many of our local businesses have been tremendously impacted by COVID, and we are excited to finally see that they will be able to apply for some much-needed financial relief," stated Commissioner Chris Boice.

Here is the information in order to apply for the grant. Eligible Grant Amounts will be from \$5,000 - \$75,000.

It is intended that these funds are equally accessible to all businesses within the following categories:

- Hospitality - (Hotels/Motels, Bed-and-Breakfast Inns, RV Parks, Recreational/Vacation Camps, Caterers, Wineries, Breweries, Event Planning, Travel Agencies, Tour Operators, Theme Parks, Bowling Alleys and Theaters)
- Restaurants that do not have a drive-up option.
- Gyms & Fitness Facilities
- These federal funds are directed to affected businesses with 100 or fewer employees
- Eligible Applicants: Small business must be located in Douglas County.

Businesses that meet the following eligibility requirements:

- The business is headquartered in Oregon and has its principal operations in Oregon.
- If required by Oregon law to be registered with the Oregon Secretary of State to do business in Oregon, the Business is so registered.
- The business was affected in either one of the following two ways:
 - For-profit and non-profit (limited to 501(c)(3) corporations) businesses that were prohibited from operations as directed by Executive Orders 20-12 or 20-65.
 - For-profit and non-profit (limited to 501(c)(3) corporations) businesses that can demonstrate a one-month decline in sales of 25% or more, incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, between March 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020 as compared against the same period of time in 2019.

The following businesses are ineligible to apply for or receive funding:

- Passive real estate holding companies and entities holding passive investments.
- Non-profit entities that do not have federal 501(c)(3) status.
- Businesses that experience a decline in revenues for reasons other than those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. seasonal or cyclical business cycles.)
- Businesses that are delinquent on federal, state or local taxes that were due on or before the date of application.
- Businesses that do not comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- Businesses that have closed and do not intend to reopen.

If you have any questions, you can email CCD at info@ccdbusiness.org or call (541) 672-6728 or contact Douglas County Government at: dcinfo@co.douglas.or.us or call (541) 672-3311.

What does Self-Quarantine mean?

Self-quarantine is recommended for close contacts of a known COVID-19 case, after recent travel to a place with a lot of COVID-19 infections, or in preparation for travel to visit vulnerable populations such as elderly family members.

If your doctor or someone from DPHN tells you that you need to **SELF-QUARANTINE**, this is what you should do:



Stay home.

Except to get medical care. **Call your doctor or hospital ahead of time so they can prepare for your arrival.**



Check your temperature.

And your oxygen levels if you have a pulse oximeter at least twice a day.



Watch for other symptoms.

Aside from fever, COVID-19 symptoms include cough, difficulty breathing, headache, runny nose, diarrhea, nausea, loss of smell or taste, muscle aches, and/or fatigue.



Wear a face covering.

When you are around others, like household members, or when you enter a healthcare provider's office.



Wash your hands.

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Stay in a specific room.

If you're sick or suspect yourself to be sick, it's best to stay in a designated room or area away from others. If possible, have a designated toilet and bathroom as well.



Get tested.

If you have symptoms and it's been 5 days or more since exposure. If you need a safe to return to work letter contact DPHN.

When is it okay to end self-quarantine?

- 14 days after your last exposure if you have not had respiratory symptoms
- 10 days after exposure if you have had no symptoms. You still need to self monitor for a full 14 days.
- 7 days after exposure if you have had no symptoms **AND** have a negative test result 5 or more days after your last exposure



Learn more at douglaspublichealthnetwork.org or call (541) 464-6550

What Does Self-Quarantine Mean?

Shared from DPHN. Many people are unsure what it means to self-quarantine and what the latest recommended guidelines are from OHA and the CDC. Please if you are asked to self-quarantine, please do so for the protection of others you love, work with or engage with in our community. Self-quarantine is recommended for close contacts of a known COVID-19 case, after recent travel to a place with a lot of COVID-19 infections, or in preparation for travel to visit vulnerable populations such as elderly family members. OHA has changed the recommended quarantine time for contacts of known cases that are quarantining. The change is now consistent with new CDC guidelines. If you have no symptoms, are low risk and test negative 5-7 days after exposure, you may be released from quarantine, but still asked to monitor for symptoms for the full 14 days. If you have no symptoms, are low risk and don't test at all, you may be released from quarantine at 10 days but asked to monitor for the full 14 days. DPHN has trained their staff on these new guidelines and talking with the over 300 contacts that they are working with to clarify quarantine dates. Isolation periods for known cases remains the same at 10 days.

DPHN created an easy to follow guide for self-quarantine, shown here. So, if you are planning a trip or have to travel to a COVID hot spot region or come in contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the self-quarantine guidelines to protect yourself and others.

The Holiday Season is in Full Swing! Remember You are the KEY to COVID Safe Holidays!

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. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer and Douglas Public Health Network encourage residents to make prevention measures a priority in their everyday routines.

Local Cases Being Supported in Isolation and Quarantine

Currently, DPHN is supporting **197 cases** in isolation, as well as another **317 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 **514 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 11, 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. Since then, there have been 2,084 tests performed in local 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 11, 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.

KEEP UP AND ACCESS 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

Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Douglas Public Health Network continue to offer a local resource and referral service via our COVID-19 hotline for Douglas County residents. The Hotline helps residents get answers to questions, provides up-to-date COVID information and helps residents get connected to resources and services related to COVID-19. **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.**

ACCESS TO STATE COVID-19 INFORMATION/RESOURCES

To find additional information on State or Federal COVID-19 response go to [Oregon Health Authority](#), [Centers for Disease Control](#), and [211Info](#).

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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Contact [Tamara Howell](#), Public Information Officer, Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, (541) 670-2804 cell (541) 957-4896 tjhowell@co.douglas.or.us

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