



# 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 – January 2, 2021 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** As of 12:00 pm Today, Saturday, January 2, 2021, there are **SEVEN (7)** people with new positive test results 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 **1,436\***. Currently, there are **SIX (6)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, five locally and one out-of-the-area. Our Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, who administer our local public health program and oversee the work by Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer and Douglas Public Health Network, continue to devote all resources available to our local COVID response.

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

Date	Tuesday, December 29, 2020	Wednesday, December 30, 2020	Thursday, December 31, 2020	New Year's Day Friday, January 1, 2021	Saturday, January 2, 2021
Total COVID-19 Cases	1,354	1,367	1,394	1,429	1436
People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	1,275	1,287	1,314	1,348	1355
Presumptive	79	80	80	81	81
Total Currently Hospitalized	10	10	9	6	6
Total Currently in Isolation	104	94	101	99	142
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	38	39	39	40	40

\*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. 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. 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](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/REGISTRATION-AND-CERTIFICATION/REGISTRATION-AND-CERTIFICATION/PAGES/oregon-health-authority) for more information.

#### Local Cases Being Supported in Isolation and Quarantine

Currently, DPHN is supporting **142 cases** in isolation, as well as another **203 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 **345 total contacts** in isolation or quarantine. This number represents a snapshot of the significant amount of work being done locally to help control the spread of COVID-19.

#### Remember You are the KEY to COVID Safe 2021!

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 DPHN encourage residents to make prevention measures a priority in their everyday routines. The key to stopping the continued spread of coronavirus is, **YOU**, our residents, our families, our communities and our businesses. Prevention is key, not just to help stop the spread of COVID, but for your overall health and wellbeing as well. Please help by keeping gatherings small, maintaining healthier eating habits; incorporating exercise and good hygiene routines; keeping your six-foot distance from others; choosing minimal or no contact 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. Our primary focus is to do everything we can to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of our residents. Please, if you are sick, even if you just have a runny nose or stuffy head, do not go to work or attend any social gatherings and unknowingly expose others to your illness. 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.

#### Help STOP the Spread of COVID

- **Make a habit of washing and sanitizing your hands, regularly.**
- **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. 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.*
- *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.*

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

**The next drive-through testing clinic will be Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 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 2,164 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](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. Find additional information on the state or Federal COVID-19 response go to [Oregon Health Authority, U.S. Centers for Disease Control](http://Oregon Health Authority, U.S. Centers for Disease Control), and [211Info](http://211Info).

### **Oregon COVID-19 Presumptive**

OHA case management reports include presumptive COVID-19 cases in their total case number. The DCCRT separates the number of people with new positive test results and 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. 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](http://Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 Investigative Guidelines), the number of recovered cases is no longer being assessed or reported by OHA. As more was learned about symptoms, recovery and contagious period, the definition of recovered changed. 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 **Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm** for our next Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, the Douglas County Public Health Officer, hosted by DPHN on the [DPHN Facebook page](http://DPHN Facebook page). Residents are still encouraged 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 Facebook Live updates.

### **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](http://Douglas County Government website) or the [DPHN website](http://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 DPHN continue to offer a local resource for COVID questions, information and referrals via our COVID-19 hotline for Douglas County residents. The Hotline helps residents get answers, provides up-to-date COVID information and helps residents get connected to resources and services related to COVID-19. **Call (541) 464-6550. It is staffed from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days a week.**

### **ACCESS STATE COVID-19 INFORMATION**

To access information for the State of Oregon and Federal COVID-19 response go to [Oregon Health Authority, U.S. Centers for Disease Control](http://Oregon Health Authority, U.S. Centers for Disease Control) and [211Info](http://211Info). If you have questions or need more information on statewide guidelines or risk levels, go to the [State's Building a Safe and Strong Oregon](http://State's Building a Safe and Strong Oregon) website or the [Governor's COVID-19 website](http://Governor's COVID-19 website) 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. Please do not call 911, Douglas County Sheriff's Office or Douglas County Offices to report compliance issues with the State of Oregon, OHA or 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 guidelines. **For more information or to report compliance issues contact these state agencies directly: OSHA: (800) 922-2689 or [OSHA website](http://OSHA website) or OLCC (503) 872-5000 or [OLCC website](http://OLCC website)**

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