



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 8, 2021 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** As of 12:00 pm Today, Friday, January 8, 2021, there are **NINETEEN (19)** 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 **1,528***. Currently, there are **FIVE (5)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, two locally and three 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.

Celebrating 100 Testing Clinics and the Amazing Work Being Done in Douglas County

Today we wanted to express our sincere appreciation to all the dedicated individuals that have worked diligently on our COVID-19 response since the beginning. We are happy to announce that we have hit a milestone with our local weekly COVID drive-through testing clinics, as today marks clinic number **ONE HUNDRED (100)!** Douglas County was the first county in Oregon to offer a drive through COVID testing clinic. The first Douglas County drive-through testing site was piloted in the county on March 17, 2020, where we performed 17 tests. Since then, there have been **2,189 PCR nasal swab tests performed at our local drive-through clinics.** Clinics have been held in both the Roseburg area, as well as in Reedsport. The drive-through clinics have been led by DPHN, in conjunction with numerous partner agencies over the past 10 months including; Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Public Works, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Douglas County Search and Rescue, local health care professionals, first responders, laboratory workers and volunteers. The work performed by this dedicated group has been nothing short of amazing. A special thank you to everyone that has helped us to provide this invaluable service to our residents. We also wanted to note that we have also seen an incredible effort by our local health care community (hospitals, urgent cares, clinics and pharmacies), to provide increased local testing availability.



Additionally, Douglas County was also the first county in Oregon to set up and run a COVID-19 resource hotline. The hotline went live on March 13, 2020 and as of January 7, 2021 they have received **5,835 calls.** A total 136 volunteers and 45 staff that have manned the hotline 8-12 hours a day, seven days a week since March. Thank you to everyone that has helped us to provide this invaluable resource to our residents.

Further, we were the first county in Oregon, and possibly the only county to have our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, conduct weekly Facebook Live, Q&A COVID-19 events. Our first COVID Facebook Live with Dr. Bob was on March 13, 2020, and since then he has tirelessly done **NINETY (90) live question and answer sessions.** On top of that Dr. Bob, and the DPHN staff have also created **14 special COVID related instructional YouTube videos.** Wow, that is an impressive 104 videos packed with timely and critical information that are available online for our residents. Thank you Dr. Bob and everyone that has helped us to make these live events and videos possible.

And last, but not least, our Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team's, Joint Information Center has published and released **318 COVID daily updates and press releases** since our Douglas County Commissioners issued the first COVID-19 press release on March 3, 2020. Again, we were the first county in Oregon and maybe the only county on Oregon that provides a daily update for our residents. Thank you our JIC team and everyone that has helped us to provide this invaluable resource to our residents. We also wanted to give a shout out to the members of our Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team that represent the coordinated efforts of 13 local agencies, for their continued dedication to our local COVID response. Douglas County continues to lead the way, not only in Oregon, but in the United States for our COVID response. This snapshot represents the incredible amount of work being done in our amazing county by amazingly talented local people. We are incredibly blessed to get to work with this impressive group. Out hats are off to all of you! Keep up the great work!



Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Monday, January 4, 2021	Tuesday, January 5, 2021	Wednesday, January 6, 2021	Thursday, January 7, 2021	Friday, January 8, 2021
Total COVID-19 Cases	1,456	1,474	1,486	1,509	1528
People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	1,374	1,392	1,404	1,424	1443
Presumptive	82	82	82	85	85
Total Currently Hospitalized	5	3	3	5	5
Total Currently in Isolation	132	134	138	160	158
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	41	41	42	42	42

*Our daily update includes the total number of cases in Douglas County, which combines people with positive test results and presumptives, as well as a breakout of those case numbers. 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.

Local Cases Being Supported in Isolation and Quarantine

Currently, DPHN is supporting **158 cases** in isolation, as well as another **157 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 **315 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.

Reminder: Please Be Patient – COVID-19 Vaccines Are Coming, We Just Don't Know When!

We know you are all anxious and we know there are conflicting messages out there, but we ask for your continued patience as we await more information on the availability of the COVID vaccine for the next phases of distribution. Much like when COVID testing started, they are still working out all the details. The vaccine is currently being administered locally to the Phase 1a group of recipients, as designated by the CDC and OHA. Oregon and Douglas County are unfortunately still in this first phase of COVID vaccine distribution. The vaccine is not available to the proposed Phase 1b group, or the Phase 1c group or for the general public yet.

The January vaccine distribution looks like it will continue to be only available for the Phase 1a group of front line health care workers, people who live or work in long-term care or skilled nursing facilities and first responders. For more information about Oregon's vaccine plan, priority groups and the implementation process please visit:

<https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>. For answers to frequently asked questions about the COVID vaccine, check out the worksheet created by OHA here: [OHA's Frequently Asked Questions About the COVID Vaccine in Oregon](#)

As a reminder, the [U.S. Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and the [Oregon Health Authority](#) are in charge of distributing, prioritizing and establishing the guidelines for the release of the COVID vaccines in Oregon. **According to OHA, Oregon, like most US states, has not received enough vaccines to immunize everyone in Phase 1a yet.** As soon as we receive a definite timeline for the next phases, we will pass along the information. In the meantime, we ask that you be patient and continue to follow the well documented recommendations for COVID safety.

For the most up to date information on the COVID-19 Vaccine in Oregon, log onto the [COVID-19 Vaccine in Oregon website](#). We ask that you not call or email the DCCRT, DPHN or local health care professionals, but instead directly contact [CDC](#) or [OHA](#), for the latest updates and information on the status of vaccine availability.

Remember You are the KEY to a COVID Safe 2021!

The DCCRT team encourages residents to make virus 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. 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, while also supporting our local businesses. 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.

Who Do I Contact About the COVID-19 Vaccine?



For the most up to date information on the COVID Vaccine in Oregon, contact the Oregon Health Authority

Phone:
(971) 673-2411

Email:
COVID19.Vaccine@dhsaha.state.or.us

Website:
<https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>

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 you, but for others too.*
- *Stay at least six feet apart from anyone that is not from your immediate household.*
- *Stay home from work, school and play if you are sick.*
- *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 Today, Friday, January 8, 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 Information

OHA reports new cases daily on their website at www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus. OHA reports include presumptive COVID-19 cases in their total case numbers. The DCCRT separates the number of people with new positive test results and new presumptives, and uses OHA's definition of presumptive as those 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 performs their epidemiologic investigations, identifying individuals who test positive, as well as those that may have had close contact with individuals that have tested positive while advising and supporting quarantine and isolation. OHA has chosen to no longer report negative test results or recovered cases, so we will no longer be reporting this data in our daily update. Please contact the [OHA](#) directly for more information.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob

Join us **Tonight, Friday, January 8, 2021 at 4:00 pm** for the next Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, the Douglas County Public Health Officer. The show is hosted by DPHN on the [DPHN Facebook page](#). Residents are encouraged to submit their questions during the live show or can email 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 the live shows.

Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline (541) 464-6550

Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners and DPHN continue to offer a local resource hotline for Douglas County residents for COVID-19. The hotline provides answer to frequently asked questions, basic information and referrals to resources and services. The Hotline is staffed from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days a week.

ACCESS ACCURATE, LOCAL COVID-19 INFORMATION

Stay up to date with accurate and local COVID-19 information in Douglas County on the [Douglas County Government website](#) or [Douglas County Facebook page](#) and the [DPHN website](#) or [DPHN Facebook page](#). Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, DPHN and the DCCRT have been working hard to cooperatively provide accurate and timely information to Douglas County residents since March 8, 2020.

ACCESS STATE COVID-19 INFORMATION

To access information on the State of Oregon and Federal COVID-19 response go to [Oregon Health Authority, U.S. Centers for Disease Control](#) and [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](#) website or the [Governor's COVID-19 website](#) or call the Business Oregon's Navigator Hotline at (833) 604-0880. 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. To report compliance issues contact them directly **OSHA**: (800) 922-2689 or [OSHA website](#) or **OLCC** (503) 872-5000 or [OLCC website](#)

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