



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 13, 2021 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** As of 12:00 pm Today, Wednesday, January 13, 2021, there are **TWENTY-SIX (26)** people with new positive test results and **ONE (1)** death 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 **1,622***. Currently, there are **EIGHT (8)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, six 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.

COVID-19 Related Death of a Douglas County Resident

Our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, has confirmed the death of another Douglas County resident related to the COVID-19 virus. Our forty-third death is an 84-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Saturday, November 21, 2020 and passed away on Monday, January 4, 2021. In the interest of privacy for the loved ones of this resident, no additional information will be released. Each death related to COVID-19 is painful for all Douglas County residents, and a sad reminder of the terrible impact COVID-19 has had in our local communities. The Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Dr. Dannenhoffer, DPHN and the DCCRT team extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to all family members, friends, relatives, co-workers and community members of those who have passed after contracting this deadly virus.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, January 9, 2021	Sunday, January 10, 2021	Monday, January 11, 2021	Tuesday, January 12, 2021	Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Total COVID-19 Cases	1,545	1,566	1,575	1,596	1622
People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	1,458	1,480	1,489	1,510	1536
Presumptive	87	86	86	86	86
Total Currently Hospitalized	6	8	8	9	8
Total Currently in Isolation	176	190	172	158	173
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	42	42	42	42	43
Total COVID-19 vaccines distributed to Local Public Health and Total administered to eligible residents	---	---	---	---	400/400

*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.

Vaccine Distribution to Local Public Health

As you can see in the chart above, we have added a new line in our daily chart in order to provide an accurate total of the number of vaccines that Local Public Health has received to date, as well as the number we have administered to eligible residents. Please note that our numbers do **NOT** include other sites like the Roseburg VA, Mercy Medical Center, EMS, Cow Creek Tribe and local care facilities that received their vaccines directly from the Federal and State Government in order to begin direct vaccinations to the first priority group. We wanted to let you know that our Local Public Health has received and administered our first round of COVID-19 vaccines to eligible Douglas County residents in accordance with the priority guidelines and criteria set by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA). **As of noon yesterday, Tuesday, January 12, 2020, Douglas County has received 400 COVID-19 vaccines and all 400 of those have been administered to eligible residents at 6 approved local medical clinics. At this time, we have not received enough vaccines to move to the next phase or wave, or to hold a large community event.** We are hopeful that we will get a larger distribution of the vaccine soon, so we can move forward with vaccinations for everyone that is eligible. Right now, we are still working through the priority populations in group – Phase 1A. CDC and OHA are still working on the logistics and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, and as soon as the new guidelines are finalized, and we begin to get a steady supply of vaccines, we can start moving our way down the eligibility list. DPHN, through our Local Public Health Authority and



Administrators, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, have set up a new email address for questions about COVID-19 vaccines in Douglas County. The new email is for inquiries from residents, businesses, health care workers, medical offices and volunteers. DPHN will do their best to respond with the most current information we have, and connect those that are eligible for the vaccine with those that have the vaccine, as soon as the vaccine becomes available.

New Email for Douglas County COVID-19 Vaccine Questions: For all questions about vaccine eligibility, availability and volunteer opportunities, please email vaccines@douglaspublichealthnetwork.org

Reminder: All Douglas County Businesses Have the Ability to Be Open

Yesterday we announced that Douglas County residents and businesses would remain in our current State mandated risk level. The State of Oregon notified Douglas County Monday, that we would not be moving out of the current level based on our COVID-19 case count over the last two weeks. So, Douglas County will remain in the High Risk Level for the next two-week period, beginning Friday, January 15, 2021, and continuing through Thursday, January 28, 2021. **This risk level allows ALL of our local business the opportunity to be OPEN, with some limitations on capacity.** We want to continue to thank our residents and businesses for staying within the recommended guidelines, and for making good decisions in order for our communities to continue to stay open. The new risk level does not affect the ability of faith based organizations and local school districts to offer in-person services and classes. They are able to make decisions for their own congregations and educational programs.

Clarification: Douglas County Sees Increase in Local Case Numbers

Yesterday, we talked about the spreader events and circumstances for our recent surge in case numbers. We wanted to clarify a term we used yesterday. We said that during recent case investigations several **epilink**** outbreaks were linked to residents who attended holiday celebrations, traveled to COVID hot spot areas, invited people to visit from out of the area and attended in-person unprotected congregate social gatherings where COVID-19 safety measures were not being followed. For clarification, **an epilink or epidemiological link** is what a place or person or a group, who've tested positive for COVID-19 or are considered presumptive, have in common, such as a business, co-worker, friend, school, daycare, fellow parishioner, relative or family member. We will continue to encourage everyone, for the sake of our local businesses, services and residents, to gauge your risk level, and make the best choice in order to protect yourself and those around you. We have provided education on the widely proven COVID-19 safety measures, and encourage you to limit your contact with others not from your household, stay home if you are sick and wear face coverings where recommended. We know how important family and faith are to you, so we ask that you consider all options available in order to eliminate and minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our communities in order to help protect the ones you love, the businesses you love and the places you love to go.

Local Cases Being Supported in Isolation and Quarantine

Currently, DPHN is supporting **173 cases** in isolation, as well as another **242 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 **415 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.

COVID-19 Vaccine in Oregon

We understand that our residents have many questions, so do we. Like you, we are patiently awaiting more information. If you have questions or need more information about the COVID-19 vaccine in Oregon, check out these resources:

- OHA COVID-19 Vaccine website: <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>
- General Questions: COVID19.vaccine@dhsosha.state.or.us or call 211 or (971) 673-2411
- COVID-19 FAQ: [Frequently Asked Questions About the COVID Vaccine in Oregon](#)

As soon as more information is made available about the next phases and vaccine availability, we will pass the information along. In the meantime, we ask that you be patient and continue to follow the well documented recommendations for COVID health and safety.

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 **Friday, January 15, 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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