



# 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 – July 22, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - NOON CASE UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Wednesday, July 22, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there is ONE person with a new positive test result and one new presumptive since our noon case update yesterday. The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 92\*.

*\*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.*

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, July 18, 2020	Sunday, July 19, 2020	Monday, July 20, 2020	Tuesday, July 21, 2020	Today, Wednesday, July 22, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	83	86	88	90	<b>92</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR Test Results</b>	73	75	76	77	<b>78</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	10	11	12	13	<b>14</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	22	24	26	27	<b>24</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	6408	6517	6604	6703	<b>6781</b>

**Reminder:** the majority of our new positives have been directly linked to travel outside Douglas County, and especially those residents that have chosen to travel outside of Oregon. Whatever your reason for traveling, we encourage you to please consider the risk and travel in a COVID-19 safe manner. The COVID-19 virus is still here, still infectious and will be around for quite some time. Current data from CDC and OHA shows that traveling and coming into contact with people from other areas DOES significantly increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. So, before you travel, attend a party or invite your relatives from out of state to visit, you need to assess the risk to you, your family and to your local community. The bottom line is that each and every person needs to take personal responsibility for their actions and adopt the proper precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. [Click here for the link to our article about COVID-19 Travel Advice.](#)

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 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.

Previously, we used the OHA definition for recovered that considered people recovered if they were 10 days from onset and symptoms were improving. As more is learned about COVID, the clinical definition of recovery is evolving. Due to the evolving nature of this definition, we have removed the column in our chart listing our recovered cases. We added the number of those in isolation that roughly correlates with the number of active cases. The DCCRT noon case and daily update will report the Total Number of COVID-19 Cases, the number of positive test results (as of 12:00 pm that day), the number of presumptive, total currently hospitalized, total currently in isolation, total COVID-19 deaths and total negative test results in Douglas County. *Currently, DPHN is supporting 24 cases in isolation.*



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## **Getting Tested & Testing Clinics**

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Friday, July 24, 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 1142 people tested in 51 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. 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](#).

## **Local Workplace Outbreak reported by OHA**

The Oregon Health Authority reported a workplace outbreak in Douglas County today, Wednesday, July 22, 2020. An outbreak of COVID-19 cases has been linked to Norris Farms, a family owned a farm and fruit packing facility in rural Douglas County.

OHA's policy related to workplace outbreaks is to report outbreaks with 5 or more cases and only for workplaces where there are at least 30 employees. Locally, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer and the staff at Douglas Public Health Network have been working directly with Norris and their employees. Ongoing epidemiology work including communication with contacts of positive cases and additional testing is continuing to happen. Both DPHN staff and Norris officials are supporting the employees that are in isolation or quarantine.

*"We have been working closely with Norris farms and believe the risk of this outbreak to the public is low. Norris has done all the right things from testing, changing operations to promote social distancing and hygiene, daily screening on site and supporting those positive cases and their contacts in quarantine and isolation. Norris has worked with public health and completed more than 300 tests of their employees and they have been tremendous in their support of those that are positive and their contacts. This outbreak is another example of how public health is working with local industry to identify and contain the threat of this very virus" stated Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer.*

Norris Farms is a family-owned and operated farm and has been in the Umpqua Valley since 1976. For more information about Norris Farms and their response to COVID-19, please visit their website at [www.norrisblueberryfarms.com](http://www.norrisblueberryfarms.com).

*"All businesses are experiencing a difficult time coping with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have spent much time and effort to make the safety of our employees and the community at large our top priority while working through our harvest amidst the looming threat of the novel coronavirus. To date, we have conducted over 300 COVID-19 tests on our workers, and we have extensive safety and sanitary measures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible while at work. I am a retired physician with 40+ years of medical experience, including 15 years as the head of the county health department, and I can tell you that this virus is not something we take lightly. We will continue to work with the county and state health authorities to keep our community safe and care for those in need. Please out of respect for others, I encourage you to wear a mask,"* stated Paul Norris MD, Owner & Founder of Norris Farms.

## **Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer**

Join us Friday, July 24, 2020 for the next virtual town hall Q&A with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, your Douglas County Public Health Officer at 6:00 pm, hosted by DPHN and found on the [DPHN Facebook page](#).

## **Stay Informed with Local Accurate 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 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.**

**Local COVID-19 Hotline: If you have questions about COVID-19 and available local resources, call the Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550. It is staffed by local volunteers from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days a week.**

## **Got Questions about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans?**

If you have questions or need more information about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans, Sector Specific or other State Orders go to the Governor's COVID-19 website at <https://govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon> or call Business Oregon's Navigator Hotline at (833) 604-0880.

## **Who Do You Contact to Report Compliance Issues with the Governor's Orders?**

**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 of Oregon 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. [Governor's official press release](#). **For more information or to report compliance issues concerning the Governor's COVID-19 orders contact: OSHA: (800) 922-2689 or [OSHA website](#) or OLCC (503) 872-5000 or [OLCC website](#)**

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