



# 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 – DAILY LOCAL UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) Oregon’s Governor and her COVID-19 Medical Advisory panel announced new statewide rules in a press conference held earlier today that are set to take effect on Friday, July 24, 2020. The new rules include an expansion to the face covering requirement, a decrease in indoor capacity and a new curfew for bars and restaurants. These rules are in addition to the increased COVID-19 requirements issued by the Governor on Monday, July 13, 2020, under her newest statewide COVID-19 campaign, “Sounding the Alarm”. [Click here to view a recording of the press conference](#) or [here to read the press release](#) for more information. Updated statewide guidance can be found on the State’s COVID-19 website at [coronavirus.oregon.gov](http://coronavirus.oregon.gov). In addition to the new rules, there was mention of an update coming soon from Oregon’s Ready Schools Council, under the guidance of the Oregon Department of Education, about the status of reopening Oregon’s public schools in the Fall; an update soon on Oregon’s COVID-19 County Watch list and the possibility of travel restrictions being put into place in Oregon. As additional guidance is released from the State it will be posted on their COVID-19 website at [coronavirus.oregon.gov](http://coronavirus.oregon.gov).

### Douglas County COVID-19 Update

According to Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, the Douglas County Public Health Officer, the latest stats from OHA and the CDC show that Douglas County has the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest COVID-19 infection rates in Oregon, and that Oregon has the 6<sup>th</sup> lowest COVID-19 infection rates in the nation. We want to continue to keep our numbers low and control the spread of the virus in our County. So, Dr. Bob also noted, “Residents need to recognize that the current COVID infection rate in Douglas County is far worse than it was when we were under the stay at home orders in March, April and May. It is imperative that residents continue to stay vigilant in protecting the health and safety of themselves, their families and our communities by exercising caution and evaluating risk with their activities. I encourage residents to continue to maintain a safe distance from others, stay home if they are sick, wear face coverings where recommended and wash their hands frequently.”

**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
Total COVID-19 Cases	83	86	88	90	<b>92</b>
People with Positive PCR Test Results	73	75	76	77	<b>78</b>
Presumptive	10	11	12	13	<b>14</b>
Total Currently Hospitalized	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Total Currently in Isolation	22	24	26	27	<b>24</b>
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
Total Negative Test Results	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.**

### **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](#).

### **Long-Term Care Facilities Permitted to Offer Outdoor Visitation With Safeguards**

The Department of Human Services announced earlier this week that Oregon's licensed long-term care providers that do not have active COVID cases may begin providing limited outdoor visitation for residents, ([click here to read the press release](#)), if and when the care facility can develop a plan to adhere to required safeguards to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The visits will be allowed for facilities that are not dealing with current active COVID-19 cases only. Facilities will be required to follow mandatory safety prerequisites including health screenings, face coverings, physical distancing and limits on the number of visitors. This comes as Oregon continues to experience an increase in outbreaks at long-term care facilities. While visits with family and friends are essential to well-being, they also create significant risk, not only for the individual who is seeing a loved one, but for everyone who lives and works in that care facility.

The Department of Human Services outdoor visitation policy applies to all facilities licensed by the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities including nursing, assisted living, residential and memory care facilities as well as all adult foster homes. Facilities that are currently coping with COVID-19 cases or suspected cases may not offer outside visitation until DHS determines that the outbreak has resolved. All current indoor visitation restrictions issued in March remain in place regardless of the reopening plan status of the county where the facility is located; however, residents are free to leave and return to their facility if following all public health guidance.

#### **Resources:**

- For more information on DHS requirements for facilities providing outdoor visitation, see [a copy of the policy](#) here.
- Visit [this DHS webpage](#) for lists of facilities reporting cases of COVID-19 that would not be able to adopt outside visitation. These lists are updated on Tuesday and Friday.
- Long-term care providers, residents and family members with questions should reach out to: [SOQ.LTCInfo@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:SOQ.LTCInfo@dhsosha.state.or.us).

### **Help to Identify the Signs of Stress in Children**

OHA recently addressed concern for our littlest residents in dealing with the stress and loss of social activities this summer due to the coronavirus. It's been an unusual summer, to say the least. With many summer activities rescheduled or canceled and the uncertainty of how school will operate in the fall, children may be experiencing stress. Children often react to stressful events differently than adults. How the child in your life reacts will vary by age, their previous experiences and how they typically cope with stress. OHA provided a [graphic](#) that shares signs of stress that you can watch for in preschool- and elementary-age children and how to help them. Teens who want someone to talk to can check out the Oregon YouthLine by calling (877) 968-8491, texting teen2teen to 839863, emailing [Teen2Teen@LinesforLife.org](mailto:Teen2Teen@LinesforLife.org) or by chat at [oregonyouthline.org](http://oregonyouthline.org). Teens are available to help daily from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Pacific Time, and adults are available by phone all other times. Residents can find resources and learn more about how to support children of all ages by visiting [CDC's](#)

[Helping Children Cope website](#) or the national Child Traumatic Stress Network's (NCTSN) [Parent/Caregiver Guide to Helping Families Cope](#). You can seek help locally by calling the Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550 or Compass Behavioral Health at (541) 440-3532 or (800) 866-9780.

### **OHA Announced a New Online Testing Locator for Oregon**

Earlier this week, the Oregon Health Authority announced it had published a COVID-19 test site locator to help Oregonians across the state find testing sites in their communities. The interactive map is available on pages in both English and Spanish and can be toggled into multiple other languages: [healthoregon.org/covid19testing](http://healthoregon.org/covid19testing) (English) or [healthoregon.org/pruebasdecovid19](http://healthoregon.org/pruebasdecovid19) (Spanish). OHA said that people who experience COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough or shortness of breath, should contact a health care provider to discuss whether to be tested. Health care providers will determine whether testing is appropriate based on symptoms and test availability in their area. OHA cannot guarantee that people will be able to get tested at one of the sites. It is always best to contact a health care provider about getting a COVID-19 test. OHA's [testing guidance](#) encourages testing for anyone with symptoms in consultation with a health care provider.

### **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**

Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer and the Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team 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 14 agencies that make up the DCCRT.**

**Local COVID-19 Hotline: If you have questions about resources available, call the COVID-19 hotline, staffed by local volunteers at (541) 464-6550 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, law enforcement 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. [Read the Governor's official press release on enforcement here.](#)

### **For more information or to report compliance issues concerning the Governor's COVID-19 orders directly contact:**

**OSHA** at (800) 922-2689 or log onto the [OSHA website](#)

**OLCC** at (503) 872-5000 or log onto the [OLCC website](#)

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