



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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### DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY LOCAL UPDATE

**(Douglas County, Ore.)** A Salute to National Peace Officers Day and Week. The first National Peace Officer Memorial Day was held on May, 15, 1963, after President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated that day and the week in which it falls as Police Week in "honor of those peace officers who through their courageous deeds have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of their duty."

Typically, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on local, state and national Law Enforcement Memorials, to participate in a number of events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. However, this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the on-site events have been cancelled. In Douglas County, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office will hold a private vigil and place wreaths at the Douglas County Peace Officer Memorial located near the front steps of the Douglas County Courthouse to honor our fallen this week.

In October of 1991, President George H.W. Bush dedicated the [National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial](#) in Washington D.C. Along the walkways are stone walls that are inscribed with the names of over 21,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Click on the link above to watch the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Candle Light Vigil on Tuesday, May 12 at 5:00 pm (PST). You can find our fallen officers on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at the following locations on the National Memorial:

Officer Donald DeSues, Roseburg Police Department - EOW - August 7, 1959	16-W:5
Special Deputy Ronald H. Terwilliger, Douglas County Sheriff's Office - EOW - July 23, 1985	51-E:17
Corporal Virgle D. Knight Jr., Douglas County Sheriff's Office - EOW - July 23, 1985	39-W:6
Sergeant Gerald G. Chirrick, Douglas County Sheriff's Office - EOW - July 23, 1985	43-W:15
Deputy Morris L. Taylor, Douglas County Sheriff's Office - EOW - September 14, 2002	30-W:23

Police officers wear the badge because it is their duty, their calling, their honorable purpose to serve and protect. Peace Officer Memorial Day and Week are times that remind us that we must never take our life and liberty, our peace and security, for granted. The officers we honor gave their lives so that these values will endure forever.

#### Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results

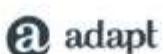
It is Monday, May 11, 2020 and as of 12:00 pm today, there **NO** new cases of COVID-19 in Douglas County. There has only been one positive case reported in the last 21 days, and that case was reported as recovered before their test results were returned. Testing continues, as DPHN has been holding 2-3 clinics a week and hospitals, urgent cares and clinics continue to test. Twenty-four people have tested positive in the county and twenty-two of those twenty-four have recovered. DPHN defines recovery as an end to all symptoms after a positive test for COVID-19.

Here are the current numbers for Douglas County:

New Cases as of 12:00 pm May 11, 2020	Total Confirmed Cases	Total Recovered Cases (of those that tested positive)	Total COVID-19 deaths	Total Currently Hospitalized (of those that tested positive)	Total Negative Test Result	Total Presumptive Cases
0	24*	22	0	1	1456	0

\*confirmed cases are people who have tested positive with a PCR/nasal swab test

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has expanded their reporting for COVID-19 case management and will now include presumptive COVID-19 cases. DPHN will also be reporting presumptive cases and will use 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. DPHN continues their epidemiologic investigations, identifying individuals who may have had close contact with individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19 and advising quarantine. The majority of the individuals who have tested positive earlier have now recovered.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Roseburg VA Health Care System



American Red Cross  
Southwest Oregon Chapter

## **Get Tested & Testing Clinics**

The next drive through clinic led by DPHN is scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, May 12, 2020. 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. The first drive thru testing site was piloted in the county on March 17, 2020, there have been 466 people tested in the drive through clinics alone, additional testing continues in hospitals, urgent cares and clinics simultaneously. 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 reports new cases once a day on its website at [www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus). The Oregon Health Authority is also releasing the daily situation status report, which is produced jointly with Oregon Office of Emergency Management. It details the overall picture of the COVID-19 outbreak within the state and the response across government agencies. [Read more here about the daily situation status report.](#)

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

Join us tonight, Monday, May 11, 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](#).

## **Wellness Tips During COVID-19**

We know many of you are anxious to emerge from your homes and reopen our communities. But, before you venture out, here are some tips for maintaining your mental, emotional and physical health as we transition to a new normal with COVID-19:

- Eat regular meals, drink water and get enough rest. These may seem like basics, but these are things we tend to neglect during times of stress. If you're not up for cooking, many local restaurants are open for takeout and delivery, and may soon be open for limited seating. It is important to support our local businesses.
- Get outdoors. Try to get some fresh air and exercise each day. County parks are open, or take a stroll around your neighborhood. Make sure to maintain your distance. If it's raining, try to stay active inside your home.
- Stay connected to your friends and family. Combine your daily walk with a phone chat, or have a video chat while cooking. Chatting while doing another activity can make you feel like you're "hanging out" with the other person.
- Be nice to yourself. For instance, if you've had a lazy day, don't be too hard on yourself for not getting enough done. Instead, do something nice for yourself.
- While it's important to stay up to date on developments, too much media consumption and social media time can weigh on your spirit. Try to limit the amount of time you spend browsing social media or watching the news. Get your information from reliable sources. Local, state and federal COVID-19 updates can be found on the websites of [Douglas Public Health Network](#), [Douglas County Government](#), [Oregon Health Authority](#) and the [CDC](#).

## **Stay Informed with the 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.

**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.**

Stay up to date on COVID-19 in Douglas County on the DPHN website at [www.douglaspublichealthnetwork.org](http://www.douglaspublichealthnetwork.org). Find additional information on state or federal COVID-19 response from the following websites: [Douglas County Government](#), [Oregon Health Authority](#), [Centers for Disease Control](#), and by calling or logging onto [211Info](#).

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