



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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**(Douglas County, Ore.) Preparing for Wildfire Season:** As we head into summer, as well as begin Phase Two of the Governor's Reopening Plans, we also head into wildfire season. Many of you have already learned a few things about what you and your family will need in order to survive and shelter in place from our February 2019 'Snowmageddon' storm, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic mandates. So, we thought it would be a good time to remind our citizens to be prepared for an emergency, like a wildfire, by readying themselves, their families and their homes. Preparing your family in advance of an emergency is important. Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) encourage individuals and families to be **2 Weeks Ready**. This tangible action helps create self-sufficiency for at least 14 days in the midst or in the aftermath of an emergency or disaster. So, do you have a To-Go-Kit? Do you have an action plan? Does your family know the plan? Do you know what Ready, Set, Go or Level 1-3 evacuations levels mean? Here are a few tips from OEM help you answer yes to all of those questions.

### What is 2 Weeks Ready:

<https://youtu.be/8Li1ODLbi2M>

### What goes into your Plan:

Shelter <https://youtu.be/nwkV01M3gw8>

First Aid <https://youtu.be/Bz-0SH1vZOA>

Pets and Livestock <https://youtu.be/wL4-McXJZjo>

Family and Youth Plan: [https://youtu.be/2MW0amU\\_lc](https://youtu.be/2MW0amU_lc)

### What goes into a To-Go-Kit:

First Aid <https://youtu.be/Bz-0SH1vZOA>

Food <https://youtu.be/92LmqxTSAWw>

Water: <https://youtu.be/rfTD3mFzYDo>

In addition, you and your family should be familiar with **“Ready (Level 1), Set (Level 2), Go (Level 3)”** emergency evacuation levels and sign up for emergency alerts in your county to receive evacuation notifications. For more information and to sign up for the Douglas County Citizen Emergency Notification System [click here](#).

### Evacuation levels are as follows:

- **Level 1 Evacuation** means “BE READY” for potential evacuation. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets for information. This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, and in some cases, pets and livestock.
- **Level 2 Evacuation** means “BE SET” to evacuate. You should be ready to leave at a moment’s notice as this level indicates there is significant danger to your area. Residents should be prepared to voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area. Residents may have time to gather necessary items, but doing so is at their own risk.
- **Level 3 Evacuation** means “GO.” Leave immediately! Danger to your area is current or imminent. If you choose to ignore this advisement, emergency services may not be available to assist you further. Do not delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home.

“We can all do our part when it comes to prevention and knowing what to do when wildfire threatens our home and our community,” said OEM Director Andrew Phelps. “In spite of the countless ways COVID-19 has changed our lives, these steps can help heighten levels of certainty and empowerment when it comes to personal safety. For more information on how to be **2 Weeks Ready**, or other personal preparedness resources, visit [www.oregon.gov/oem/2WeeksReady](http://www.oregon.gov/oem/2WeeksReady).

**Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Monday, June 8, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **NO** new cases of COVID-19 in Douglas County. The total number of positive cases in Douglas County is 29. Testing continues, as DPHN has been holding 2-3 clinics a week and hospitals, urgent cares and clinics continue to test. Twenty-nine people have tested positive in the county and twenty-six of those twenty-nine have recovered. DPHN defines recovery as an end to all symptoms after a positive 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, advising and supporting quarantine. The majority of the individuals who have tested positive earlier have now recovered.

The first positive COVID-19 case in Douglas County was announced on March 8, 2020. Thanks to the great work that Douglas County has done social distancing and staying home, we’ve had 29 cases in 92 days.



Here are the current numbers for Douglas County:

New Cases as of 12:00 pm June 8, 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	29	26	0	2	3308	0

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.

### **Getting Tested & Testing Clinics**

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Tuesday, June 9, 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 620 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, June 8, 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](#).

### **Looking to Access DMV Services?**

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced that they have opened more offices for appointments. But, you will need to fill out an online appointment request form instead of placing a phone call to get an appointment. A new web-based form to request an appointment at an Oregon DMV office is now online at [www.OregonDMV.com](http://www.OregonDMV.com). The Oregon DMV is starting to accept appointments at 40 of its 60 offices this month instead of just six.

How to use the new online tool: On the DMV website, a simple tool will ask a short series of questions to determine whether you need an in-person visit or can do your business online or by mail. If the service you need is available for appointments, the tool will take you to the new appointment request form. The form asks for your name and contact information. A DMV agent will contact you to schedule the in-person appointment. They ask that you note that once you submit the online form it will take some time for DMV to respond because of the high demand for service.

According to the DMV, they are setting up appointments for the following services at this time:

- Driver licensing and ID cards – originals, renewals and replacements, including passenger car and commercial licenses, and instruction permits
- Driver knowledge tests
- Driving privilege reinstatements with a license issuance
- Disabled parking placards
- VIN inspections for new-to-Oregon vehicles previously titled elsewhere
- Farm endorsements

Unfortunately, they are not performing drive tests due to social distancing restrictions, and they did not post when they might resume offering them. For more information go to: [www.OregonDMV.com](http://www.OregonDMV.com).

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

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

If you have questions or need more information about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans or Sector Specific Guidelines go to <https://govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon>. There is also a video presentation about Phase Two available [here](#). Or you may contact the [Governor's Office](#), the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#) or the [Oregon State Office](#) responsible for regulating your business or agency, or the business or venue that you wish to visit.

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