



DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY LOCAL UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) With each new day of the Phase One Reopening process, we see more and more local businesses and recreational opportunities beginning to open up. While it is not business as usual, it is encouraging to see our favorite restaurants, bars, hair salons, barber shops and gyms reopen for business. We will continue to feel the economic impact of the pandemic in our communities for many months to come, but we want to emphasize the importance of continuing to support our local businesses, restaurants, diners, food trucks, beauticians, camping spots and retail establishments. They need your business now more than ever. #ShopLocal; #DineLocal; #BuyLocal.

Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results

It is Monday, May 18, 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 remains at 25. We want to reiterate that there was an error on the OHA website reporting a new case in Douglas County on Friday, May 15, when there was not a new case on that day. We are currently working with staff at OHA to get the case count corrected. Douglas County has 25 cases as of Monday, May 18, 2020. Testing continues, as DPHN has been holding 2-3 clinics a week and hospitals, urgent cares and clinics continue to test. Additional testing technologies such as the Abbot ID Now machine, available locally, have also shortened the wait time for results. Twenty-five people have tested positive in the county and twenty-three of those twenty-five 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 18, 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	25	23	0	1	1920	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. 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.

Get Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic led by DPHN will be tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19, 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. The first drive thru testing site was piloted in the county on March 17, 2020, there have been 495 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. 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.](#)



Douglas County Operated Campgrounds Offer Additional Recreational Opportunities!

Douglas County Board of Commissioners sent out a notice today reminding citizens that campgrounds operated by the Douglas County Parks Department, while maintaining some limited use restrictions, continue to be open for your recreational enjoyment. Additionally, as of May, 19, 2020, they are excited to announce that they will be offering additional recreational opportunities, such as tent camping, non-self-contained recreational units and some cabin and yurt use at the parks listed below. Despite being open and with the new services being offered, we continue to encourage residents to follow the limited use restrictions, as well as the recommended CDC guidelines for physical distancing, sanitation and personal health.

“We do understand the role our outdoor recreational sites provide in keeping our residents mentally and physically healthy, accordingly our parks do have the capacity to allow you to get out and rejuvenate, while remaining dispersed,” commented Board Chair, Commissioner Chris Boice. As a reminder, this notice only applies to parks and campgrounds operated by our Douglas County Parks Department and not State, Federal or privately operated parks and campgrounds located in Douglas County. For information on parks and campgrounds operated by those agencies, you will need to contact them directly.

Douglas County Operated Campgrounds Adding Additional Recreational Opportunities May 19:

- Charles V. Stanton County Park Campground

- John P. Amacher County Park Campground

- Pass Creek County Park Campground
- Chief Miwaleta County Park Campground

- Mildred Kanipe Memorial County Park Campground

- Whistler’s Bend County Park Campground

Please remember all other restrictions will remain in place, including but not limited to:

- Staying home if you are sick.
- Physical Distancing of 6 feet will be required at all times. Do not overcrowd a campsite.
- Wearing of masks is recommended.
- Being Prepared - Bring your own soap, hand sanitizer, towels, toilet paper and disinfectant wipes.
- All picnic tables and other campground amenities will not be sanitized. Visitors using facilities will be doing so at their own discretion and must take all necessary precautions to ensure for their own personal health and safety.
- Leave no trace. Pack out what you bring in.
- Group Camps will remain closed and cabins at Umpqua Dunes will remain closed.
- Restroom/Shower will be open from 8:00 am to 10:00 am & 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm only
- Campgrounds will be open only to Oregonians and each campsite will be limited to 8 individuals.
- Stick to low-risk activities to reduce stress on local emergency response and health care systems.
- Watch and follow signs at the parks for more information.

Again, please make sure you review and follow the recommended [CDC guidelines](#) for physical distancing, as well as our limited use guidelines, so we can continue to keep our parks and campgrounds open. You are your best defense against COVID-19. All public facilities are only as clean as the last person who touched them. Be prepared and bring your own soap, disinfectant wipes or sanitizer with you if you plan to visit a public facility. Use of our facilities is at your own risk. Please focus on protecting yourself, your family, and your community. For more information or questions, please contact our Douglas County Parks Department at (541) 957-7001 or by email at parks@co.douglas.or.us.

State Releases Phase One Guidelines for Summer Schools, Summer Camps and Gyms

The State of Oregon has released additional Phase One Reopening guidelines from the Governor for Oregon’s summer schools, summer camps, gyms and public transit systems. The new rules come on the heels of the Governor’s guidelines already released for retail stores, bars and restaurants, and personal-care businesses. [Gyms and fitness facilities](#) such as martial arts centers and dance studios can reopen but must follow certain rules, such as limiting the number of people in the space, maintaining 6 feet of distance between individuals, and prohibiting contact sports and activities. Showers, pools, saunas and steam rooms must be closed, and drop-in child care is not allowed. Locker rooms can remain open with physical distancing. Equipment must be wiped down with a disinfectant before and after each use. In-person [summer schools and summer programs](#) must develop communicable-disease management plans that include measures for infection control, physical distancing, screening for COVID-19 symptoms, and contact tracing. [Summer camps](#) are also required to have similar plans in place, and must keep detailed daily logs of each child’s pickups and drop-offs; restrict campers who have been exposed to COVID-19; provide hand-washing stations; and other safety measures. Public transit can operate but must follow guidelines including frequent sanitation and enforcing 3 feet of distance between passengers. Oregonians using public transit must wear face coverings. Also, according to the governor, all businesses are now required to provide face coverings and require employees to wear them. Members of the public are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in grocery stores and other places where it’s hard to maintain physical distancing. More information about all Phase One guidelines can be found on the [governor’s website](#).

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. 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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