



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

Our local COVID-19 updates represent the coordinated effort of the agencies that make up the DCCRT

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## DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - NOON CASE UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Thursday, July 23, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **TWENTY** people with new positive test results since our noon case update yesterday. **The total number of cases** (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at **107\***.

**Sadly, today we are reporting the largest single day increase of people with new positive test results since our first positive COVID-19 test result was reported on March 8, 2020. The majority of new positive test results today are attributed to an ongoing investigation of a local workplace outbreak. Additionally, due to the increase in test availability and the increase in those being tested nationwide, there is a backlog of tests at the COVID-19 lab sites that has created a longer than expected delay in the return of test results and an unexpected return of a large number of test results all at once.**

*“Today serves as a wakeup call for everyone in Douglas County. This virus is still very active, and it’s in Douglas County. It seems too simple to be true, but the way we stop the spread of this virus is to follow these simple recommendations: maintain a six-foot physical distance from others, wash your hands often, avoid group and social gatherings, wear a face covering where recommended, stay home if you are sick, curtail your travel and discourage those traveling from visiting you. It’s really that simple,”* stated Commissioner Tim Freeman.

### Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update

Date	Sunday, July 19, 2020	Monday, July 20, 2020	Tuesday, July 21, 2020	Wednesday, July 22, 2020	Today, Thursday, July 23, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	86	88	90	92	<b>107</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR Test Results</b>	75	76	77	78	<b>98</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	11	12	13	14	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	24	26	27	24	<b>37</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	6517	6604	6703	6781	<b>6958</b>

#### OHA to Report Workplace Outbreak of 20 or More Positive Test Results in Douglas County

OHA reported a workplace outbreak on July 22, 2020 at Norris Farms in Douglas County, after the business surpassed the state threshold for public disclosure of 5 or more positive tests for a business with more than 30 employees. Tomorrow, Friday, July 24, OHA plans to report that the outbreak at this workplace has now reached 20 or more positive test results. As of the date and time of this update, there are 22 workers at this workplace with positive tests. The case count includes all persons linked to the outbreak, which may include household members and other close contacts to employees. Local case investigation started on June 24, but the initial case count was below the threshold for public disclosure. State and county public health officials are working together with the business to address the outbreak, support and encourage isolation/quarantine for those that tested positive and their contacts, and protect the health of workers and their families.

*“This is an unfortunate situation and we will continue to work closely with Norris Farms. I remain certain that the risk of this outbreak to the public is low. The increase in positive tests for this workplace is not totally unexpected, as many of the workers came from other States that have a high level or hot spots of COVID-19 cases. Norris Farms continues to do 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 worked with public health and completed more than 300 tests of their employees, and they continue to be tremendous in their support of those that are positive and their contacts,”* stated Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, Douglas County Public Health Officer.



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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.norrisblueberrfarms.com](http://www.norrisblueberrfarms.com).

**We Continue to Emphasize Caution Regarding Travel:** 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.](#)

It also should be noted that the increase today does not change our overall test percentage of positive and negative results. 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 37 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](#).

### **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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