



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 AND DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Friday, August 21, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there is ONE person with a new positive test result since our noon case update yesterday. The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 169*. There are three hospitalized Douglas County COVID patients. Two Douglas County patients are hospitalized out-of-the-area and one is being hospitalized locally.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Monday, August 17, 2020	Tuesday, August 18, 2020	Wednesday, August 19, 2020	Thursday, August 20, 2020	Today, Friday, August 21, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	162	165	167	168	169
<i>People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	145	148	150	151	152
<i>Presumptive</i>	17	17	17	17	17
Total Currently Hospitalized	2	2	3	2	3
Total Currently in Isolation	25	15	15	13	11
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	1	1	1	2	2
Total Negative Test Results	9177	9304	9416	9505	9577

*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.

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 11 cases in isolation.*

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic is today, **Friday, August 21, 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 1387 people tested in 63 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.



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



American Red Cross
Southwest Oregon Chapter



Oregon COVID-19 Case Update

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reports new cases once a day on their website at 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](#).

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 or antigen 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.

Please Limit Travel, Social Activities and Visitors

We wanted to take the opportunity to reiterate once again about how important it is to keep your family and loved ones safe during this pandemic. Sadly, our most recent death was directly linked to out-of-area travel, social gatherings and exposure to individuals that were unknowingly infected or mildly sick with COVID, that in turn infected their more vulnerable family members and this time with unfortunate and devastating results. The COVID-19 virus is still here, still infectious and will be around for quite some time. The bottom line is that everyone needs to take personal responsibility for their actions and adopt the proper precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to encourage residents to be cautious about traveling outside our county, and instead encourage our residents to delay travel, consider stay-cations and utilize phone or video calling with family and friends. Reversing the increase of COVID-19 cases in our county is really up to YOU, our residents.

The DCCRT Team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, along with Dr. Dannenhoffer and Douglas Public Health Network, would like to remind residents of the importance of being kind to one another and to take extra care in helping us to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect your health, your family's health and the health of our communities. Please remember to that taking the time to follow these simple daily precautions can help: wash your hands, stay six feet apart and wear a mask where recommended. We continue to identify people with positive test results that have chosen to travel out of Oregon to visit relatives or to take vacations. While traveling those individuals and families have come in contact with someone with COVID-19 and brought it back to Douglas County. A few other cases were the result of a family member coming to Douglas County to visit, brought the virus with them and infected their host family. In addition to limiting travel, we are asking that you also limit attending social gatherings, stay home if you are sick and reschedule visits from out-of-the-area friends and family to a later date.

COVID-Risk Index:

We continue to stress the importance of weighing your COVID-RISK, and preventing the spread of the virus in Douglas County. We released a [COVID-RISK Index chart](#) in our Tuesday, August 4, 2020 [DCCRT Special Update](#). The index was adapted from research by Doctors at the University of Pennsylvania, George Washington University and the University of Arizona, and is a great illustration to help residents, employers and our communities evaluate their COVID-RISK.

Sharing Oregon School Reopening Metrics

We are sharing OHA's weekly case rate and test positivity report that lists the total state numbers, as well as a county by county breakdown to help keep our residents updated. [Click here for the most recent OHA case rate and test positivity report released on August 17, 2020](#). The report details case and test positivity rates for the weeks of July 5 – August 15, 2020.

Douglas County's Case Rate and Test Positivity Numbers for the last THREE Weeks are as follows:

Week Start Date	Case Rate per 100,000	Test Positivity (%)
July 26, 2020	15.1	2.3%
August 2, 2020	17	1.9%
August 9, 2020	8	1.0%

As a reminder, schools and this process are not a function of county government, OHA and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) officials will be working directly with local schools and school boards to adopt and implement their school reopening and/or student learning plans. Please contact your local school district for information about their Fall 2020 education plans. For more information about the State's reopen schools initiative, criteria and metrics during the COVID-19 pandemic (Ready School, Safe Learners), contact OHA or ODE directly or [click here for the website](#).

Sharing Information on Small Business Virtual Seminar Programs

Shared from the Oregon Secretary of State's Office. The Secretary of State's Small Business Advocacy team launched a new virtual seminar program this month. Businesses seeking information about specific topics are invited to these *free* presentations. Each week, the Oregon SBA team will host a 15 to 30-minute presentation about a specific topic, followed by an open forum, where attendees can get answers to their questions from presenters. The sessions will also be recorded and posted online for those who can't participate in person. The SBA works to innovate to help Oregon businesses navigate state agencies and local governments. Visit the [Oregon Secretary of State's website](#) to see the schedule of topics on the registration form or to suggest a topic.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us **tonight, Friday, August 21, 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 Accurate Local 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.

Questions about Governor's Reopening or Statewide Rules? If you have questions or need more information about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans, Sector Specific Guidelines or her latest Statewide Orders go to the Governor's COVID-19 website at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19> or call Business Oregon's Navigator Hotline at **(833) 604-0880**.

Who Do You Contact to Report Compliance Issues with the Governor's Statewide Rules?

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.

[Click here](#) to read the Governor's official press release on COVID-19 rules compliance.

[Click here](#) for the Governor's latest statewide rules, effective Friday, July 24, 2020.

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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