



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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

## JOINT INFORMATION CENTER PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – July 28, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM – DAILY LOCAL UPDATE

**(Douglas County, Ore.)** Today brought some much needed good news with our first NO NEW positive test day in eight days in our County. This also comes at the same time the state is reporting Oregon's first weekly decline in percent of positive test results since cases began increasing in late May. According to the Monday, July 27, 2020 OHA [Weekly Testing Summary](#), 38,179 COVID-19 test results were reported last week, of which 4.8 percent were positive. The good news is a sign that we are hopefully headed in the right direction. But, it is also a sign that we need to make sure we continue stay the course of COVID-19 prevention and safety to continue to flatten that virus curve. By flattening the virus curve, we anticipate that it will result in a number of positive future changes for our communities from the State, like: less restrictions, expanded business hours, job opportunities, increased travel options, the return of live sports and kids back in our schools. Which means we need your help in staying that course by protecting you and your family's health by following the recommended actions:

- ✓ Maintaining a six-foot physical distance from others
- ✓ Avoiding group and social gatherings
- ✓ Staying home if you are sick
- ✓ Discouraging those traveling from visiting you
- ✓ Washing your hands often
- ✓ Wearing a face covering where recommended
- ✓ Curtailing or minimizing travel

### Three reasons why I wear a mask in public

- 1. Humility:**  
I do not know if I have or have not been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have symptoms.
- 2. Kindness:**  
I do not know if the person I am near has a child battling cancer, has COVID-19 or is caring for their elderly Mom. While I might be fine, they might not.
- 3. Community:**  
I want my community to thrive. I want businesses to stay open and employees to stay healthy. I want kids back in schools. I want local fairs, concerts and festivals to return.

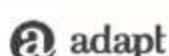
Keeping a lid on COVID helps us all get back to normal sooner rather than later.

We are also very aware that the State's face covering rules have caused quite a stir with Oregonians. Whatever side you are on with this issue, we hope we can all agree on the reasoning behind the recommendation. We found this interesting graphic online that tells the story of why one person is wearing their mask in public. We hope it helps to put some things in perspective.

**Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Tuesday, July 28, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **NO** 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 remains at **119\***.

\*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.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Friday, July 24, 2020	Saturday, July 25, 2020	Sunday, July 26, 2020	Monday, July 27, 2020	Today, Tuesday, July 28, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	113	116	117	119	<b>119</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR Test Results</b>	102	111	114	115	<b>115</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	11	5	3	4	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	1	1	1	1	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	39	40	39	40	<b>39</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	7120	7199	7305	7402	<b>7514</b>



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Veterans Health Administration  
Roseburg VA Health Care System



American Red Cross  
Southwest Oregon Chapter



**Reminder: Travel, Visiting and Social Gathering Caution:** Several of our newest positives test results have been directly linked to travel outside Douglas County, and especially those residents that have chosen to travel outside of Oregon. Data from CDC and OHA show that traveling and coming into contact with people from other areas, especially COVID-19 hot spots, DOES significantly increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Additionally, we are seeing cases linked to close-contact at social gatherings, like birthday celebrations, sleep overs, sporting events and parties. Unfortunately, that also means we are seeing younger and younger residents, including children and teens being added to those that have tested positive for COVID-19. Whatever your reason for traveling or attending a party, we encourage you to please consider the risk and only go if you can do so in a COVID-19 safe manner. The COVID-19 virus is still here, still infectious and will be around for quite some time. 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 Tips.](#)

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 39 cases in isolation.*

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

**The next drive-through testing clinic will be today, Tuesday, July 28, 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 1210 people tested in 53 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 tonight, Tuesday, July 28, 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](#).

### **Food Resources Available**

If you need help providing food for yourself and your family, help is available. The site [needfood.oregon.gov](http://needfood.oregon.gov) provides information about meals available at schools and food pantries, applying for SNAP benefits, and how to access Meals on Wheels programs in your area.

You can also obtain information on local **Meals on Wheels** programs in Douglas County by contacting Douglas County Senior Services by phone (541) 440-3677, by email: [seniors@co.douglas.or.us](mailto:seniors@co.douglas.or.us), or by logging into the website: <https://www.co.douglas.or.us/ss/>. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



### **OHA Talks About Safety and Boundaries for Dating During COVID-19**

Who would have thought someday you would be getting your dating advice from the state health department? Well during COVID-19, here you go. OHA provided this bit of helpful dating advice yesterday in their update about how to talk to a date during COVID-19 that we wanted to share. We all know that managing risk during a pandemic is a delicate dance. It can be hard to tell friends and family that you can't see them. It might feel awkward to set safety expectations ahead of get-togethers. Dating during COVID-19 can be even more complicated. Here are some conversation-starters to help set boundaries during these discussions.

- Trying to navigate dating during coronavirus has been challenging. I care about you and want to see you, but I want to make sure that we are on the same page about how we keep each other healthy and safe right now.
- I like and want to spend time with you. Let's talk about who we spend time with and the places we visit, so that we can decide if you want to risk seeing each other in person.

- Navigating dating during COVID has been challenging for me. For that reason, I would prefer that we continue to get to know each other over video chat until it is safer to meet in public again.

### **Stay Informed with Local 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. **Our local COVID-19 updates represent the coordinated effort of the 14 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 or her Newest Statewide Rules?**

If you have questions or need more information about the Governor's Phased Reopening Plans, Sector Specific Guidelines or her newest 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](#) to review 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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