



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 DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Wednesday, August 5, 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 141*.**

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, August 1, 2020	Sunday, August 2, 2020	Monday, August 3, 2020	Tuesday, August 4, 2020	Today, Wednesday, August 5, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	128	132	134	140	141
People with Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	122	125	125	127	128
Presumptive	6	7	9	13	13
Total Currently Hospitalized	0	0	0	1	0
Total Currently in Isolation	19	23	21	24	24
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	1	1	1	1	1
Total Negative Test Results	7832	7862	7970	7991	8099

*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.

COVID-RISK INDEX: Several businesses, agencies and individuals have reached out to the DCCRT Team asking about the COVID-RISK Index chart we shared yesterday in our [DCCRT Special Update](#). The index (pictured here to the right) was adapted from research done by Doctors from the University of Pennsylvania, George Washington University and the University of Arizona, and is an excellent illustration to help residents, employers and our communities evaluate their COVID-RISK. [Click here to download the COVID-RISK Index chart.](#)



Advisory: Travel, Visitors, Going to Work While Sick and Social Gatherings: We continue to stress the importance of accessing your COVID-RISK. Several of our recent positive test results have been directly linked to travel outside Douglas County, and especially those residents that have chosen to travel outside of Oregon. Reversing the trajectory of COVID-19 cases in our county is really up to YOU, our residents. Contracting and preventing the spread of the coronavirus is very preventable. 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. Whatever your reason for traveling, going to work while sick, inviting Aunt Sally to come visit or attending a wedding or a pool party, we encourage you to please



reconsider and access the **COVID-RISK** to you, your family and your community. The COVID-19 virus is still here, still infectious and will be around for quite some time. 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. In addition to limiting travel, not attending social gatherings and staying home if you are sick, we ask you to please follow these simple daily precautions as well: wash your hands, stay six feet apart and wear a mask where recommended.

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 24 cases in isolation.**

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Friday, August 7, 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 1263 people tested in 56 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. 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 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.

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us tonight, **Friday, August 7, 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](#).

Oregon DHS - Increased Food Benefits to Continue into August

Yesterday the Oregon Department of Human Services announced they had received approval by the Federal Food and Nutrition Service to continue to provide increased food benefits and waive the interview requirement for new applicants. This will result in an additional \$30 million to eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients in August 2020.

"As the pandemic continues, access to food has worsened greatly," said Self-Sufficiency Programs Deputy Director Claire Seguin. *"Providing another month of emergency assistance will help ease the threat of chronic hunger in Oregon."*

SNAP households will automatically receive the additional allotment in the same way they receive their current benefits. For most customers this is an EBT card. The additional

Stay Informed 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 Plans or 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](#) 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](#).

benefit amount will be disbursed to all eligible SNAP households. No additional action is needed from Oregonians already enrolled in SNAP. The increase brings all households to the maximum SNAP benefit. Households that already receive the maximum benefit will not receive any additional benefits.

Check out the links below for additional information about SNAP and other food assistance resources:

- Learn more about the allotment at https://www.flashalertnewswire.net/images/news/2020-07/973/136496/Oregonians_will_continue_to_receive_increased_food_benefits_in_August.pdf
- Learn how to apply for SNAP and other benefits online or by phone at <https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/COVID-19/Pages/Home.aspx>.
- SNAP customers can contact their local SSP or AAA office for more information. Find a local office at: [gov/DHS/Offices/Pages/index.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/Offices/Pages/index.aspx)
- Find other food resources at <https://oregonhunger.org/covid-19/>

Tips on How to Avoid Coronavirus Scams

It is no secret that in addition to the COVID-19 virus sweeping our nation, the pandemic has also provided scammers a variety of different opportunities to commit fraud and attempt to trick trusting individuals and businesses. To learn more about potential scams check out the [Division of Financial Regulation's COVID-19 fraud prevention webpage](#). Topics include fake mobile banking apps, government imposters, bogus unemployment claims, and more. We encourage you to be cautious, be safe and always protect your personal information.

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