



DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – July 15, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM – DAILY LOCAL UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) Please Keep Your Guard Up! Health officials across the United States are reminding citizens that now is not the time to let your guard down. Over the past month, Oregon has seen a surge in COVID-19 cases, with the case numbers for last week outnumbering cases for the entire month of May.

"While we expected a nominal increase in cases after entering Phase Two, what we did not want to see was a steady increase in cases on a daily basis," commented Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, the Douglas County Public Health Officer. *"The new cases have been attributed to people traveling outside Douglas County, and engaging in increased social activities with people outside their household. This is definitely not the time to forgo personal protective measures and allow the virus the opportunity to continue its spread. We need to be extra careful right now and continue to follow the recommended COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, including: washing your hands frequently, wearing face coverings where recommended, staying home if you are sick, getting tested if you are sick, maintaining a six feet distance from others, and making sure to sanitize items and surfaces that have been touched by others."*

The CDC recently updated the list of people who are at risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19. The risk increases steadily as you age, but not just for those 65 or older. The list of medical conditions that increase the risk of serious illness caused by COVID-19 was also expanded to include conditions like obesity, type 2 diabetes, and chronic kidney disease. Older adults and people with underlying medical conditions remain at increased risk for severe illness, but now the CDC has provided further details defining age- and condition-related risks. As more information becomes available, it is clear that a substantial number of Americans are at increased risk of severe illness – highlighting the importance of continuing to follow preventive measures.

"Understanding who is most at risk for severe illness helps people make the best decisions for themselves, their families, and their communities," said CDC Director Robert Redfield MD. *"While we are all at risk for COVID-19, we need to be aware of who is susceptible to severe complications so that we take appropriate measures to protect their health and well-being."*

According to the Institute of Disease Modeling, transmission is likely to increase globally. In its recent situation report, IDM said, *"The seven-day average of new cases now exceeds the peak set in early March. Cases are increasing fastest among individuals under 40 years of age across the board. With transmission rates still above one percent doctors say the virus can continue to spread and potentially reach more high-risk populations causing hospitalizations and potentially more individuals being asked to stay in isolation."*

Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results: It is Wednesday, July 15, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **FOUR** people with positive test results and one new presumptive since our noon case update yesterday. **The total number of cases (positive and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 71*.** Please note, we have updated our noon case chart to now include a comparison chart for the last five days.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update					
Date	Saturday, July 11, 2020	Sunday, July 12, 2020	Monday, July 13, 2020	Tuesday, July 14, 2020	TODAY Wednesday July 15, 2020
Total COVID-19 Cases	63	64	65	66	71
Positive Test Results	53	53	56	58	62
Presumptives	10	11	9	8	9
Total Currently Hospitalized	1	1	1	2	1
Total Currently in Isolation	22	20	19	20	21
Total COVID-19 Deaths	0	0	0	1	1
Total Negative Test Results	5797	5892	5971	6018	6137



***Our daily update includes the total number of cases in Douglas County, which combines positive and presumptive cases. We provide a breakout of the positive and presumptive cases in the chart above. Please note there will be times when a presumptive case moves to a positive case, 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 and presumptive cases.**

OHA expanded their reporting for COVID-19 case management to now include presumptive COVID-19 cases in their total case number. DPHN is reporting positive and presumptive cases 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 number of confirmed cases (as of 12:00 pm that day), the number of presumptive cases, total COVID-19 deaths, total currently hospitalized, total negative test results, and the number of people in isolation in Douglas County.

Currently, DPHN is supporting 21 cases in isolation.

Getting Tested & Testing Clinics

The next drive-through testing clinic will be Friday, July 17, 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 1069 people tested in 48 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 state or federal COVID-19 response from the following websites: [Oregon Health Authority](#), [Centers for Disease Control](#), and by calling or logging onto [211Info](#).

Facebook Live with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer

Join us, Friday, July 17, 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](#).

American Red Cross – Recruiting Volunteers for Wildfire Season

Experts say the Pacific Northwest could be in for a busy wildfire season this summer, and the American Red Cross Cascades Region, Southwest Oregon Chapter, has put out a call for volunteers as local fire crews gear up to battle any blazes. This year, with the coronavirus pandemic it is going to make things more challenging with additional requirements, testing and distancing. Plus, it will be even more challenging to deploy trained disaster volunteers from other parts of the country should a large emergency occur in Oregon or Southwest Washington. In light of this, the Red Cross is asking local volunteers to be ready to help their communities.

SHELTER HELP NEEDED

There is a special need for volunteers to support sheltering efforts. Because of COVID-19, the Red Cross is placing those needing a safe place to stay in emergency hotel lodging when possible. If hotel stays aren't possible, then the Red Cross will open traditional shelters. To help keep people safe, they have put in place additional precautions and developed special training for their workforce. Volunteers will staff positions at shelter reception, registration, feeding, dormitory, information collection and support other vital tasks to help those we serve. They have both associate and supervisory level opportunities available.

HEALTH SERVICES SUPPORT NEEDED

They are also looking for health professionals including, RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA's with an active, current and unencumbered license. Volunteers are needed in shelters to help assess people's health. Daily observation and health screening for COVID-19-like illness among shelter residents may also be required. RNs supervise all clinical tasks. Roles are also available for Certified Nursing Assistants, Certified Home Health Aides, student nurses and medical students. Volunteers who can provide care as delegated by a licensed nurse in shelters are greatly needed.

Volunteers interested in helping their community should a disaster occur can sign up at redcross.org/volunteertoday or contact their region offices at volunteer.cascades@redcross.org.

Watch Out for COVID-19 Hiring Scams

The Oregon Division of the FBI issued a warning to residents about hiring scam frauds this week. With millions of people losing or being displaced from their jobs in the last few months due to COVID-19, the prospect of looking for a new job – maybe even in a new whole field – is daunting right now. Unfortunately, according to the FBI, there are plenty of scam artists out there ready to make what you already thought was a bad year, even worse. The FBI's Internet Fraud Complaint Center

(www.ic3.gov) reported that the average victim loses about \$3,000 in a hiring scam case, and that doesn't even count the damage that their credit score will suffer.

Cyber criminals are posing as legitimate employers by spoofing company websites and posting fake ads on popular online job boards. They conduct false interviews with unsuspecting applicants – often by video conference. Once they offer the victim a job that doesn't really exist, they follow up with employment contracts to sign and require copies of the victim's driver's license, Social Security card, and direct deposit information. They may also ask for more bank account or credit card info, saying the victim will need to pay for an upfront background check, start-up equipment, or supplies. In many cases, victims are told they will be reimbursed in their first paycheck... a paycheck that never shows up. These cyber criminals ask for the same information as legitimate employers, making it difficult to identify a hiring scam until it is too late.

Here are some indicators, to watch for:

- Interviews that are not conducted in-person or through a secure video call.
- Use of generic email accounts from a free provider – not one that goes back to the hiring company's domain address.
- The requirement to purchase start-up equipment from the company.
- Requests by potential employers for your credit card information.
- Job postings that appear on job boards, but not on the company's website.

Here are some ways to protect yourself as you start your job search:

- Research the hiring company. If you find multiple websites for the same company (abccompany.com and abccompanyllc.com), be wary. That may indicate fraudulent job listings.
- Legitimate companies will ask for personally identifiable information (PII) and bank account information for payroll purposes AFTER hiring employees. This information is safer to give in person. If in-person contact is not possible, a video call with the potential employer can confirm identity, especially if the company has a directory against which to compare employee photos.
- Never send money to someone you meet online, especially by wire transfer.
- Never provide credit card information to an employer.
- Never provide bank account information or your Social Security number to employers without verifying their identity.

If you feel as though you have come across a hiring scam in your job search, be sure to report it to the website on which the job posting was listed and to the company that the criminals were impersonating. If you believe you are the victim of an online scam, report it to FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov or call your local FBI office.

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 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.

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, law enforcement 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. [Read the Governor's official press release on enforcement here.](#)

For more information or to report compliance issues concerning the Governor's COVID-19 orders directly contact:

[OSHA](#) at (800) 922-2689 or log onto the [OSHA website](#)

[OLCC](#) at (503) 872-5000 or log onto the [OLCC website](#)

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