



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

Our local COVID-19 updates represent the coordinated effort of the 14 agencies that make up the DCCRT

## JOINT INFORMATION CENTER PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – July 17, 2020 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM – DAILY LOCAL UPDATE

**(Douglas County, Ore.)** There is seriously no lack of information, theories and ideas floating around the worldwide web about COVID-19. With the constant barrage of facts, figures and conspiracy notions, it can be hard to separate the truth from the fiction. However you feel about the current guidelines and the validity of case statistics, we hope people recognize the fact that the coronavirus is real and that people are getting seriously ill and dying. So, despite rumors and posts to the contrary, the Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and in cooperation with the Douglas Public Health Network, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer and our group of 14 agencies plan to continue to provide accurate, relevant and timely information via our daily updates about the status of the pandemic in Douglas County. So, our citizens can access vital resources during these unprecedented times and tips to help our citizens maintain their health, safety and wellbeing. Stay strong and be well Douglas County.

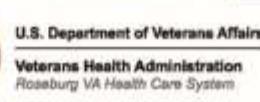
**Douglas County COVID-19 Test Results:** It is Friday, July 17, 2020, and as of 12:00 pm today, there are **FOUR** people with new positive test results since our noon case update yesterday. **The total number of cases (people with positive test results and presumptive) in Douglas County is now at 79\*.**

*\*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	Monday, July 13, 2020	Tuesday, July 14, 2020	Wednesday, July 15, 2020	Thursday, July 16, 2020	Today, Friday, July 17, 2020
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	65	66	71	76	<b>79</b>
<b>People with Positive PCR Test Results</b>	56	58	62	64	<b>68</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	9	8	9	12	<b>11</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	1	2	1	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Currently in Isolation</b>	19	20	21	23	<b>24</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	0	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Negative Test Results</b>	5971	6018	6137	6254	<b>6290</b>

**Reminder:** 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.](#)

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 24 cases in isolation.*

## **Getting Tested & Testing Clinics**

The next drive-through testing clinic will be today, Friday, July 17, 2020, in Roseburg, another in Reedsport on Saturday, July 18, 2020. 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](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 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, tonight, 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](#).

## **Consider Your Risk**

Yesterday's case count in Oregon is the highest since the onset of the pandemic. The rise in cases is attributed to the spread of COVID-19 from social gatherings and travel. OHA also said worksite outbreaks and long term care facility outbreaks also are contributing cases to the daily count. OHA reports that since Oregon began the reopening process, they have seen outbreaks when people get together or travel to celebrate with family and friends. Some examples include, but are not limited to: graduations, birthdays, weddings and holiday social gatherings. Additionally, OHA reported that COVID-19 is spreading more among social activities involving groups of younger people. In their investigations, they have recorded outbreaks linked to exercise classes, fraternity parties and bachelor parties. While it is difficult not to participate and celebrate these kinds of activities and events as we have in the past, COVID-19 is spreading in our communities and people must think hard about altering daily routines that may put people at risk. OHA is recommending that Oregonians consider the risk of the activities they choose by limiting the size of your gatherings; keeping our distance; following face covering recommendations and finding alternative ways for those who are vulnerable to participate in events. [Click here to see the OHA graphic on considering your risk.](#)

## **Reminder About the Guidelines for Summer Camps and Daycare**

OHA recently sent out a reminder on the guidelines for summer camps and daycare providers. As more and more businesses and offices open back up, there is an increased need for daycare services. Parents are also looking for opportunities for their kids to engage in educational enrichment, cultural activities and outdoor adventures after the long social hiatus.

Access to child care is necessary for our working families. In response to COVID-19 and the new Executive Orders [20-19](#), [20-08](#) and [20-12](#), the Office of Child Care (OCC) created a process for licensed child care providers, public schools, and employers or other entities to launch new, **Emergency Child Care Facilities**. In addition, Oregon has license exempt providers that typically offer care to three or fewer children. License exempt facilities do not need to apply to OCC, and do not fall under the same regulations. For more information about those options, click [here](#). Parents can find child care options in their area by calling 211 or visiting [211info](#).

In person summer school and day camps are permitted in Oregon, but with strict guidelines. Under [the June 17 guidelines](#) from the OHA, camps must be limited to 10 children. Camps are permitted to host multiple groups of 10 if they can space the groups out appropriately, outdoors. Extensive cleaning is required to operate camps, and children and staff must be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms. Overnight camps are not allowed. The CDC [released](#) a decision-making tool to help camp organizers figure out if they should open. Many organizations have chosen to cancel or go online with camps, like UCC, [click here](#) to see their available camps for kids ages 8-14 through August 14. The Boys and Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley has limited availability for their weekday summer program, [click here](#) for information.

OHA provided the following safety tips to help keep kids and families safe:

- Encourage children to practice physical distancing, keeping clean hands and covering coughs.
- Encourage children to stay with their assigned group (or safety bubble). This is required to help camps monitor for potential virus spread.
- Stay home if you suspect anyone in your home is sick or has been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19.
- Keep pick-up and drop-off times short, and keep 6 feet away other families and staff. You may be asked to wait outside to sign your children in and out.

More information is available at [Oregon Department of Education's emergency child care page](#) and [this fact sheet](#).

## **New Website for Unemployment Questions and Answers**

The Oregon Employment Department announced the opening of a new website focused on helping Oregonians to:

- Easily find information about resources and programs to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Submit unemployment claims and avoid unnecessary delays, and
- Get their questions answered without having to call the hotline.

So, if you are waiting to hear about the status of your unemployment insurance (UI) or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits, log onto <https://unemployment.oregon.gov>.

Services include:

- An Eligibility Quiz to help you figure out which program to apply for
- Step-by-step videos and guides for how to apply for UI and PUA benefits
- Other resources available to Oregonians while they wait for unemployment benefits, such as benefits to help with rent, utilities, health coverage, or groceries
- Frequently Asked Questions for individuals and employers
- A Contact Us form for Oregonians who have been waiting the longest to have their claims resolved
- Resources for employers about the Work Share program, reopening business, and more

## **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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