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DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RECOVERY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) Welcome to the Friday, July 16, 2021 edition of our Douglas County COVID-19 Recovery Update.

**THURSDAY
RECAP**

COVID-19 RECOVERY RECAP FOR THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021:

On Thursday, July 15, 2021 we had **SEVEN (7)** people with new positive test results and **ONE (1)** new presumptive to report, bringing our total number of cases of people with positive test results and presumptives in Douglas County to **4,105***. We had **NINE (9)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients hospitalized, five locally and four out-of-the-area. Also, DPHN was supporting 101 cases in isolation, 121 cases in quarantine for a total of 222 in isolation and quarantine.

**FRIDAY
UPDATE**

COVID-19 RECOVERY UPDATE FOR FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021:

As of 12:00 pm today, Friday, July 16, 2021, there are **SEVENTEEN (17)** people with new positive test results to report following our Thursday recap listed above. The total number of cases of people with positive test results and presumptives in Douglas County is now at **4,122***. Currently, there are **NINE (9)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, five locally and four out-of-the-area.

COVID-19 RELATED DEATH OF A DOUGLAS COUNTY RESIDENT

Our Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, has confirmed the death of a Douglas County resident related to the COVID-19 virus. Our eighty-sixth COVID-19 related death is a 68-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 and passed away on Thursday, July 15, 2021. In the interest of privacy for the loved ones of this resident, no additional information will be released. Each death related to COVID-19 is painful for all Douglas County residents, and a sad reminder of the terrible impact COVID-19 has had in our local communities. The Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Dr. Dannenhoffer, DPHN and the DCCRT team extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to all family members, friends, relatives, co-workers and community members of those who have passed after contracting this deadly virus.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update Chart*

Date	Monday, July 12, 2021	Tuesday, July 13, 2021	Wednesday, July 14, 2021	Thursday July 15, 2021	Today, Friday, July 16, 2021
<i>Total COVID-19 Cases</i>	4,072	4,080	4,097	4,105	4,122
<i>People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	3,883	3,891	3,906	3,913	3,930
<i>Presumptive</i>	189	189	191	192	192
<i>Total Currently Hospitalized</i>	9	9	11	9	9
<i>Total Currently in Isolation</i>	95	98	101	101	116
<i>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</i>	85	85	85	85	86

*Our daily update includes the total number of cases in Douglas County, which combines people with positive test results and presumptives, as well as a breakout of those case numbers. 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.

LOCAL CONTACTS AND CASES BEING SUPPORTED IN ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

Currently, DPHN is supporting **116 cases** in isolation, as well as another **133 contacts** in quarantine in Douglas County. Isolation is recommended for confirmed and presumptive cases, quarantine is recommended for contacts of confirmed or presumptive cases. Currently, staff is supporting a total of **249 total contacts and cases in isolation or quarantine**. This number represents a snapshot of the significant amount of work being done locally to help control the spread of COVID.

DELTA VARIANT ARRIVES IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer and the epidemiology team at Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN), have identified three Douglas County residents that have tested positive for the COVID Delta Variant (also referred to as B.1.617.2). DPHN has been sequencing COVID positive patients for several weeks, but these are the first cases of the Delta variant that have been confirmed in Douglas County. The Delta variant was recently identified by U.S. public health officials as the predominant COVID variant in many states, accounting for up to 80% of new cases in some areas of the U.S. Interviews with our local Delta variant positive patients discovered that they had not been vaccinated, and had recently traveled outside of Oregon to a COVID Delta variant hot spot in the United States. In Oregon, Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 dashboard notes that the Delta variant currently accounts for less than 3% of our total COVID variant cases, while the Alpha or B.1.1.7 variant is the most common variant found at 54%.

“Although this is not surprising, it is disconcerting. We don’t know a lot about this variant yet, but it does appear to be more contagious with rapid spread and accounts for the majority of new cases in hot spot states like Arkansas and Oklahoma. We were expecting this variant to show up here eventually, and the epidemiology team at DPHN has been working actively to get as many patients sequenced with the State Public Health laboratory, in order to gain a better understanding of how variants are affecting our case load. The good news is that all three vaccines that are available locally are effective against this virus variant. We are seeing that the efficacy is lower with the Delta variant, but it is still showing to be overwhelmingly protective,” commented Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer.

As with any virus or disease, the more time a virus is given to spread and mutate the greater the concern for the potency of the variant strains. The Delta variant is listed as a “Variant of Concern”, by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) because there is evidence that the variant is showing an increase in transmissibility; more severe disease with increased hospitalizations and deaths; a significant reduction in neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination and reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines. According to the latest estimates from the CDC, the highly contagious Delta COVID-19 variant now accounts for more than 51% of the COVID-19 cases in the United States, most notably in areas of the U.S. where COVID vaccination rates remain low. The CDC says the good news is the current COVID vaccines being used in the United States all appear to be highly effective at protecting against serious disease, hospitalizations and death from the coronavirus and it’s mutated variants. That is why public health officials across the U.S. continue to urge the roughly 140 million to 150 million people in the United States who remain unvaccinated, to get vaccinated, sooner, rather than later.

LONG OVERDUE HOMECOMING FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY RESIDENT

While we cannot release the name of the individual, for obvious reasons, we wanted to share that this week family and friends celebrated the homecoming of our longest hospitalized Douglas County resident due to complications from contracting the COVID virus. The individual was released from an Oregon hospital after spending an incredible 180 days in critical, respiratory and recovery care units, while receiving treatment for various medical issues brought on by the COVID virus. The homecoming is also bittersweet, as the individual is not out-of-the-woods yet. They now begin a long, difficult journey as a “COVID long-hauler”, which is a person who has measurable long-term medical issues due to the manifestation of the coronavirus in their body. One of those long-term complications was irreparable damage to their lungs, as they are currently on a wait list for a lung transplant. This case represents the one of the many sad, life altering, economically devastating and preventable battles that someone has faced due to this relentless virus. As they face the long difficult journey to recovery that still lies ahead, we hope you will keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RECOVERY UPDATE

Reminder, we are publishing our Douglas County COVID-19 Recovery Updates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We will continue to report and recap daily numbers in each of our updates for the days that we do not publish a local COVID-19 Recovery Update. Our next COVID-19 Update will be on Monday, July 19, 2021.

DOUGLAS COUNTY TIGER TEAM HOSTING FREE POP-UP COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS



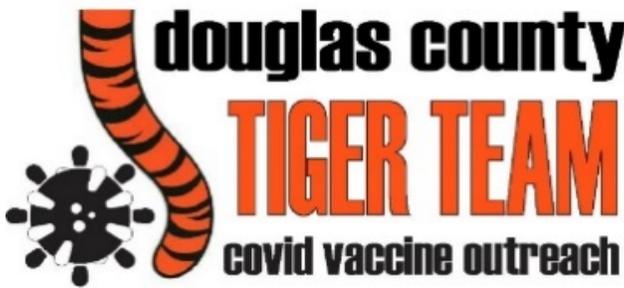
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The **Douglas County Tiger Team** continues to bring free COVID-19 vaccines directly to rural areas via our mobile medical vans (MMV) via their pop-up vaccine clinics. They are visiting businesses, farms, fire stations and other locations all around Douglas County. The Douglas County Board of Commissioners, who have led the charge for our Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team efforts since the beginning, have coordinated with DPHN to organize our local Tiger Team to manage our vaccine outreach efforts through ‘pop-up’ vaccine clinics. The **Douglas County Tiger Team** will be hosting **FREE POP UP COVID VACCINE CLINICS** at the locations listed below. **The clinics are currently open to anyone 18 years of age and older, and preregistration is not necessary:**

- **Tuesday, July 20, 2021: Roseburg and surrounding area.** Clinic will be at the **Music on the Half Shell** located in **Stewart Park at 1003 Stewart Park Drive** in Roseburg from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- **Wednesday, July 21, 2021: Winston and surrounding area.** Clinic will be at the **Grocery Outlet** located at **151 NW Douglas Blvd** in Winston from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.



Look for the Douglas County Tiger Team at local events and festivals and around our communities offering bottled water and access to vaccinations. Our Tiger Team coordinates with [Umpqua Valley Ambulance](#) to bring a certified vaccinator and a medical assistant to each clinic. If you are interested in having the Douglas County Tiger Team come to your business, fire department, farm or town to provide a pop-up vaccine clinic or if you have any questions about our Douglas County Tiger Teams and want a schedule of their upcoming pop-up vaccination clinics, please call (541) 670-3110 or our local COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550.

AVIVA HAS A DEDICATED FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC SITE IN ROSEBURG



vaccination clinic will be open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and is open for residents ages 12 and older**. To schedule an appointment please call (541) 672-9596. ***As a reminder: Parental or guardian consent is required to vaccinate residents 12 to 14 years old. Written consent can be obtained in advance. Under Oregon law, minors 15 years of age and older may consent to medical treatment, including vaccinations, when provided by a physician, physician assistant, naturopath, nurse practitioner, dentist or optometrist, or other professionals operating under the license of these providers; however, families are encouraged to make decisions about vaccinations together.*

Shared from [Aviva Health](#). Aviva Health has a dedicated COVID-19 vaccination clinic site at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101 in Roseburg, just across the street from its main Roseburg Clinic location near Costco and offers free COVID-19 vaccines by appointment. The COVID-19

COVID-19 VACCINE ELIGIBILITY OPEN FOR EVERYONE 12 YEARS OLD AND OLDER***

According to the CDC, State of Oregon and OHA, **ALL** residents ages 12 years old and older*** are eligible to get the COVID-19 Vaccine. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for people ages 12 to 15. The good news, according to Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer, is that we have plenty of vaccines, they are safe and effective and we will be administering them to anyone 12 and above who wants it. **Remember, “it’s your turn!” So, locate a vaccine location near you and show up to get your COVID-19 vaccine today!**

- 1) 🔍 Log onto: <http://DougCoVaccine.com>.
- 2) ☎️ Call our Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550
- 3) ☎️ Call and set up an appointment with your primary health care provider, ask for a referral to another health care provider or Call and set up an appointment with a local pharmacy.
- 4) Go to one of our vaccination clinics offered in Douglas County with our Tiger Team or through Aviva Health.
- 5) If you are a member of the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians, please contact to set up an appointment at (541) 672-9405 or log onto <https://www.cowcreek-nsn.gov/public-health/>.

- 6) The Roseburg VA Health Care System is setting up appointments for veterans to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, call the Roseburg VAMC at (541) 440-1000 or log onto <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>.

****Please note that for residents that are ages 12 to 14, this will require a parent or guardian to accompany them and give written consent for the vaccine. Under Oregon law, minors 15 years of age and older may consent to medical treatment, including vaccinations, when provided by a physician, physician assistant, naturopath, nurse practitioner, dentist or optometrist, or other professionals operating under the license of these providers; however, families are encouraged to make decisions about vaccinations together.*

IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES SCHEDULING A VACCINE APPOINTMENT, HELP IS AVAILABLE

Not everyone is able to use the internet, a tablet, a computer or a smart phone to schedule a COVID vaccine appointment. If you or someone you know needs to schedule an appointment for the COVID vaccine, and do not have access to the internet, you can call one of the numbers below to get help scheduling an appointment.

- Call our Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at **(541) 464-6550**.
- Coastal Residents can call the Lower Umpqua Hospital District COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at **(541) 271-2175**.
- U.S. Veterans can call the Roseburg VA Health Care Center at **(541) 440-1000**.
- Members of the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians can call **(541) 672-9405**.
- Seniors can call Douglas County Senior Services at **(541) 440-3677**.

GETTING YOUR SECOND DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS IMPORTANT

Please know that as a part of vaccine efficacy, it is vitally important to for those residents who have received their first dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, to make sure that you get your second dose of the vaccine to complete the vaccination. By getting both shots, it will provide better immunity and help to protect yourself and those around you that you love. If you have already received your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, here are a few answers to questions about your second dose.

- The latest information shows that you can expect to get your second dose about 4-6 weeks after the first dose.
- You should have received a vaccination card when you received your first dose that details the brand of vaccine, its lot number, and the date the vaccine was administered. This card is for your records only, and is not official proof that you have received the vaccine. Proof of your vaccination rests with the State Alert System, which is accessible by medical facilities.
- You should get your second dose from the same provider or organization from which you received your first.
- You will be notified by the provider that gave you your first dose, about where/when to get your second dose.
- I got a first vaccine out of the area; can I get my second vaccine in Douglas County? The second vaccine dose is “paired” to the first dose, and your second dose will be sent to wherever you got your first dose. Therefore, except in rare circumstances, you will need to return to where you got your first dose.
- If you have questions, please contact the provider or organization where you received your first dose.

COVID-19 FACEBOOK LIVE WITH DR. BOB

As a part of our COVID-19 Recovery Phase, DPHN will continue to host our COVID-19 Facebook Live events once a week, on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. The next Facebook Live event featuring Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer will be **Tuesday, July 20, at 6:00 pm**. You can submit your questions during our live show or in advance at: Facebookquestions@douglaspublichealthnetwork.org. Dr. Bob and the DPHN team will do their best to respond to as many questions as they can during the Facebook event. The Facebook Events are hosted by DPHN on the [DPHN Facebook page](#).

STATE URGES OREGONIANS TO APPLY FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

To prevent eviction signing by up for rental assistance gives Oregonians a safe harbor from eviction. Shared from the State of Oregon. Today the State urged Oregonians seeking help to pay current and future rent and utility payments to apply immediately for rental assistance through <https://www.oregonrentalassistance.org/>. They noted that historic amounts of rental assistance are now available in Oregon, and urged Oregonians to apply as soon as possible. Qualified Oregonians can apply for rental assistance through the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP) to help pay back current and future rent. Of note, Oregonians may still qualify to receive assistance even though Oregon’s residential eviction moratorium expired on June 30. On May 19, 2021, the State of Oregon signed Senate Bill 282 into law, a bill that extended the repayment period for residential rent accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill gives renters until February 28, 2022 to repay all rent accrued between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. On June 25, 2021, the State also signed Senate Bill 278, which provides a 60-day safe-harbor period from eviction for nonpayment of rent to tenants who provide their landlords with proof that they have applied for rental assistance. Don’t wait to seek help. OERAP is accepting applications now. Those who have begun an application should submit it right away. The program is



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offered to all eligible renters regardless of immigration status. If a tenant has received an eviction proceeding notice, they should consult with a lawyer as quickly as possible. No cost or low-cost legal services may be available. For more information on the end of Oregon's eviction moratorium and protections for Oregon's renters, go to OregonLawHelp.org. Renters can also contact 2-1-1 or 211info.org to be linked to their local program administrator.

STATE AND FEDERAL COVID-19 INFORMATION

It is important to understand that Federal and State Government and their agencies are the ones that set policy and issue the guidelines for a state of emergency like the pandemic. Locally, we are following the recommended guidance issued by the [U.S. Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](http://www.cdc.gov) and the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](http://www.oregon.gov/oha). If you have questions about the current guidelines or the recommendations, please contact the CDC or OHA directly for more information. OHA posts their daily updates at www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus. **Please do not call 911, Douglas County Sheriff's Office or Douglas County Offices to report issues with the State of Oregon, OHA or the Governor's orders.**

DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

The Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team (DCCRT) was established on March 12, 2020 and redirected on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. It was created by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, as an emergency response body to bring together community partners in order to cooperatively focus efforts, address issues, mobilize resources, develop programs and strategic plans, and effectively communicate our efforts to residents in response to the world-wide coronavirus pandemic on a local level. For 470 days, the DCCRT worked as a unified team, and now we have shifted our focus to local COVID-19 Recovery efforts. **The shift to the recovery phase is a natural progression in the emergency response process and also means we are not ending our COVID-19 efforts.** As the established Public Health Authority for Douglas County, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners will continue to oversee, contract with, fund and support Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN) for as long as necessary for our **COVID-19 Recovery Response**. If needs or circumstances arise that necessitate us to reestablish the DCCRT, we are prepared to do so immediately.

ACCESS TO LOCAL COVID-19 RESOURCES

Local Online Access to Updates

Stay up to date with accurate and local COVID-19 information in Douglas County by visiting the [Douglas County Government website](http://www.co.douglas.or.us) or [DCGOV Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/douglasgov) or the [DPHN website](http://www.douglaspublichealthnetwork.org) or [DPHN Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/douglaspublichealthnetwork).

Free Local e-Newsletter Subscription

You can also sign up for the Douglas County e-Newsletter that publishes and sends out the update to our subscription base free. You can sign up for the Douglas County e-Newsletter at www.co.douglas.or.us.

Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline (541) 464-6550

Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners and DPHN continue to offer a local resource hotline for Douglas County residents for COVID-19. The hotline provides answer to frequently asked questions, basic information and referrals to resources and services. Our local hotline number is (541) 464-6550 and is staffed from 8 am to 5 pm, 7 days a week.

Aviva Health Offers Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions Webpage

Aviva Health has created an online FAQ page to answer questions related to COVID-19 regarding availability and scheduling. Log onto <https://aviva.health/covid-19-vaccine-faqs/>

COVID Vaccine Call Center at Lower Umpqua Hospital District in Reedsport

Lower Umpqua Hospital District has a COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center for COVID-19 vaccine information in the Reedsport, Douglas County Coastal area. Call **(541) 271-2175**, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

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Contact [Tamara Howell](mailto:tjhowell@co.douglas.or.us), Douglas County Public Information Officer & Emergency Communications & Community Engagement Specialist – Phone: (541) 670-2804 – Cell: (541) 957-4896 – Email: tjhowell@co.douglas.or.us

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