

# DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE #635

(Douglas County, Ore.) A QUICK LOOK AT THE NUMBERS, AS OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021

Total Number of New Local COVID-19 Cases	Total Number of Residents Currently Hospitalized	Total Number of Hospitalized Patients that are NOT Fully Vaccinated**
<b>38*</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>60 of the 69</b>

*\*Our COVID quick look includes the total number of new cases in Douglas County, which combines people with positive test results and presumptives. \*\*We follow the CDC definition for fully vaccinated, which states that a fully vaccinated person is someone who has received both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine, or one dose of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since the individual's final dose.*

### SEPTEMBER 2021 COVID-19 RELATED DEATH STATISTICS

<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths for Sept '21</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Number Of COVID-19 Related Deaths NOT Fully Vaccinated Sept '21</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Percentage of COVID-19 Related Deaths NOT Fully Vaccinated Sept '21</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Average Age of COVID-19 Related Deaths in Sept '21</b>	<b>62 years</b>

In September 2021, we sadly reported more COVID-19 related deaths of Douglas County residents than in any other month during the pandemic, a total of 81 COVID-19 related deaths. In fact, the total number of COVID-19 related deaths in September 2021 represents about 37% of our total COVID-19 related deaths since the pandemic began (81/219). The stark and sobering reality is that our COVID-19 related deaths that were not fully vaccinated statistic continues to support the effectiveness and efficiency of the vaccine in helping to prevent severe illness, hospitalizations and deaths. We continue to encourage everyone who is eligible that has not gotten the vaccine to seriously consider getting the vaccine.

### COVID-19 UPDATE FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021

As of 12:00 pm today, Friday, October 1, 2021, there are **THIRTY-SEVEN (37)** people with new positive test results, **ONE (1)** new presumptive and **TWO (2)** new COVID-19 related deaths to report bringing the total number of cases of people with positive test results and presumptives in Douglas County to **11,304\***. Currently, there are **SIXTY-NINE (69)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, forty-five locally and twenty-four out-of-the-area, including one that has been transferred out of the state for specialized care not available here. We continue to work with Mercy to provide information on our COVID patients being hospitalized locally: 12 ventilators (invasive mechanical airway support) and 8 CPAP's (Continuous positive airway pressure) machines are currently in use, 10 COVID positive patients are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and 3 are in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU). 34% of the total hospitalized patients at Mercy are COVID positive. Of our hospitalized cases today, **SIXTY (60)** patients out of the 69 patients are not fully vaccinated.

### COVID-19 RECAP FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

On Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 12:00 pm we had **FORTY-SEVEN (47)** people with new positive test results, **ONE (1)** new presumptive and **FOUR (4)** new COVID-19 related deaths to report bringing our total number of cases of people with positive test results and presumptives in Douglas County to **11,266\***. We had **SIXTY-EIGHT (68)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients hospitalized, forty-five locally and twenty-three out-of-the-area, including one patient that has been transferred out of the state for specialized care not available here. We continue to work with Mercy to provide information on our COVID patients being hospitalized locally: 9 ventilators (invasive mechanical airway support) and 11 CPAP's (Continuous positive airway pressure) machines are currently in use, 10 COVID positive patients are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and 3 are in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU). 374 of the total hospitalized patients at Mercy are COVID positive. Of our hospitalized cases on Thursday, **FIFTY-NINE (59)** patients out of the 68 patients are not fully vaccinated.

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## COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS

Douglas County Public Health has confirmed the deaths of six more Douglas County residents related to the COVID-19 virus. Our **two hundred and sixteenth** COVID-19 related death was a 90-year-old man who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 and passed away on Friday, September 10, 2021. He was not vaccinated. Our **two hundred and seventeenth** COVID-19 related death was a 68-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 and passed away on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. She was not vaccinated. Our **two hundred and eighteenth** COVID-19 related death was a 57-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Monday, September 13, 2021 and passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. She was not vaccinated. Our **two hundred and nineteenth** COVID-19 related death was a 69-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Thursday, September 23, 2021 and passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. She was not vaccinated. Our **two hundred and twentieth** COVID-19 related death was a 62-year-old man who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Saturday, September 4, 2021 and passed away on Thursday, September 30, 2021. He was not vaccinated. Our **two hundred and twenty-first** COVID-19 related death was an 87-year-old man who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Thursday, September 23, 2021 and passed away on Thursday, September 30, 2021. He was not vaccinated. In the interest of privacy for the loved ones of these residents, and as our ethical responsibility to follow all medical laws, no additional information will be released. We thoroughly scrutinize and investigate all deaths, and review all medical records to make sure that everyone we report has met the requirements for a COVID related death, as per the [Oregon Disease Investigative Guidelines for COVID-19](#). 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, September 27, 2021	Tuesday, September 28, 2021	Wednesday, September 29, 2021	Thursday, September 30, 2021	<b>Friday, October 1, 2021</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases</b>	<b>11,055</b>	<b>11,145</b>	<b>11,218</b>	<b>11,266</b>	<b>11,304</b>
<b>People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</b>	10,725	10,814	10,887	10,934	<b>10,971</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	330	331	331	332	<b>333</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	77	66	67	68	<b>69</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	207	211	215	219	<b>221</b>

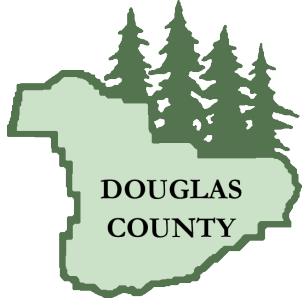
*\*\*Our COVID case update includes the total number of cases in Douglas County, which combines people with positive test results and presumptives, as well as a breakout of those case numbers. There will be times when a presumptive will move to a positive test result, and our total case number will not change because the case has already been counted.*

## AVIVA HEALTH BEGINS OFFERING PFIZER BOOSTERS TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS, ‘LEISURE’ COVID-19 TESTING

Shared from [Aviva Health](#) Effective Tuesday, September 28, 2021, Aviva Health is offering the Pfizer COVID-19 booster to certain groups of people at its Vaccination Clinic at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This comes following recommendations that were based on scientific evidence from the Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, and Oregon Health Authority that some groups of people who received the Pfizer vaccine can receive a Pfizer booster after six months. ***Please note, booster doses have not yet been recommended for people who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It is expected that federal officials will consider booster doses for people who’ve received these vaccines in the coming weeks.***

Those who **should** receive a booster dose of Pfizer:

- Adults age 65 and older and those living in long-term care facilities.
- Adults age 50-64 with underlying medical conditions or who are at increased risk of social inequities.



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Those who **may** receive a Pfizer booster dose:

- Adults age 18 through 64:
  - with underlying medical conditions, or
  - who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of where they work or live, such as teachers, grocery store employees, health care workers, and people who live in congregate care settings.

The CDC strongly recommends equity as a factor in who receives a booster dose so people disproportionately affected by long-standing health care inequities can access the care they need.

***“COVID-19 continues to have a devastating impact on the world, Oregon, and our community,”*** says Aviva Health Vice President of Community Health Christin Rutledge. ***“Because scientific evidence shows the vaccine remains our best defense against this pandemic, we are offering Pfizer booster shots to eligible individuals and strongly encourage unvaccinated people 12 years of age and older to get vaccinated.”***

Rutledge emphasized that while breakthrough cases occur, fully vaccinated individuals are far less likely to require hospitalization and even more less likely to die. Individuals eligible for the booster or who are unvaccinated and desire protection must call (541) 492-2067 to schedule an appointment for vaccination.

Additionally, Aviva Health is now offering fee-based leisure COVID-19 testing at its drive-through testing clinic at the same location, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to individuals who require a negative test for travel, public events such as college football games, return to work, and other non-medically necessary purposes. Rapid BINAX tests are \$60, and PCR tests are \$35. Aviva Health continues to offer no- and low-cost COVID-19 tests to people with symptoms by billing their insurance or for uninsured individuals charging on an income-based, sliding-fee scale. Testing is by appointment only. Community members may schedule a testing appointment by calling (541) 492-2067.

***“In addition to the COVID-19 testing we’re offering people with symptoms, many employers, businesses, sporting venues, and travel destinations are requiring proof of a negative test,”*** says Rutledge. ***“We want to make sure people in our community have access to testing so they can continue to work, travel, and attend public events in as safe a manner as possible.”***

For more information on Aviva Health’s COVID-19 vaccination and drive-through testing clinic, please visit [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/).

## STATE AND FEDERAL COVID-19 INFORMATION

The Federal and State Governments, and their agencies are the ones that set policy, issue mandates and provide the guidelines for a state of emergency like the current COVID pandemic. For information log onto [U.S. Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/) and the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](https://www.healthoregon.org/). If you have questions about the current guidelines, mandates or the recommendations, please contact them directly for more information. OHA posts their daily updates at [www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus](https://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 mandates.


## ACCESS TO LOCAL COVID-19 RESOURCES


📖 **Local Online Access to Updates:** Stay up to date with accurate and local COVID-19 information by visiting the [Douglas County Government Website](https://www.co.douglas.or.us/) or [DCGOV Facebook page](#) or the [DPHN Website](#) or [DPHN Facebook page](#).  
📧 **Free Local e-Newsletter Subscription:** You can also sign up for the free Douglas County e-Newsletter that publishes and sends out the update to our subscription base. Log onto: [www.co.douglas.or.us](http://www.co.douglas.or.us).

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 **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 answers to frequently asked questions, basic COVID information and referrals to local resources and services. Our local hotline number is (541) 464-6550 and is staffed from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days a week.


 **DPHN Vaccine Information:** Want more information on the vaccines? Log onto: <http://DougCoVaccine.com>.


 **DPHN Informational Videos:** Check out [DPHN's YouTube Channel](#) for informational videos about COVID-19.


 **Douglas County Tiger Team:** The Tiger Team organizes our county-wide COVID-19 vaccine program via free pop-up vaccine clinics, with [Umpqua Valley Ambulance](#), who provide a certified vaccinator and medical assistant. The clinics are open to anyone 18 years of age and older, and preregistration is not required. [Click here](#) for the calendar of upcoming clinics or call (541) 670-3110 or (541) 464-6550, if you are interested in having team come to your location.

**UPDATED:**  **Aviva Health:** Aviva is offering **fee-based leisure** COVID-19 testing at its drive-through testing clinic at located at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A, in Roseburg, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm to individuals who require a negative test for travel, public events such as college football games, return to work, and other non-medically necessary purposes. Rapid BINAX tests are \$60, and PCR tests are \$35. Aviva Health continues to offer no- and low-cost COVID-19 tests to people with symptoms by billing their insurance or for uninsured individuals charging on an income-based, sliding-fee scale. Testing is by appointment only. Community members may schedule a testing appointment by calling (541) 492-2067. They continue to offer free drive-through COVID-19 vaccination services to patients and non-patients. Patients must be Douglas County residents and be 12 years of age or older\*\*\*. Vaccinations are also available on a limited basis at Aviva Health's outlying clinics in North County, Sutherlin, Glide, and Myrtle Creek. People seeking vaccinations at their outlying clinics should call (541) 672-9596, to determine availability. For more information please visit [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/). Aviva also has an online [COVID FAQ page](#) with answers to frequently asked questions.

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

**UPDATED:**  **Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center:** **Free medical COVID testing available through Friday, October 8, 2021.** Testing will be held via drive-thru clinics Monday through Friday **ONLY** in Roseburg at 2360 NE Stephens Street, and at the South Clinic in Canyonville at 480 Wartahoo Lane from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The last test will be administered at 12:45 pm. Testing is free and available to all community members on a first-come first-served basis. Those accessing this service should be prepared for a minimum of a 30-minute wait time. **Testing is for medical diagnostic purposes to assist exposed and symptomatic individuals only; all individuals being tested will be asked to self-attest they are being tested for medical purposes only.** Please note that Cow Creek testing and vaccination sites will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day.** **Effective Tuesday, October 12, 2021,** Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center will **no longer offer community testing.** Testing will be available by appointment only for Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center patients, Tribal Members, employees of Cow Creek Government Offices and affiliated businesses at the new Roseburg Clinic at 2589 NW Edenbower Blvd and the South Clinic in Canyonville at 480 Wartahoo Lane. **Free Community Vaccinations:** COVID Vaccines are administered via drive-thru clinics Monday through Friday **ONLY** in Roseburg at 2360 NE Stephens Street from 9:00 am to 3:45 pm. The last vaccine will be administered at 3:45 pm. You must be 18 years or older to receive the vaccine. During the month of October, the vaccine site will transition to a Public Health Site at Seven Feathers Casino Resort in the South Parking Lot and vaccines will be by appointment only. Please call (541) 670-2949 to schedule an appointment after that move has been made. If you are waiting to receive a COVID booster from Cow Creek Public Health, call and ask to be placed on a list, and they will call you to schedule your booster when available.

 **Roseburg VA Health Care System:** Veterans can set up an appointment COVID-19 vaccine, by calling the Roseburg VAMC at **(541) 440-1000**.

 **Douglas County Senior Services** can help seniors with questions, find testing and vaccines at **(541) 440-3677**.

\*\*\*Please note for residents ages 12 to 14, this will require a parent or guardian to accompany them and give written consent for the vaccine. Written consent can also 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.

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