

# DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE #654

(Douglas County, Ore.) A QUICK LOOK AT TODAY’S NUMBERS, FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Today’s 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>68</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23 of the 27</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.

### COVID-19 UPDATE FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

As of 12:00 pm today, **Thursday, November 18, 2021**, there are **SIXTY-EIGHT (68)** people with new positive test results and **ONE (1)** new COVID-19 related death to report bringing the total number of cases of people with positive test results and presumptives in Douglas County to **13,042**. Currently, there are **TWENTY-SEVEN (27)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, eighteen locally and nine out-of-the-area, including one patient that is being cared for at an out-of-state hospital. We continue to work with Mercy to provide information on our COVID patients being hospitalized locally, currently there are 2 COVID-19 positive patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and 2 in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU). 12% of the total hospitalized patients at Mercy are COVID positive. Of our hospitalized patients today, **TWENTY-THREE (23)** of the 27 patients are not fully vaccinated.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update Chart†					
Date	Sunday, November 14, 2021	Monday, November 15, 2021	Tuesday, November 16, 2021	Wednesday, November 17, 2021	Thursday, November 18, 2021
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases to Date**</b>	<b>12,908</b>	<b>12,916</b>	<b>12,941</b>	<b>12,974</b>	<b>13,042</b>
<b>People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</b>	12,501	12,509	12,530	12,561	<b>12,629</b>
<b>Presumptive</b>	407	407	411	413	<b>413</b>
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	25	28	30	31	<b>27</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	275	275	276	277	<b>278</b>

†Our COVID case update chart includes the total number of cases reported in Douglas County since the beginning of the pandemic in our county on March 8, 2020. The chart illustrates the combination of residents with positive test results and confirmed presumptives, as well as the breakout of each of those. 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 in our over-all total.

### COVID-19 RECAP FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

**On Tuesday, November 16, 2021**, at 12:00 pm we had **TWENTY-ONE (21)** people with new positive test results, **FOUR (4)** new presumptives and **ONE (1)** delayed notification of COVID-19 related death to report bringing our total number of cases of people with positive test results and presumptives in Douglas County to **12,941\***. We had **THIRTY (30)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients hospitalized, twenty-one locally and nine out-of-the-area, including one patient that is being cared for at an out-of-state hospital. We continue to work with Mercy to provide information on our COVID patients being hospitalized locally, currently there are 2 COVID-19 positive patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and 3 in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU). 13% of the total hospitalized patients at Mercy are COVID positive. Of our hospitalized cases on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, **TWENTY-FIVE (25)** of the 30 patients were not fully vaccinated.

**On Wednesday, November 17, 2021**, at 12:00 pm we had **THIRTY-ONE (31) people with new positive test results, TWO (2) new presumptives and ONE (1) new COVID-19 related death to report bringing our total number of cases of people with positive test results and presumptives in Douglas County to 12,974\***. We had **TWENTY-ONE (21)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients hospitalized, fourteen locally and seven out-of-the-area, including one patient that is being cared for at an out-of-state hospital. We continue to work with Mercy to provide information on our COVID patients being hospitalized locally, currently there are 2 COVID-19 positive patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and 3 in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU). 14% of the total hospitalized patients at Mercy are COVID positive. Of our hospitalized cases on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, **TWENTY-FIVE (25)** of the 31 patients were not fully vaccinated.

#### **NEWLY REPORTED COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Douglas County Public Health has confirmed the death of two more Douglas County residents related to COVID-19. Our **two hundred and seventy-seventh** COVID-19 related death was a 64-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Sunday, November 14, 2021 and passed away on Monday, November 15, 2021. She was not vaccinated. Our **two hundred and seventy-eighth** COVID-19 related death was a 52-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Saturday, October 23, 2021 and passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. She was not vaccinated. Again, 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. Douglas County Public Health officials 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 our Douglas County COVID-19 Response 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. See below for a recap of the delayed list of COVID-19 related deaths of Douglas County residents reported to us from other agencies.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF A DELAYED COVID-19 RELATED DEATH OF DOUGLAS COUNTY RESIDENT**

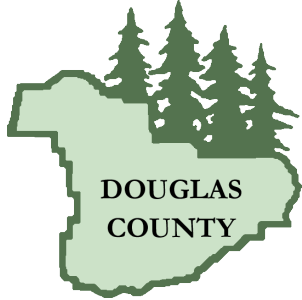
Douglas County Public Health has been receiving delayed reports of COVID-19 related deaths of Douglas County residents from Oregon Vital Records, hospice/long-term care facilities and out-of-state institutions. Our team continues to confirm and then report these deaths in the order that they are received. Our **two hundred and seventy-sixth** COVID-19 related death was an 87-year-old man who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 and passed away on Saturday, September 11, 2021. DPHN was notified of the death by Oregon Vital Records on Monday, November 15, 2021. He was not vaccinated. Again, in the interest of privacy for the loved ones of this resident, and as our ethical responsibility to follow all medical laws, no additional information will be released. Douglas County Public Health officials 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 our Douglas County COVID-19 Response 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.

#### **OHA AND MCKENZIE-WILLAMETTE MEDICAL CENTER OFFERING FREE MOBILE TESTING CLINIC IN ROSEBURG**

Shared from [McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center](#). Oregon Health Authority and McKenzie -Willamette Medical Center will be in Roseburg on Friday, November 19, 2021 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, in the parking lot at the Roseburg Public Library, located at 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd, offering free COVID-19 testing for all residents at their mobile clinic. Appointments are not required. For more information contact Sarah Cavinee at McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center at (541) 914-7625 or log onto: <https://www.mckweb.com/>.

#### **COVID-19 VACCINATION WEEKLY UPDATE – WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021**

Douglas County's vaccine pace continues to be above average, as we added more residents to our COVID-19 vaccine register. This week, 2057 total vaccines were administered in Douglas County, and 292 of those doses were first doses for those aged 16 years and above, including 96 children aged 5 to 11. Most of the doses given last week were booster doses, and we expect even more this week with the extension of boosters to all vaccines and the approval of pediatric vaccines. We continue to compare and track our numbers using CDC's vaccine data, as they more accurately represent our



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vaccination numbers. The data includes the Federally administered doses given at the Roseburg VA, that OHA is not counting in their totals. Our current numbers are:

- For those 18 years old and above in Douglas County who are fully vaccinated (as calculated by the CDC) we are at 59%.
- The percent of the ENTIRE population in Douglas County who are fully vaccinated (as calculated by the CDC) is 50%.

In addition, as with any outbreak, considering our local data of 12,763 total COVID-19 cases to date, national and historical statistics project that there are generally 2.1 times as many infections as reported cases. So, locally it is predicted that Douglas County has had likely upwards of 27,716 residents infected with COVID-19, which equates to about 24% of our population with some natural immunity (note that some may have had both infection and vaccine). This would suggest that about 68 to 73% of our population is now immune, either by vaccination, natural infection or both. Unfortunately, that still leaves about 27 to 32% of our population susceptible, and widespread disease is still possible, although it is less likely that we will have the huge surge that we recently experienced. Around the world, areas with less than 10 to 15% susceptible populations have avoided big COVID-19 Delta spikes, and those with more than 30% susceptible populations have been subjects of big spikes in COVID-19 cases.

## REMINDER CHANGES MADE TO OUR DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATES

A reminder that we have shifted to bi-weekly COVID-19 updates. Our local COVID-19 Updates will be issued on Mondays and Thursdays each week. Also, due to the continual backlog of COVID-19 related deaths being reported from Oregon Vital Statistics, hospice/long-term care facilities and out-of-state institutions, we have made a change to how we report those deaths. We are going to separate the newly reported confirmed local COVID-19 related deaths from the delayed and then confirmed COVID-19 related deaths that we receive from these agencies. As always, Douglas County Public Health Officials will continue to thoroughly scrutinize and investigate all deaths, and review all medical records to make sure that every death we report has met the requirements for a COVID related death, as per the [Oregon Disease Investigative Guidelines for COVID-19](#). Additionally, our Douglas County COVID-19 Case Update Chart, as well as our list of local COVID-19 resources will be posted on our county website at [www.co.douglas.or.us](http://www.co.douglas.or.us), via a special COVID-19 tab we created at the start of the pandemic on days when we do not publish an update. (Please note that our case update chart will not be posted on weekends or holidays.)


## 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 \(CDC\)](#) and the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#). 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](http://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](#) 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).

 **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 COVID-19 INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS:** Check out [DPHN's YouTube Channel](#) for locally produced informational videos about COVID-19, featuring Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer.

 **AVIVA HEALTH: UPDATED 11-03-21**

**COVID-19 LEISURE TESTING: ALL testing is by appointment only** Aviva Health offers **fee-based leisure** COVID-19 testing, **by appointment only**, at its drive-through testing clinic 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. **COVID-19 Symptomatic Testing:** They continue to offer no- and low-cost COVID-19 testing for residents, **by appointment only**, who are symptomatic by billing their insurance or for uninsured individuals charging on an income-based, sliding-fee scale. Residents may schedule a testing appointment by calling **(541) 492-2067**.

**COVID VACCINE: ALL vaccinations are by appointment only** Aviva Health continues to offer free drive-through COVID-19 vaccination services to patients and non-patients, by appointment only. Patients must be Douglas County residents. Residents may schedule a vaccine appointment by calling **(541) 492-2067**. Vaccinations are also available on a limited basis, by appointment only 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.

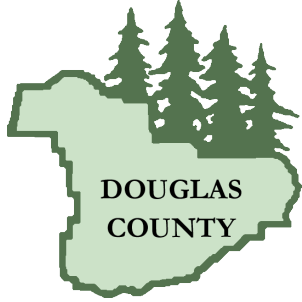
**COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINES: ALL vaccinations are by appointment only** Aviva Health is now offering the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 boosters to certain groups of people, **by appointment only**, at its vaccination clinic located at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Please call **(541) 492-2067** to schedule your booster appointment. For more information please visit [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/).

 **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.

 **COW CREEK HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER: UPDATED 11-15-21**

**VACCINES:** Cow Creek Public Health is administering Moderna booster vaccines only to individuals who received their primary dose series through CCPH. Appointments are required, and CCPH is making phone calls to all individuals who received their primary series from CCPH in order to schedule. If you have not received a call, or have questions, please reach out to CCPH by calling **(541) 677-5535**. If you have to leave a voicemail, CCPH will get back to you within the hour, or next business day if after hours or on weekends. The vaccination site is located in the south parking lot of Seven Feathers Casino Resort in Canyonville, open from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm Monday through Friday. Established patients of Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center may also schedule their vaccine at either the North or South clinics. Patients can call (541) 672-8533 (press #3 for Roseburg Clinic, press #4 for Canyonville Clinic) to schedule. If you received your primary dose series from another health agency and want to receive a booster dose, call (541) 677-5535 to be placed on a waitlist. At the time of vaccination, all individuals will be required to sign a consent form self-attesting to booster eligibility based on CDC guidance. Due to staff limitations, CCPH is unable to vaccinate anyone with severe medical risks (such as history of heart attacks, epilepsy, previous allergic reactions to vaccines, etc.). It is recommended those individuals receive their vaccination in the presence of a primary care physician. CCPH is temporarily pausing all primary dose vaccinations at this time.

**TESTING: REMINDER:** Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center is no longer offering free community testing. Testing is available by appointment only for Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center patients, Tribal Members, employees of



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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.

 **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, locating testing and vaccines at **(541) 440-3677**.

*\*\*\*Please note for residents under the age of 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.*

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