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## DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE #663

WEEKLY RECAP – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021 - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022			
Total Number of New Local COVID-19 Cases* Reported for the Week	Total Number of People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results Reported for the Week	Total Number of New Presumptives Reported for the Week	Total Number of COVID-19 Related Deaths Reported for the Week
343	309	27	2

\*Our COVID quick look includes the total number of new cases in Douglas County for the week, which combines people with positive test results and presumptives for the previous week.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 – Seven Day Case Update Chart†							
Date	Thursday, December 30, 2021	Friday, December 31, 2021	Saturday, January 1, 2022	Sunday, January 2, 2022	Monday, January 3, 2022	Tuesday, January 4, 2022	Wednesday, January 5, 2022
Total COVID-19 Cases to Date	14,277	14,330	14,358	14,378	14,390	14,443	14,558
People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	13,741	13,791	13,819	13,839	13,851	13,893	14,000
Presumptives	536	539	539	539	539	550	558
Total Currently Hospitalized	13	14	14	14	14	12	17
Total Hospitalized Patients NOT Fully Vaccinated	11 of the 13	12 of the 14	12 of the 14	12 of the 14	12 of the 14	2 of the 12	15 of the 17
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	315	315	315	315	315	317	317

†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. 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. †† Please note that we subtracted one death from our report, as we were notified of a duplicate death. See below for more information.

### THE OMICRON VARIANT AND PREVENTION MEASURES

The Omicron COVID variant has spread rapidly around the world, starting in South Africa and has now spread quickly and widely to Europe and the East Coast. New York is seeing its highest daily case count ever, with 3 times as many cases as any time before. Oregon saw its first case of Omicron in mid-December and is now facing its biggest surge ever, with OHA reporting over 4500 cases on January 4, 2022.

DPHN confirmed the first case of the Omicron variant in Douglas County last week. Douglas County may be a few days behind in this surge, but we expect to see a huge increase in cases over the next days or weeks, perhaps as many as 200 to 500 cases per day. For January 4, 2022, DPHN confirmed over 100 new cases, our highest case count since September 2021. If there is any good news, it is that the peak of the Omicron cases in South Africa was short lived. They had fewer hospitalizations than with the Delta variant, most of those infected did not require medical care and deaths were less than with previous waves. Lastly, additional good news is that the primary series of vaccinations provided good protection against hospitalization or severe disease, and that a primary series followed by a booster provided excellent (75%) protection against hospitalization or severe disease. A good reminder that it is not too late to get your vaccine. The public

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health professionals at DPHN have been preparing for a new surge for many weeks. While the next 6 weeks will likely be very difficult, the staff at DPHN is in a good position to weather the storm.

### **Here are a few things to keep in mind**

1. **Vaccine and Booster Availability is High.** The COVID-19 vaccines and booster doses are readily available around the county. Check with your health care provider, AVIVA Health, Umpqua Health, Lower Umpqua Hospital, local pharmacies, Cow Creek Public Health, Roseburg VA or attend a local drive-thru clinic.
2. **Local COVID Hotline Still Active and Available.** Our local COVID-19 hotline at (541) 464-6550 has been in operation since March of 2020. They are ready and available to help answer your COVID-19 related questions about vaccine availability, how to isolate or quarantine, provide referrals for care and when/where to get tested. The hotline is open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Just a reminder that the hotline does not provide medical advice. If you need medical attention or advice, please contact your health care provider or a local urgent care facility.
3. **DPHN's EPI-Team is Still on the Job.** As they have since the beginning, DPHN will continue to conduct local case investigations; provide case management and education; offer support services to isolated cases and maintain their tracking and reporting systems.
4. **Please Help to Protect our Emergency Systems.** Please do not call 911 or a hospital to ask COVID-19 questions. We need our emergency systems to continue to function and be available for those that need it most. If you are not seriously ill, but need medical advice or want testing, please contact your health care provider. If you don't have a provider, please call our local COVID Hotline and they will try to help connect you with a provider.

### **What can you and your family do to try and stay healthy?**

Our team continues encourage everyone, for the sake of our local businesses, services, economy and neighbors, to make the best decision for yourself and your family in order protect those around you from contracting or spreading the coronavirus disease. We have provided education on implementing the widely proven and age-old safety measures to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and influenza. Our team encourages you to access your risk and comfort level, and make the best choice for you.

1. Please stay home from work, school, shopping or running errands if you are sick.
2. Please consider getting vaccinated, if you have not got the shot yet. Get the booster dose too!
3. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
4. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
5. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
6. Consider wearing a face covering when you are around those not from your immediate household or when you are in indoor settings.
7. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
8. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
9. Never visit a hospital or long-term-care facility if you have a fever or cough due to an illness.
10. Clean and disinfect surfaces that are often touched.
11. Delay or limit travel to COVID hot spots or highly populated areas.
12. Take care of your health overall. Staying current on your vaccinations, including flu vaccine, eating well and exercising all help your body stay resilient.

### **DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITALIZED PATIENT UPDATE**

As of Today, Wednesday, January 5, 2022, there are **SEVENTEEN (17)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, thirteen locally and four out-of-the-area. We continue to work with Mercy to provide information on our COVID patients being hospitalized locally, this last week they averaged 3 COVID-19 positive patients a day in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and 3 COVID-19 positive patients a day in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU). This last week an average of 8% of their total hospitalized patients were COVID positive. Of our hospitalized patients today, **FIFTEEN (15)** of the 17 patients are not fully vaccinated.

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

Douglas County Public Health has confirmed the deaths of more Douglas County residents related to the COVID-19 virus. Our team confirms and then reports all COVID-19 related deaths in the order that they are received. Our **three hundred and sixteenth** COVID-19 related death was a 67-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Saturday, December 11, 2021 and passed away on Monday, January 3, 2022. She was not vaccinated. Our **three hundred and seventeenth** COVID-19 related death was an 83-year-old man who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Monday, November 15, 2021 and passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2022. He was partially vaccinated. In the interest of privacy for the loved ones of this resident, and as our ethical responsibility to follow all medical laws, no additional



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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.

## NOTIFICATION OF DELAYED COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS

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 confirms and then reports all COVID-19 related deaths in the order that they are received. We do not have any delayed COVID-19 related deaths to report this week.

## COVID-19 VACCINATION WEEKLY UPDATE – WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

Douglas County's vaccine pace was a bit slow during the holiday week, with a total of 1,319 vaccines given. Most of the doses given last week were booster doses (963), but we did have 202 new vaccines. We continue to compare and track our numbers using CDC's vaccine data, as they more accurately represent our vaccination numbers. The data includes the Federally administered doses given at the Roseburg VA, that Oregon's ALERT System only recently started including in their reports. 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 60.4%.
- The percent of the ENTIRE population in Douglas County who are fully vaccinated (as calculated by the CDC) is 50.8%.

In addition, as with any outbreak, considering our local data of 14,390 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 30,219 residents infected with COVID-19, which equates to about 26.9% of our population with some natural immunity (note that some may have had both infection and vaccine). This would suggest that about 72 to 78% of our population is now immune, either by vaccination, natural infection or both. Unfortunately, that still leaves about 22 to 28% of our population susceptible, and widespread disease is still possible, although it is less likely that we will have the huge surges that we experienced recently. Widespread DELTA disease is still possible, although we are less likely to have the huge DELTA surges that we have seen recently. However, the emergence of the OMICRON variant and its arrival in Oregon and in Douglas County, the protections calculated above may differ. The most recent data shows:

- Protection afforded by previous infection is thought to be much less than with previous variants. The first death due to Omicron was in an unvaccinated individual who previously survived COVID.
- Protection by two doses of Moderna or Pfizer is about 35%, considerably less than with Delta variant.
- Protection for those who have received an initial series and a booster is still robust (75%) in preventing hospitalizations or deaths.

Thus, we strongly recommend that those who are not vaccinated get started and those who are eligible get a booster ASAP

## REMINDER: DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE HAS MOVED TO A WEEKLY PUBLICATION

As a reminder, as of Wednesday, December 1, 2021, our team shifted to a weekly release for our Douglas County COVID-19 Update. However, our team will continue to post our [COVID-19 Seven Day Case Update Chart](#), as well as our updated information list of [Local COVID-19 Resources](#) to the county website ([www.co.douglas.or.us](http://www.co.douglas.or.us)) on weekdays (except for holidays and observed holidays).

## STATE AND FEDERAL COVID-19 INFORMATION

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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 and Moderna 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 1-03-22**

**VACCINATIONS:\*\*** For all general community members who would like to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, including booster and primary dose series, Cow Creek Public Health offers drive thru vaccinations (no appointment required) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 2360 NE Stephens Street in Roseburg, across from the Tribal Government office. Last vaccine is administered at 12:45 pm. Mondays and Wednesdays are reserved for Moderna primary dose series and boosters. CCPH has paused administering Johnson & Johnson vaccines due to CDC guidance recommending MRNA vaccines. Fridays are reserved for pediatric Pfizer patients ages 5-11. At this time, we advise community members 12 and older who would like a



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Pfizer vaccine to find a community provider or pharmacy with that vaccine. At the time of vaccination, all individuals will be required to sign a consent form. 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. For vaccine related questions or general inquiries please call (541) 677-5535.

**TESTING: REMINDER:** Cow Creek Health and Wellness Centers are no longer offering free community testing.

Testing is 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.

 **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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