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## DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE #668**

<b>WEEKLY RECAP – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022 - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022</b>			
<b>Total Number of New Local COVID-19 Cases* Reported for the Week</b>	<b>Total Number of People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results Reported for the Week</b>	<b>Total Number of New Presumptives Reported for the Week</b>	<b>Total Number of COVID-19 Related Deaths Reported for the Week</b>
<b>632</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>

*\*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.*

<b>Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 – Seven Day Case Update Chart†</b>							
<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday, February 3, 2022</b>	<b>Friday, February 4, 2022</b>	<b>Saturday, February 5, 2022</b>	<b>Sunday, February 6, 2022</b>	<b>Monday, February 7, 2022</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 8, 2022</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 9, 2022</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Cases to Date</b>	18,139	18,232	18,364	18,392	18,405	18,562	18,640
<b>People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</b>	17,334	17,419	17,545	17,573	17,586	17,738	17,812
<b>Presumptives</b>	805	813	819	819	819	824	828
<b>Total Currently Hospitalized</b>	28	32	43	43	43	39	40
<b>Total Hospitalized Patients NOT Fully Vaccinated</b>	20 of the 28	22 of the 32	27 of the 43	27 of the 43	27 of the 43	29 of the 39	27 of the 40
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	338	339	341	341	342	344	344

*†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 and up-to-date, 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. Up-to-date means they have completed the full series of the COVID-19 vaccine, and if eligible they have also gotten their booster, or if they are fully vaccinated, but not yet eligible for a booster.*

### DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Earlier this week, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced that they were once again going to extend the COVID-19 State mandates for businesses, schools and indoor facilities for another 52 days, instead of letting the latest temporary round of COVID State mandates come to an end on February 8, 2022. Douglas County Commissioners Tim Freeman, Chris Boice and Tom Kress continue to express their strong opposition to the sanctioning of required COVID mandates on the citizens, schools and business of Douglas County. As your Local Public Health Authority, your Commissioners have openly chosen to not enforce the Governor's and OHA's mandates relating to COVID-19. Instead, they have chosen to provide abundant local access to health and safety resources and guidance, in order to allow Douglas County residents, the freedom to make informed decisions regarding their own risk. Commissioners Freeman, Boice and Kress continue to stand by their firm belief that providing our residents with the latest information and recommendations yields better

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outcomes, rather than imposing mandates aimed at forcing residents into compliance. Commissioners Freeman, Boice and Kress have supported decision-making at the local level and have led a very proactive response to the pandemic since the beginning by:

- Immediately assembling a local task force and emergency command center
- Issuing their own constant, consistent and reliable communication updates
- Coordinating and assembling local medical resources
- Providing county-wide access to testing, vaccines, PPE and home test kits
- Implementing a local COVID-19 Call Center
- Supporting our local hospitals and medical community during case surges
- Prioritizing the financial stability of our local businesses
- Minimizing the economic impact of the pandemic, while trying to keep local citizens safe and healthy

In doing this incredibly important work, the safety of our citizens goes beyond the spread of COVID-19, it also includes your financial stability, as well as your mental and emotional wellbeing, and the ability to feel safe and comfortable in your communities. As Commissioners, they are proud of the way our residents always rally together to support each other in times of crisis. So, as we continue to move forward, let's rally once again and unite as a community. The Commissioners encourage us all to not judge others for how they have personally chosen to navigate the course of this pandemic, but rather try to learn to respect each other's choices. Let us all be thankful that we have each had a choice. That, by definition, is the point of freedom of choice.

#### LOCAL 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, Roseburg VA or attend a local drive-thru clinic.

1. **Our Local COVID Hotline is 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.
2. **DPHN's EPI-Team is Still on the Job.** As they have since the beginning, Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN), our local public health contractor works under the Douglas County Commissioners, Tim Freeman, Tom Kress and Chris Boice, who still retain the Public Health Authority for the County. 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.
3. **We Encourage Everyone To Get Your Initial Series, And If Eligible, Get A Booster.** If you had a previous infection, a dose of the mRNA vaccine will increase your immunity. OHA vaccine clinics are open every day in Roseburg and Reedsport. The Roseburg clinic is located in the parking lot at the corner of NE Fowler Street and Diamond Lake Blvd. (across from the Roseburg Public Library) and is open every day from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Reedsport Clinic is located at 680 Fir Avenue, adjacent to the Douglas County Courthouse Annex and is also open every day from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
4. **Please Help to Protect our Emergency Systems.** Please do not call 911 or the 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 at (541) 464-6550 and they will try to help connect you with a local health care provider.

#### WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO 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 and your family.



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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 frequently 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, February 9, 2022, there are **FORTY (40)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, thirty-six 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 6 COVID-19 positive patients a day in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU). This last week an average of **22%** of their total hospitalized patients were COVID positive. Of our hospitalized patients today, **TWENTY-SEVEN (27)** of the 40 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 thirty-seventh** COVID-19 related death was a 71-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Monday, January 24, 2022 and passed away on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. She was not vaccinated. Our **three hundred and thirty-eighth** COVID-19 related death was an 83-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Sunday, January 23, 2022 and passed away on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. She was not vaccinated. Our **three hundred and thirty-ninth** COVID-19 related death was a 47-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 and passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2022. She was fully vaccinated and up-to-date. Our **three hundred and fortieth** COVID-19 related death was a 68-year-old man who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Saturday, January 29, 2022 and passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2022. He was not vaccinated. Our **three hundred and forty-first** COVID-19 related death was a 72-year-old man who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 and passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2022. He was not vaccinated. Our **three hundred and forty-second** COVID-19 related death was a 79-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Thursday, January 13, 2022 and passed away on Saturday, February 5, 2022. She was fully vaccinated, but not up-to-date. Our **three hundred and forty-third** COVID-19 related death was a 69-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 and passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022. She was not vaccinated. Our **three hundred and forty-fourth** COVID-19 related death was a 96-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Friday, February 4, 2022 and passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022. She was fully vaccinated, but not up-to-date. 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 COVID-19

Communications 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 of Douglas County residents to report this week.

### COVID-19 VACCINATION WEEKLY UPDATE – WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

Douglas County's vaccine pace continued to slow down last week, with 861 doses given. Although many (524) were boosters, there were 149 first time doses of the vaccine. The remaining vaccines are second and third non-booster doses. 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 as follows:

- **For those 18 years old and above in Douglas County who are fully vaccinated** (as calculated by the CDC) we are at **61.3%**.
- **The percent of the ENTIRE population in Douglas County** who are fully vaccinated (as calculated by the CDC) is currently **51.9%**. This percentage, plus the number of natural infections gives an idea of the level of community immunity.
- **Those Douglas County residents who have received a booster** (as calculated by the CDC) have the best vaccine protection. For the entire population **42.1%** are vaccinated and boosted and for those over 65, **60%** are fully vaccinated and boosted.

Omicron is now the predominant variant in Oregon and likely in Douglas County. For previous variants, prior infection provided good (approximately 85%) protection from infection, and we previously included that number in the number unlikely to get re-infected. Unfortunately, with Omicron, previous infection with Alpha or Delta seems to provide less than 20% protection. We have seen many people who got COVID-19 last summer getting infected again. The primary series of vaccination provides some protection (35%) and protection for a boosted individual climbs to 55 to 80% against acquiring the disease and further protection against hospitalization.

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

As a reminder, as of Wednesday, December 1, 2021, we shifted to a weekly release for our Douglas County COVID-19 Update. But, 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

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



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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>.

**COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC**

All three vaccines available.  
No appointment needed.  
No cost.

**Roseburg**  
The drive-through clinic is located in the parking lot (1530 NE Diamond Lake Blvd) at the corner of NE Fowler St. and Diamond Lake Blvd (Hwy 138), adjacent to the Roseburg Public Library in downtown Roseburg.

**Open every Monday – Sunday**  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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**OHA OFFERING FREE DRIVE THRU VACCINE CLINIC IN ROSEBURG:** OHA is currently hosting a free drive-thru vaccination and booster clinic at 1530 NE Diamond Lake Blvd., at the corner of NE Fowler Street and Diamond Lake Blvd., adjacent to the Roseburg Public Library in downtown Roseburg. They will be offering all three vaccines, boosters and pediatric doses. They are open every day 10:00 am – 5:00 pm until further notice. No appointment is necessary. If you have questions about the clinic, please contact OHA directly at (866) 698-6155 or log onto: [www.oregon.gov/OHA](http://www.oregon.gov/OHA).

**OHA OFFERING FREE DRIVE THRU VACCINE CLINIC IN REEDSPORT:** OHA will open a free drive-thru vaccination and booster clinic starting on Saturday, January 29, 2022 and running through Tuesday, February 22, 2022. The clinic will be at 680 Fir Avenue, adjacent to the Douglas County Courthouse Annex in Reedsport. They will be offering all three vaccines, boosters and pediatric doses. They are open every day 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. No appointment is necessary. If you have questions about the clinic, please contact OHA directly at (866) 698-6155 or log onto: [www.oregon.gov/OHA](http://www.oregon.gov/OHA) or call the VIVE NW support line at (844) 291-4970.

**FREE COVID-19 VACCINES**

**Dates:** January 29th - February 23rd  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Douglas County Courthouse Annex  
680 Fir Avenue  
Reedsport, OR 97467

**COVID-19 Vaccines available:** Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson

**Pediatric vaccines available for children ages 5+**

- NO ID required
- NO appointment required

If you have any questions, please call the VIVE NW support line at (844) 291 - 4970

**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 1-19-22 TESTING:** Due to COVID-19 case surges and decreased availability of testing supplies, Aviva Health is following the current OHA guidelines to prioritize testing for people who need it. We are temporary suspending testing for non-medically necessary reasons, such as travel and other

leisure activities. Please consult your PCP or call (541) 492-2067 if you have any questions. Aviva Health continues to offer vaccinations and boosters to eligible people at our Vaccination Clinic located at 4221 NE Stephens Street in Roseburg. Appointments are required and can be self-scheduled online by visiting: <https://consumer.scheduling.athena.io/?locationId=17792-24&practitionerId=17792-121>.

**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 1-27-22**  
**VACCINATIONS:\*\*** Cow Creek Health and Wellness and Cow Creek Public Health is temporarily pausing community vaccines and boosters in order to provide increased capacity for COVID-19 testing for Tribal members and employees. Established patients of Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center can call (541) 672-8533 and press #3 for the Roseburg Clinic to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine or booster appointment.  
**TESTING:** Cow Creek Health and Wellness Centers are no longer offering free community testing. Testing is available by appointment only for established patients of Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center, Tribal members or employees of the Cow Creek Tribe by calling (541) 672-8533 and pressing #4 for the Canyonville Clinic to schedule a COVID-19 testing appointment.

 **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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