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DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESOURCE PAGE

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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) on weekdays (except for holidays and observed holidays). **Please note our office will not be posting the COVID-19 Seven Day Case Update Chart or the Local COVID-19 Resources page on Monday, February 21, 2022, as our offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.**

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 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

→ Information (541) 672-3311

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.

DPHN DEVELOPS DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR HOME TESTING KITS, WHILE COMMISSIONER FREEMAN DELIVERS

Douglas County Commissioners, Tim Freeman, Chris Boice and Tom Kress continue to lead with a proactive, hands-on response to the pandemic. As your local Public Health Authority in Douglas County, the Commissioners have made it a priority to make sure that every resident in Douglas County has access to the resources they need. Commissioner Tim Freeman took to the roads in Douglas County last week to deliver more than 12,000 free COVID home tests to 25 Douglas County communities. The home test kits are earmarked for priority distribution to seniors, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, first responders, city utility and vital service workers and to those in rural areas who are most at risk or with limited access to resources. In late January, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced the purchase of six million iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test kits to divert the burden of testing away from our health care system during the Omicron surge. Each kit contains two tests, for a total of twelve million total tests. Douglas County requested kits and received 15,000 home tests (7,500 kits) at the first part of February. Immediately after receiving our order of home test kits from the state, Teresa Mutschler, Executive Director at Douglas Public Health Network, came up with the plan to utilize rural fire departments, cities and senior services to help dispense the home tests to our most vulnerable residents, volunteers and vital workers.

“Local fire chiefs, city administrators, Douglas County Senior Services and Commissioner Freeman have been amazing in stepping up to help with this program,” commented Mutschler. *“It once again demonstrates the wonderful sense of community we have here in Douglas County by helping each other.”*

Commissioner Freeman felt it was imperative to get the test kits out to residents as soon as possible. So, Mutschler contacted local agencies and put together a distribution plan, while DPHN staff created informational flyers to go with the kits. As soon as the plan was in place, Commissioner Freeman loaded up his truck and set out to deliver the kits, logging over 450 miles in two days. ([Click here](#) to view a video of the deliveries with Commissioner Freeman). The test kits were distributed to:

- Douglas County Senior Services, who will be passing out kits at their seven Senior Dining Sites and to Meals on Wheels customers.
- 18 rural fire districts/departments for their staff, volunteers and local residents. Including: Glide, Diamond Lake, Oakland, North Douglas, Elkton, Kellogg, Scottsburg, Tri City, Riddle, Canyonville, Days Creek, Milo, Tiller, Glendale, Lookingglass, Winston, Tenmile and Camas Valley.
- City offices in Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin, Reedsport, Roseburg and Yoncalla, for police, fire, utility and vital services departments, as well as for community members.
- Douglas County Fire District #2 to distribute to first responders and to the communities they serve.
- Forest Glen Senior Residence for their employees and renters.
- Local Women's Shelter for guests and volunteers.
- DPHN, who will distribute the remaining free home test kits as a part of their EPI Team response work, and to community members who have barriers in accessing testing resources.



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Commissioners Freeman, Boice and Kress, along with Mutschler and her staff at DPHN, continue to surpass their goals of finding innovative ways to reach out and provide access to vital health resources in all areas of our county. For more information about resources in your area, please call our **Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550**.

ACCESS TO LOCAL COVID-19 RESOURCES

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.

Oregon Health Authority

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

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.

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.

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.

OHA OFFERING FREE DRIVE THRU VACCINE CLINIC IN REEDSPORT: OHA opened a free drive-thru vaccination and booster clinic on Saturday, January 29, 2022, and will run through Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The clinic will be at 680 Fir Avenue, adjacent to the Douglas County Courthouse Annex in Reedsport. They will be offering all three of the 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 or call the VIVE NW support line at (844) 291-4970.

 **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 temporarily 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/.

 **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.*

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.oregon.gov/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. 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.

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