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## DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE – FINAL EDITION

(Douglas County, Ore.) DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE #672

### WEEKLY RECAP – THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 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
<b>112</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</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.

Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 – Seven Day Case Update Chart†							
Date	Thursday, March 3, 2022	Friday, March 4, 2022	Saturday, March 5, 2022	Sunday, March 6, 2022	Monday, March 7, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Total COVID-19 Cases to Date	19,477	19,497	19,505	19,514	19,530	19,552	19,563
People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results	18,575	18,595	18,603	18,612	18,627	18,647	18,658
Presumptives	902	902	902	902	903	905	905
Total Currently Hospitalized	11	11	9	9	9	11	16
Total Hospitalized Patients NOT Fully Vaccinated	9 of the 11	9 of the 11	7 of the 9	7 of the 9	7 of the 9	8 of the 11	11 of the 16
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	369	371	371	371	371	372	372

†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.

### THANK YOU, DOUGLAS COUNTY, FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



(By Tamara Howell, Public Information Officer, Douglas County.) It is hard to believe that we have eclipsed the two year mark since the first COVID case was identified in Douglas County. It is even harder to comprehend everything that that has happened in the last 731 days. Two years ago, I had no idea of knowing (as did anyone) how much our lives would be turned upside down by a relentless microscopic virus that looks like something right off the pages of a Dr. Seuss book. We have all endured changes way out of our comfort zone and experienced times of grief, frustration and confusion. But along this journey, we have also seen several tremendous acts of kindness, camaraderie and community support. For me the last two years

have been about civic duty. I feel very blessed to work for Douglas County, and have the opportunity to work every day with three of the most selfless and dedicated public servants I have ever met. Thank you, Commissioner Tim Freeman, Commissioner Chris Boice and Commissioner Tom Kress for your support, steadfast leadership and unwavering

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dedication to the residents of Douglas County. Over the last 24 months, I have devoted my time and energy to doing the best job I can to lead our Douglas County COVID Joint Information Team, and write and release our Douglas County COVID-19 Updates. I have worked hard to share amazing local stories, provide the most accurate and timely information and work with a dream team of local professionals that I have come to admire and respect. The updates have been my life for the past two years, and while a part of me will miss the daily routine of crunching numbers and writing articles, I am content and proud of the tremendous amount of work we all have accomplished. We know we have more than surpassed the Commissioner's initial COVID response mission of '*Ensuring appropriate, timely and coordinated communications to cooperators and the public.*' I would even like to challenge you to find another County in Oregon or even in the United States that that has produced more than 672 COVID updates in a consistent and timely manner, as we have done here in Douglas County, Oregon.

As I write my last story and crunch my last numbers, I know, along with our entire team that this pandemic is by no means over, but we are finally at a point where we can take a step back from focusing on the daily or weekly crisis and move forward out of the pandemic fog to sunnier days. I could not have done this work without the assistance and support of so many amazing people. Thank you to Commissioner Tim Freeman, Commissioner Chris Boice and Commissioner Tom Kress for your trust in me to do this valuable work. I want to especially thank Commissioner Freeman for believing in me, and for valuing the importance of communications. Thank you to Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer for your patience, guidance and knowledge. Thank you to the amazing staff at Douglas Public Health Network, especially my cohort, co-author and rock star, Vanessa Becker, as well as Teresa Mutschler, Laura Turpin, Brian Mahoney, Becky Bright-Jones, Kendra Murray, Kim Gandy, the Epi-Teams and COVID Hotline volunteers. Thank you to my Douglas County Joint Information Team members who volunteered their time to be part of our team (on top of their regular job duties): Lt. Brad O'Dell, Douglas County Sheriff's Office; Mark Tsuchiya, Aviva Health; Kathleen Nickel, CHI-Mercy; Sarah Baumgartner, CHI-Mercy; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, Douglas County; Stephanie Munsey, Douglas County; Kellie Trenkle, Douglas County; Mark Turney, Umpqua National Forest; Rosa Solano, Lower Umpqua Hospital and Brian Prawitz, BP Media. Thank you to my supervisor Michael Kurtz, Douglas County Human Resources for your support and encouragement. Last, but not least, thank you to the citizens of Douglas County for the many emails, cards, letters and notes of encouragement. Your kind words are what kept me going during many difficult days. As I look back on the last two years, I am profoundly in 'awe' and will forever hold the deepest respect for so many individuals who continue to step up to volunteer and help others in our communities, and for those that were a part of our incredible Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team. For this, and so many more reasons, I am proud to call Douglas County my home. Onward and upwards in faith, hope and love Douglas County!

## **THE LAST DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE**

731 days ago, a joint press release was issued from the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN) and our Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), identifying our first "presumptive positive" case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Douglas County. By the time the first case was announced in Douglas County, your Douglas County Commissioners, Tim Freeman, Chris Boice and Tom Kress along with Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer and the staff at DPHN had already been engaged in organizing our local pandemic emergency response effort for over a month. The Commissioners garnered the support, expertise and collaborative efforts of local partners including; Mercy Medical Center, Lower Umpqua Hospital, Aviva Health, Umpqua Health, the Roseburg VA, Adapt, DCSO, Douglas County Emergency Management, Douglas Forest Protective Association, the American Red Cross, Douglas County Search and Rescue, Douglas County Human Resources Department, Douglas County Public Works Department and Douglas County Building Facilities. Now, two years later we release our 672<sup>nd</sup> and final Douglas County COVID-19 update to the citizens of Douglas County. We find it fitting that we mark our two year anniversary with some closure.

As we have said before, since the very beginning of the pandemic, Douglas County Commissioners, Tim Freeman, Chris Boice and Tom Kress made our COVID response the priority in Douglas County. They established an Emergency COVID Command Center. They invited local agencies to join our efforts, thus creating the Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team (DCCRT) and over the last two years have exceeded the goals and objectives set forth over 731 days ago. As a part of the original mission statement for the DCCRT, the Commissioners established five incident objectives, which included a very important communication component. By almost every standard, our Douglas County COVID Response Team has excelled in quest to keep our citizens safe and informed.

Commissioners Issued Five Incident Objectives established for our local COVID Response:

**1. Minimize loss of life of for Douglas County citizens due to the COVID-19 virus through education, mitigation**



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and containment.

2. **Protect Medical Systems from being overwhelmed with COVID-19 cases by coordinating long term strategic response plans and identifying local thresholds with appropriate local response.**
3. **Ensure safety of all health care providers by facilitating the acquisition and distribution of available PPE by utilizing local, state and federal resources.**
4. **Ensure appropriate, timely and coordinated communications to cooperators and the public.**
5. **Support operational needs by leveraging available Douglas County resources.**

Under the direction of the Douglas County Commissioners, and because of our unique model for public health we were able to be nimble and quick in our response to COVID in Douglas County. Here is a snapshot of our accomplishments:

- The DCCRT was established by the Douglas County Commissioners early on and Commissioner Tim Freeman, who was given Delegated Authority from the other two Commissioners to manage the COVID Response.
- The DCCRT was run Under the Authority of the Douglas County Commissioners, who retain the Public Health Authority for the County.
- Douglas County/DPHN was the first county in Oregon to do drive-through testing. (First clinic was on March 17, 2020. Last clinic was on March 26, 2021. 97 in Roseburg and 19 in Reedsport. 116 total test clinics.
- Douglas County reassigned County employees to work at the testing clinics, deliver meals to homebound seniors and deliver PPE to agencies and businesses.
- Douglas County/DPHN was the first County to set up local COVID call in resource hotline. (Over 9,000 calls, 136 volunteers and 45 staff) Hotline is still operating today, seven days a week.
- Douglas County/DPHN was the first and possibly the only county to host weekly Facebook Live COVID Q&A events with our PHO, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer. (He conducted 149 FB Live shows)
- Douglas County/DPHN launched one of the first EPI-Strike teams in the state to help with COVID case investigations, contact tracing and epidemiology containment efforts. We even contracted with six other counties to perform these duties and train them.
- Douglas County/DPHN created, produced and released over 30 educational COVID You Tube videos, 10 tv/radio commercials and over 100 COVID informational graphics to run on various social media platforms, paid advertising campaigns and to several media outlets.
- Douglas County/DPHN established a vaccine outreach program called the Tiger Team to bring vaccines to within 5 miles of every resident. Tiger Team set up pop up vaccine clinics all over the county from April 13, 2021 to October 28, 2021. They conducted over 100 Vaccination Clinics at rural fire districts, farms, wineries, schools, libraries, community centers, special events, city halls, senior centers and along known homeless paths. They also performed a number of home vaccinations for residents that were home bound.
- Douglas County/DPHN was the first and is perhaps the only county to offer a daily COVID update to our residents. The update transitioned to tri-weekly and then weekly updates. As of today, Wednesday, March 9, we have released 672 COVID updates, with each release reaching over 15,000 people. Today is our last update. Each update was released to a direct email list of over 300, FlashAlert list of 500+, an e-Newsletter subscriber base of over 14,000, posted to County and DPHN Facebook pages and posted to County and DPHN websites. Our complete log of updates can be found on our website at: <https://douglascounty-oregon.us/708/COVID-19>.
- Douglas County/DPHN hosted over 12 mass vaccination clinics and coordinated with OHA and FEMA to run vaccination clinics in October '21, November '21, January '22 and February '22.
- Douglas County deployed County employees to work at the local hospital during the DELTA surge.
- Douglas County was one of the first counties to submit our application for Oregon's Phase One and Phase Two reopening.
- Douglas County had the one of the lowest positivity rates in the Nation for the first 17 months of the pandemic.
- Our Commissioners were one of the first counties in Oregon to award and distribute the \$1,470,000 in grant funds from the Douglas County COVID-19 Business Grant Program via the CARES Act to one hundred and three (103)

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small local businesses. And, they choose to allocate an additional \$350,000 to provide COVID relief grant dollars to twenty-two (22) more deserving businesses. Additionally, the Commissioners chose to pay the cost of the fees charged by CCD for administration separately rather than withdraw funds from the grant, so 100% of this funding went directly to our local businesses.

- Our Commissioners completed two additional business grant programs, to help local businesses that are required to have an environmental health license with the county in order to operate. They allocated up to \$350,000 in county grant funding and offered an opportunity for those businesses to apply and receive a \$500 grant, as a refund for the cost of their 2020 health license. They also waived the 2021 and the 2022 environmental health licensing fees, and have refunded or applied payment to 2022 licensing for those businesses that already paid for their 2021 licenses.
- Our Commissioners personally delivered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (268,000 masks), Testing Kits (12,000+) and Supplies (3,800 packages of sanitizing wipes) to locations all over around Douglas County to make sure that all residents and businesses had local access. They will continue to deliver supplies as they become available.

Our announcement to end our updates comes on the heels of the last variant surge, a definitive decline in cases locally, regionally and nationally, as well as the announcement from the State on the lifting of face coverings for indoor settings and schools (Set for Friday, March 11, 2022 at 11:59 pm). If you are looking for updates on COVID, you can still find week day updates from the State of Oregon via the Oregon Health Authority at [www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus).

### **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 or other diseases. 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.

1. Please stay home from work, school, shopping or running errands if you are sick.
2. Please consider getting vaccinated, if you have not gotten 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. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
7. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
8. Never visit a hospital or long-term-care facility if you have a fever or cough due to an illness.
9. Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.
10. Delay or limit travel to highly populated areas.
11. 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, March 9, 2022, there are **SIXTEEN (16)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, fifteen locally and one 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 1 COVID-19 positive patients a day in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and 1 COVID-19 positive patients a day in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU). This last week an average of 5% of their total hospitalized patients were COVID positive. Of our hospitalized patients today, **ELEVEN (11)** of the 16 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 sixty-ninth** COVID-19 related death was a 65-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Monday, February 28, 2022 and passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2022. She was fully vaccinated and up-to-date. Our **three hundred and seventy-second** COVID-19 related death was a 46-year-old woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Sunday, March 6, 2022 and passed away on Monday, March 7, 2022. She 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



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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. Our **three hundred and seventieth** COVID-19 related death was a 79-year-old man who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 and passed away on Sunday, January 30, 2022. He was fully vaccinated, but not up-to-date. We were notified by hospice of the COVID-19 related death on Thursday, March 3, 2022. Our **three hundred and seventy-first** COVID-19 related death was an 86-year-old woman who passed away on Monday, January 17, 2022. She was not vaccinated. We were notified by Oregon Vital Records of the COVID-19 related death and presumptive case on Thursday, March 3, 2022. 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 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.

## A QUICK AND INTERESTING LOOK AT THE DELTA SURGE VS THE OMICRON SURGE DATA

DELTA SURGE VS OMICRON SURGE											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
DELTA VARIANT SURGE	WEEK OF 7/18/2021	WEEK OF 7/25/2021	WEEK OF 8/1/2021	WEEK OF 8/8/2021	WEEK OF 8/15/2021	WEEK OF 8/22/2021	WEEK OF 8/29/2021	WEEK OF 9/5/2021	WEEK OF 9/12/2021	WEEK OF 9/19/2021	WEEK OF 9/26/2021
Total Cases	130	327	487	853	1,274	1,150	1,006	854	436	362	307
Average # Hospitalized (Highest #)	12 (18)	22 (25)	27 (31)	44 (51)	60 (66)	83 (104)	106 (110)	103 (113)	85 (92)	81 (88)	70 (77)
Total Deaths	1	2	6	6	12	19	16	22	18	18	15
		First Surge Week			Peak Week						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
OMICRON VARIANT SURGE	WEEK OF 12/19/2021	WEEK OF 12/26/2021	WEEK OF 1/2/2022	WEEK OF 1/9/2022	WEEK OF 1/16/2022	WEEK OF 1/23/2022	WEEK OF 1/30/2022	WEEK OF 2/6/2022	WEEK OF 2/13/2022	WEEK OF 2/20/2022	WEEK OF 2/27/22
Total Cases	140	224	468	752	972	1,060	754	488	325	203	125
Average # Hospitalized (Highest #)	23 (27)	16 (20)	17 (21)	23 (27)	25 (30)	31 (35)	36 (43)	38 (43)	25 (30)	19 (21)	13 (15)
Total Deaths	4	0	2	3	4	7	10	6	13	6	5
		First Surge Week				Peak Week					

## AVIVA HEALTH HAS REOPENED THEIR DRIVE-THROUGH COVID VACCINE, BOOSTER AND TESTING CLINIC TO WALK-INS. VACCINES AVAILABLE ON SATURDAYS THROUGH MARCH



Shared from [Aviva Health](#). Aviva Health reopened their COVID-19 clinics to vaccinations, boosters, and testing for walk-ins on Wednesday, February 22, 2022! Additionally, leisure testing is again available at their drive-thru clinic. Also, in light of the OHA closing their drive-through COVID-19 vaccine clinic in Roseburg on Sunday, February 27, 2022, Aviva is

also offering COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, as well as other vaccines on Saturdays starting on Saturday, March 5, 2022 and through the month of March. They look forward to serving you!

**COVID TESTING: Tests are offered on a walk-in basis or patients can self-schedule an appointment.** Aviva Health offers COVID-19 testing for symptomatic or exposed individuals at no or low cost (insurance will be billed). Aviva Health also offers rapid and PCR testing for leisure purposes (travel, special-event attendance, etc.) at their drive-through COVID clinic located at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A in Roseburg. The COVID clinic is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Rapid tests are \$60, and PCR tests are \$35. You can self-schedule your testing appointment by calling (541) 492-2067 or go online at [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/). Walk ins are also welcome.

**COVID VACCINE\*\*:** Vaccinations are offered on a walk-in basis or patients can self-schedule an appointment. Aviva Health continues to offer free drive-through COVID-19 vaccination services to patients and non-patients by self-scheduling an appointment or on a walk-in basis at their drive-through vaccine clinic located at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A in Roseburg. The vaccine clinic is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. They will also be open on Saturdays during the month of March from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Patients must be Douglas County residents. You can self-schedule your vaccine appointment by calling (541) 492-2067 or go online at [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/). Walk ins are also welcome. 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\*\*:** Boosters are offered on a walk-in basis or patients can self-schedule an appointment. Aviva Health is offering the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 boosters to certain groups of people by self-scheduling an appointment or on a walk-in basis, at its vaccination clinic located at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A in Roseburg. The vaccine clinic is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. They will also be open on Saturdays during the month of March from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. You can self-schedule your booster appointment by calling (541) 492-2067 or go online at [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/). Walk ins are also welcome.

**REMINDER: LOWER UMPQUA HOSPITAL CONTINUES TO OFFER A COVID-19 VACCINE CALL CENTER AND WILL RESUME THEIR WEEKLY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC THIS WEEK**

**LOWER UMPQUA HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
COVID-19 VACCINES**

When: Fridays  
From: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Where: Reedsport Medical Clinic  
385 Ranch Rd.

Offering Pfizer and Moderna  
No Appointment Necessary  
Ages 12+

For ages 5-11, call 541-271-0105  
to schedule a pediatric dose.



Shared from [Lower Umpqua Hospital District](#). Lower Umpqua Hospital District (LUHD) continues to offer a COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center for COVID-19 vaccine information in the Reedsport area. For ages 12 to adult call (541) 271-2175 or for ages call (541) 271-0105, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Also, in light of the closure of the Reedsport drive-through FEMA COVID-19 vaccine clinic, LUHD announced that they will be resuming their weekly vaccination program this week. The daily FEMA COVID-19 vaccine clinic, that was located at the Douglas County Courthouse Annex, opened on Saturday, January 29, 2022, and closed up operations on Saturday, February 19, 2022. During that time, LUHD had suspended their weekly vaccine clinics. They now plan to resume their COVID-19 vaccine program, which is open every Friday from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the Reedsport Medical Center, located at 385 Ranch Road in Reedsport. The clinic



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will reopen starting this Friday, February 25, 2022. Vaccines are available to those ages 12+. They are being offered on a walk-in basis, so no appointments are necessary. For ages children, 5-11, please call (541) 271-0105 to schedule a pediatric dose.

## **COVID-19 VACCINES, BOOSTER DOSES AND TESTING WIDELY AVAILABLE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY**

COVID-19 vaccines, booster doses and testing are widely available around Douglas County. Check with your primary or local health care provider, AVIVA Health, Umpqua Health, Lower Umpqua Hospital, urgent care facilities, local pharmacies or the Roseburg VA for availability, appointments or walk-in opportunities.

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. COVID-19 vaccines, boosters and tests are available from many primary or local health care providers, AVIVA Health locations, Umpqua Health offices, Lower Umpqua Hospital, urgent care facilities, local pharmacies and the Roseburg VA. Please call or go online to learn more about vaccine and testing availability, appointments or walk-in opportunities.
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.

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

As in most of the country, the vaccine pace continued to slow in the last week in Douglas County, with 316 doses given. This suggests that nearly all who want a vaccine or booster have gotten one. Although many (149) were boosters, there were 61 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) is currently, we are at **61.6%**. As almost all of the hospitalizations and deaths are in this age group, it is a measure of vaccine efficiency to prevent hospitalizations.
- **The percent of the ENTIRE population in Douglas County** who are fully vaccinated (as calculated by the CDC) is currently **52.3%**. This percentage, plus the number of natural infections gives an idea of the level of community immunity.
- **The percent of seniors who are fully vaccinated** (as calculated by the CDC). As most deaths occur in this group, this provides information about vaccine protection for the elderly. Currently **77.5%**.

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- **Those Douglas County residents who have received a booster** (as calculated by the CDC) have the best vaccine protection. For the entire population **43.3%** are vaccinated and boosted and for those over 65, **64%** are fully vaccinated and boosted.

The Omicron surge is now ebbing. We are seeing that vaccination plus boosting has provided excellent protection against hospitalization and death. It is not too late to get a vaccine. Please 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. Now is a good time to recap our vaccine efforts during the entire pandemic. Since December 2020, over 40 different providers in DC have given 129,983 vaccine doses. These providers included clinics, doctor's office, pharmacies, EMT providers, specialty clinics, dentists and our venerable Tiger Team. We are so very grateful for all of those who stepped up to deliver vaccines. Vaccines are also available from Aviva Health locations, Lower Umpqua Hospital, local health care providers, urgent care facilities and local pharmacies. Please make sure to call ahead or make an appointment online for locations that offer the vaccine.

### 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.

 **LOWER UMPQUA HOSPITAL DISTRICT: UPDATED: 2-22-22** Lower Umpqua Hospital District continues to offer a COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center for COVID-19 vaccine information in the Reedsport area. For ages 12 to adult call (541) 271-2175 or for ages call (541) 271-0105, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Also, in light of the closure of the Reedsport drive-through FEMA COVID-19 vaccine clinic, LUHD announced that they will be resuming their weekly vaccination program. The FEMA COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, that was located at the Douglas County Courthouse Annex, opened on Saturday, January 29, 2022, and was open daily until it closed on Saturday, February 19, 2022. During that time, LUHD suspended their weekly vaccine clinics. They plan to resume their COVID-19 vaccines on Fridays from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the Reedsport Medical Center, located at 385 Ranch Road in Reedsport. Vaccines are available to those ages 12+. They are being offered on a walk-in basis, so no appointments are necessary. For ages children, 5-11, please call (541) 271-0105 to schedule a pediatric dose.

### AVIVA HEALTH: UPDATED 3-01-22

Shared from [Aviva Health](#). Aviva Health reopened their COVID-19 clinics to vaccinations, boosters, and testing for walk-ins on Wednesday, February 22, 2022! Additionally, leisure testing is again available at their drive-thru clinic. Also, in light of the OHA closing their drive-through COVID-19 vaccine clinic in Roseburg on Sunday, February 27, 2022,



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Aviva is also offering COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, as well as other vaccines on Saturdays starting on Saturday, March 5, 2022 and through the month of March. They look forward to serving you!

**COVID TESTING: Tests are offered on a walk-in basis or patients can self-schedule an appointment.** Aviva Health offers COVID-19 testing for symptomatic or exposed individuals at no or low cost (insurance will be billed). Aviva Health also offers rapid and PCR testing for leisure purposes (travel, special-event attendance, etc.) at their drive-through COVID clinic located at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A in Roseburg. The COVID clinic is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Rapid tests are \$60, and PCR tests are \$35. You can self-schedule your testing appointment by calling (541) 492-2067 or go online at [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/). Walk ins are also welcome.

**COVID VACCINE\*\*:** Vaccinations are offered on a walk-in basis or patients can self-schedule an appointment. Aviva Health continues to offer free drive-through COVID-19 vaccination services to patients and non-patients by self-scheduling an appointment or on a walk-in basis at their drive-through vaccine clinic located at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A in Roseburg. The vaccine clinic is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. They will also be open on Saturdays during the month of March from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Patients must be Douglas County residents. You can self-schedule your vaccine appointment by calling (541) 492-2067 or go online at [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/). Walk ins are also welcome. 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\*\*:** Boosters are offered on a walk-in basis or patients can self-schedule an appointment. Aviva Health is offering the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 boosters to certain groups of people by self-scheduling an appointment or on a walk-in basis, at its vaccination clinic located at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101A in Roseburg. The vaccine clinic is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. They will also be open on Saturdays during the month of March from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. You can self-schedule your booster appointment by calling (541) 492-2067 or go online at [www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/](http://www.aviva.health/covid-19-resources/). Walk ins are also welcome.

 **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 local seniors with resource questions, as well as helping to locate testing and vaccination sites in your local area, call (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,*

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→ Information (541) 672-3311

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*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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