



# DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

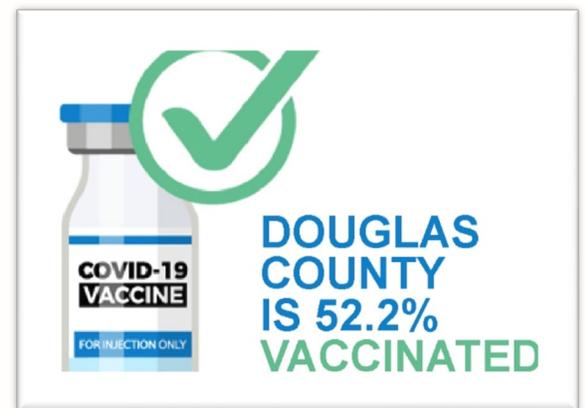
Our local COVID-19 updates represent the coordinated effort of the agencies that make up the DCCRT

## JOINT INFORMATION CENTER PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – June 2, 2021 DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM - DAILY UPDATE

(Douglas County, Ore.) **DOUGLAS COUNTY COVID-19 TEST RESULTS:** As of 12:00 pm today, Wednesday, June 2, 2021, there are **TWENTY-EIGHT (28)** people with new positive test results to report since our noon case update yesterday. The total number of cases of people with positive test results and presumptives in Douglas County is now at **3,607\***. Currently, there are **SIXTEEN (16)** Douglas County COVID-19 patients that are being hospitalized, eleven locally and five out-of-the-area. Our Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, under the direction of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, continue to devote all resources available to our local COVID response.

### DOUGLAS COUNTY WEEKLY VACCINATION RATE

We are seeing a slow, but steady increase in vaccinations in Douglas County. As of Monday, May 31, 2021, **52.20%** of eligible residents ages 16 and older in Douglas County have been vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine. That means that a total of 49,514 residents have received at least their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, which includes 988 new vaccinations since last week for residents ages 16 and older. Our total new vaccine count last week was 1,191, which includes 203 vaccinations for residents ages 12-15.



As we have explained before, this number is not the same as the number that the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has on their daily online vaccination report. This is because the OHA vaccination data **DOES NOT** include the all the vaccines given by Federally recognized sites in our county. The OHA report [located here](#), clearly states that their data is “*Based on ALERT IIS data which does not include all vaccinations at Federal Sites.*” In Douglas County, we have two large Federal Vaccination Sites that are not included in the OHA tabulation of eligible vaccinated residents. Those two Federal Vaccination Sites are the Roseburg VA Health Care Center and Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians Health Care Community. Because these sites received their COVID-19 vaccines directly from the Federal Government, they are required to report their vaccination data directly to the Federal Government. The Federal Government and OHA say they have yet to find to good way to combine the state and federal vaccination data in their daily reports. So, there is an obvious discrepancy in the vaccination data. That is why Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman and Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer have fervently asked OHA, the State of Oregon and our State Legislators to address and correct this problem. In May, OHA finally agreed to correct the issue, and will be allowing Douglas County to count the federal vaccination doses in our “65% or More” count for the State’s Mandated Risk Level Framework numbers. However, we are still awaiting a corrected representation of vaccination data on the OHA daily online vaccination report. We will continue to use our format of adding the Federal vaccination data to the state vaccination data moving forward to accurately represent the number of residents in Douglas County that have been vaccinated. Additionally, our 51.4% vaccination rate means that we are well on our way to OHA’s 65% benchmark in order to realize a shift to a lower state mandated risk level. Two weeks ago, the State announced a change to the metrics for their [state mandated risk levels](#) that now includes an opportunity for counties to move to a lower risk level if they reach a 65% vaccination rate for eligible residents. If you look at the numbers, Douglas County only needs to vaccinate about 12,000 more eligible residents in order to reach the 65% vaccination goal.

**Douglas County, OR - COVID-19 - Case Update Chart\***

Date	Saturday May 29, 2021	Sunday May 30, 2021	Monday May 31, 2021	Tuesday June 1, 2021	Today, Wednesday, June 2, 2021
<i>Total COVID-19 Cases</i>	3,544	3,557	3,568	3,579	3,607
<i>People w/ Positive PCR or Antigen Test Results</i>	3,375	3,388	3,398	3,409	3,437
<i>Presumptive</i>	169	169	170	170	170
<i>Total Currently Hospitalized</i>	18	19	17	17	16
<i>Total Currently in Isolation</i>	196	193	187	194	182
<i>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</i>	75	75	77	78	78



*\*Our daily update includes the total number of cases in Douglas County, which combines people with positive test results and presumptives, as well as a breakout of those case numbers. 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.*

## **LOCAL CONTACTS AND CASES BEING SUPPORTED IN ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE**

Currently, DPHN is supporting **182 cases** in isolation, as well as another **550 contacts** in quarantine in Douglas County. Isolation is recommended for confirmed and presumptive cases, quarantine is recommended for contacts of confirmed or presumptive cases. Currently, staff is supporting a total of **732 total contacts and cases in isolation or quarantine**. This number represents a snapshot of the significant amount of work being done locally to help control the spread of COVID.

## **ADDRESSING COVID-19 VACCINE CONCERNS**

### **Concern #2: The vaccine is worse than the disease.**

We have been talking about the many reasons why some residents are hesitant or not interested in getting vaccinated. We wanted to provide a response from the medical community that addresses the most common concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Concern #2: The vaccine is worse than the disease.**

The current worldwide death statistics should put to rest any lingering doubts about COVID-19 being just another version of the flu. The United States has suffered more than half a million deaths from COVID-19 in little more than a year. The worldwide death total is approaching 3 million. As of yesterday, Tuesday, June 2, 2021, Oregon has reported 2,674 deaths from COVID-19 and Douglas County has lost 78 residents to COVID-19.

Only one flu pandemic, killed more people. The Spanish flu pandemic of 1918, was the deadliest in history, infecting an estimated 500 million people worldwide—about one-third of the planet's population—and killed an estimated 50 million victims, including some 675,000 Americans. The 1918 flu was first observed in Europe, the United States and parts of Asia before quickly spreading around the world. At that time in history, there were no effective medicines or vaccines to treat this killer flu strain. Citizens were ordered to wear masks, schools, theaters and businesses were shut down and bodies piled up in makeshift morgues. Cities like San Francisco even imposed fines for people not wearing masks. A fine of \$5 was issued to anyone not wearing a mask (that would be about an \$89 fine today).

Another concerning aspect of the 1918 flu pandemic was that it struck down many previously healthy, young people—a group normally resistant to this type of infectious illness, including a number of World War I servicemen. In fact, more U.S. soldiers died from the 1918 flu than were killed in battle during the war. Forty percent of the U.S. Navy was hit with the flu, while 36 percent of the Army became ill, and troops moving around the world in crowded ships and trains helped to spread the killer virus. Although the death toll attributed to the Spanish flu is often estimated at 50 million victims worldwide, other estimates run as high as 100 million victims—around 3 percent of the world's population. The exact numbers are impossible to know due to a lack of medical record-keeping in many places. What is known, however, is that few locations were immune to the 1918 flu—in America, victims ranged from residents of major cities to those of remote Alaskan communities. Even President Woodrow Wilson reportedly contracted the flu in early 1919 while negotiating the Treaty of Versailles, which ended World War I.

As you can see, many of the aspects of the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic are sadly repeating themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic. But, the difference is that we have developed a vaccine that has been proven to be a very effective tool for virus protection and will help us to put an end the outbreaks, mandates and deaths. So, when you look at all the data, the nominal vaccine side effects — primarily a sore arm for a day — pale in comparison.

As with any issue, it is important to make sure you are getting your information from a reputable and qualified source on the topic. Check your sources and their qualifications. Just like you would not have open heart surgery performed by a high school baseball coach, you shouldn't always believe everything you read on the internet...especially when it's written by a non-medical professional. We encourage you to talk to a medical professional or call our COVID-19 Hotline if you have questions or concerns. Talking about your concerns with the COVID-19 vaccine is important. But, getting everyone that can be vaccinated, vaccinated is the most absolutely critical thing we need to do to end this pandemic before the virus mutates into variants that we can't control with our current vaccines. #itsyourturn (Information shared in part from History.com)

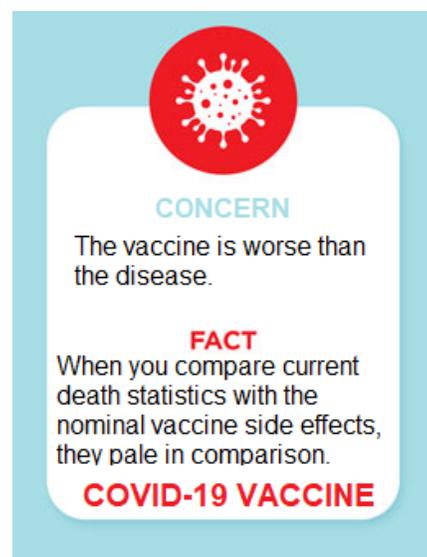
## **#ITSYOURTURN DOUGLAS COUNTY - DPHN COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN**

Free COVID-19 vaccines are available to everyone in Douglas County ages 12 and older. Douglas Public Health Network created the #itsyourturn COVID-19 vaccine campaign to encourage everyone to step up and take their turn to get their COVID-19 vaccine to help our communities fight the battle against the spread of the COVID-19 virus. For more information on how you can take your turn and get your COVID-19 vaccine, contact your primary health care provider, call any local pharmacy, talk to your employer or visit [DougCoVaccine.com](http://DougCoVaccine.com). Check out the latest videos on the [DPHN Facebook Page](#) or the [DPHN YouTube Channel](#), that feature local vaccine voices who hope to inspire our friends, family and neighbors to get the COVID-19 vaccine, so we can move forward to normal lives, activities and celebrations sooner rather than later. #itsyourturn

## **LOCATE A VACCINE LOCATION NEAR YOU:**

🔍 Log onto: <http://DougCoVaccine.com>

📞 Call our Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550



## **DOUGLAS COUNTY TIGER TEAM'S FREE POP-UP COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS**

The **Douglas County Tiger Team** is actively bringing free COVID-19 vaccines directly to rural areas via our mobile medical vans (MMV) by visiting businesses, farms, fire stations and locations in our smaller remote communities in Douglas County. The Douglas County Board of Commissioners, who have led the charge for our Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team efforts since the beginning, have coordinated with DPHN to organize our local Tiger Team to manage our vaccine outreach efforts through 'pop-up' vaccine clinics.



The **Douglas County Tiger Team** will be hosting **FREE POP UP COVID VACCINE CLINICS** at the locations listed below. **The clinics are currently open to anyone 18 years of age and older and preregistration is not necessary:**

- **Wednesday, June 2, 2021:** Elkton area. Clinic will be located at the Elkton High School located at 739 River Drive in Elkton from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- **Thursday, June 3, 2021:** Sutherlin area. Clinic will be at the Timber Valley SKP Park at 800 S State Street in Sutherlin from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

If you are interested in having the Douglas County Tiger Team come to your business, fire department, farm or town to provide a pop-up vaccine clinic or if you have any questions about our Douglas County Tiger Teams and want a schedule of their upcoming pop-up vaccination clinics, please call (541) 670-3110 or our local COVID-19 Hotline at (541) 464-6550.

## **LOWER UMPQUA HOSPITAL HOSTING FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC**



Shared from the [Lower Umpqua Hospital District](#). Lower Umpqua Hospital (LUH) will be hosting another free COVID-19 vaccination appointment only clinic at the Reedsport Community Center located at 451 Winchester Avenue in Reedsport for residents ages 12 and older\*\*. The next vaccination clinic will be on **Thursday, June 3, 2021 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. To schedule your free COVID-19 vaccine appointment, call the LUH Call Center, Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at (541) 271-2175. \*\*Youth ages 12 to 14 will need to have parental / guardian consent. Parents / Guardians do not need to be present at vaccination time. Consent Forms can be completed ahead of time and sent with the child. On the date of the appointment, please bring a photocopy of your ID and medical insurance card, front and back. The vaccine is free of charge, and is available to resident with or without

insurance. For detailed information on what to bring and links to consent/patient forms, please visit the LUH website at [www.lowerumpquahospital.org/covid](http://www.lowerumpquahospital.org/covid). Forms are also available at the Family Resource Center located at 3520 Frontage Road, Reedsport or by calling (541) 271-9700. Fast Track service available for those who arrive with completed forms and copies. Help is available for those who are not able to download the forms or not able to bring copies of needed documents.

## **AVIVA HAS A DEDICATED FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC SITE IN ROSEBURG**



Shared from [Aviva Health](#). Aviva Health has opened a dedicated COVID-19 vaccination clinic site at 4221 NE Stephens Street, Suite 101 in Roseburg, just across the street from its main Roseburg Clinic location near Costco. The new COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic opened Wednesday, May 18, 2021 at 8:00 am and offers free COVID-19 vaccines by

appointment. The new COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and is open for residents ages 12 and older\*\*. To schedule an appointment during the week please call (541) 672-9596. \*\*As a reminder: Parental or guardian consent is required to vaccinate residents 12 to 14 years old. Written consent can be obtained in advance. 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.

## **COVID-19 VACCINE ELIGIBILITY OPEN FOR EVERYONE 12 YEARS OLD AND OLDER\*\*\***

According to the CDC, State of Oregon and OHA, **ALL** residents ages 12 years old and older\*\*\* are eligible to get the COVID-19 Vaccine. As of May 13, 2021, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for people ages 12 to 15, joining those 16 and above who are already eligible. The good news, according to Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, our Douglas County Public Health Officer, is that we have plenty of vaccine and will be giving to anyone 12 and above who wants it. **Remember, "it's your turn!" So, get signed up or show up to get your COVID-19 vaccine today!**

- 1) Call and set up an appointment with your primary health care provider or ask them for a referral to another health care provider.
- 2) Call and set up an appointment with a local pharmacy.
- 3) Sign up for or attend one of the vaccination clinics offered in Douglas County through DPHN, Douglas County, Aviva Health or our Douglas County Tiger Team.
- 4) If you are a member of the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians, please contact to set up an appointment at (541) 672-9405 or log onto <https://www.cowcreek-nsn.gov/public-health/>.
- 5) The Roseburg VA Health Care System is setting up appointments for veterans to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, call the Roseburg VAMC at (541) 440-1000 or log onto <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>.

\*\*\*Please note that for residents that are ages 12 to 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.

### **ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES SCHEDULING A VACCINE APPOINTMENT? HELP IS AVAILABLE**

Not everyone is able to use the internet, a tablet, a computer or a smart phone to schedule a COVID vaccine appointment. If you or someone you know needs to schedule an appointment for the COVID vaccine, and do not have access to the internet, you can call one of the numbers below to get help scheduling an appointment.

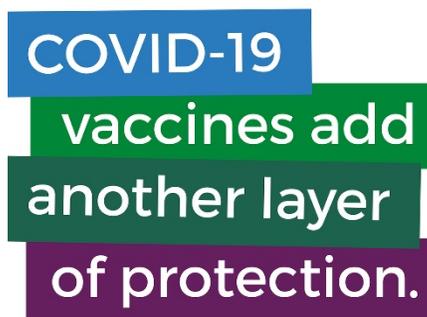
- Call our Douglas County COVID-19 Hotline at **(541) 464-6550**.
- Coastal Residents can call the Lower Umpqua Hospital District COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at **(541) 271-2175**.
- U.S. Veterans can call the Roseburg VA Health Care Center at **(541) 440-1000**.
- Members of the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians can call **(541) 672-9405**.
- Seniors can call Douglas County Senior Services at **(541) 440-3677**.

### **GETTING YOUR SECOND DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS IMPORTANT**

We have heard a lot about second dose hesitancy, but it is vitally important to for those residents who have received their first dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, to make sure that you get and not forgo getting your second dose of the vaccine to complete their vaccination. By getting both shots, it will provide better immunity and help to protect yourself and those around you that you love. If you have already received your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, here are a few answers to questions about your second dose.

- The latest information shows that you can expect to get your second dose about 4-6 weeks after the first dose.
- You should have received a vaccination card when you received your first dose that details the brand of vaccine, its lot number, and the date the vaccine was administered. This card is for your records only, and is not official proof that you have received the vaccine. Proof of your vaccination rests with the State Alert System, which is accessible by medical facilities.
- You should get your second dose from the same provider or organization from which you received your first. However, the physical address where you receive the second dose may change.
- You will be notified by the provider or organization that gave you your first dose about where and when you will receive your second dose.
- I got a first vaccine out of the area; can I get my second vaccine in Douglas County? The second vaccine dose is “paired” to the first dose, and your second dose will be sent to wherever you got your first dose. Therefore, except in rare circumstances, you will need to return to where you got your first dose.
- If you have questions, please contact the provider or organization where you received your first dose.

### **MAKE THE BEST DECISION FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**



Learn how you can get a COVID-19 vaccine to keep you and your family safe. [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Even with the recent changes to the COVID-19 safety measures with regards to vaccinated individuals, we continue to encourage everyone, for the sake of our local businesses, services, economy and neighbors, make the best decision for yourself and your family in order to protect those around you from contracting or spreading the coronavirus disease. We have provided education on the widely proven COVID-19 safety measures, and encourage you to access your risk and comfort level, consider getting vaccinated, if you have not got the shot yet, to please stay home if you are sick and wear face coverings where recommended. We know how important family, businesses and faith are to you, so we ask that you consider all options available in order to eliminate and minimize the spread of any COVID-19 virus germs in our communities to help protect the ones you love, the businesses you love and the places you love to go. With your help we can achieve a level of immunity that will allow us to resume more and more normalcy in our lives.

### **COVID-19 FACEBOOK LIVE WITH DR. BOB**

The next Facebook Live will be on **Friday, June 7, 2021, at 4:00 pm** with **Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, the Douglas County Public Health Officer**. For future Facebook Events with Dr. Bob, please submit your questions to: [Facebookquestions@douglaspublichealthnetwork.org](mailto:Facebookquestions@douglaspublichealthnetwork.org). Dr. Bob and the DPHN team will do their best to respond to as many questions as they can during the Facebook event. The Facebook Events are hosted by DPHN on the [DPHN Facebook page](#).

### **STATE AND FEDERAL COVID-19 INFORMATION**

It is important to understand that Federal and State Government and their Agencies are the ones setting policy and issuing the guidelines for the pandemic. Locally, we are following the recommended guidance issued by the [U.S. Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#). If you have questions about the current guidelines or the recommendations, contact the CDC or OHA 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 compliance issues with the State of Oregon, OHA or Governor's orders.** The Governor has directed the State offices for Oregon Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to be the enforcement agencies responsible for ensuring restaurants, bars, and other businesses comply with the current State COVID guidelines. If you have concerns, questions or wish to report compliance, issues contact these state agencies directly: **OSHA: (800) 922-2689 or [OSHA website](#) or OLCC (503) 872-5000 or [OLCC website](#).**

### **ACCESS TO LOCAL COVID-19 RESOURCES**

Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, DPHN and the DCCRT team have been working hard to cooperatively provide accurate and timely information to Douglas County residents since March 8, 2020.

#### **Local Online Access to Updates**

Stay up to date with accurate and local COVID-19 information in Douglas County 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 Douglas County e-Newsletter that publishes and sends out the daily update to our subscription base free. You can sign up for the Douglas County e-Newsletter at [www.co.douglas.or.us](http://www.co.douglas.or.us). Your Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Dannenhoffer, DPHN and the DCCRT have been working hard to cooperatively provide accurate and timely information to Douglas County residents since March 8, 2020.

#### **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 answer to frequently asked questions, basic information and referrals to resources and services. Our local hotline number is (541) 464-6550 and is staffed from 8:00 am to 5: pm, 7 days a week.

#### **Aviva Health Offers Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions Webpage**

Aviva Health has created an online FAQ page to answer questions related to COVID-19 regarding availability and scheduling. Log onto <https://aviva.health/covid-19-vaccine-faqs/>

#### **COVID Vaccine Call Center at Lower Umpqua Hospital District in Reedsport**

Lower Umpqua Hospital District now has a COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center for COVID-19 vaccine information in the Reedsport, Douglas County Coastal area. The LUHD COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center number is **(541) 271-2175**, and is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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Contact [Tamara Howell](#), Public Information Officer, Douglas County COVID-19 Response Team, (541) 670-2804 cell (541) 957-4896  
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