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# St. Joseph County Department of Health

*"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"*

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## **COVID-19 Restrictions**

St. Joseph County- Today, the Indiana State Department of Health released their weekly updated County metrics; St. Joseph County's weekly 2-metric score has improved to yellow. However, a county must maintain a lower weekly 2-metric score for two consecutive weeks to move down to a lower advisory level. Therefore, the advisory level for St. Joseph County remains orange, which limits social gatherings and events to no more than 50 people.

Beginning February 1, 2021, Indiana Governor Holcomb's new COVID-19 restrictions went into effect throughout the state. While the Governor's directives allow for social gatherings and events based on a percentage of a venue's capacity limits, both the Governor and the St. Joseph County Department of Health recommend maintaining the attendance limits based on the absolute number of people attending as indicated by the County color-coded map.

Individuals who intend to have a social gathering or event that exceeds the maximum number of people allowed by the color-coded advisory are required to submit a COVID-19 safety plan to the St. Joseph County Department of Health for review. Submission of a plan does not guarantee approval, as each plan will be evaluated on a series of criteria. Plans must be submitted online at [www.sjcindiana.com/health](http://www.sjcindiana.com/health) at least 7 days prior to the event.

St. Joseph County, like the rest of the State, is seeing a decrease in COVID-19 cases, which is encouraging; however, it is critical that we maintain our risk mitigation strategies to avoid seeing our numbers increase again.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). For general questions as it relates to COVID-19 infection, please call 2-1-1.

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