



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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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 Update**

St. Joseph County- Health officials thank local businesses, organizations, and faith communities for voluntarily closing their doors to protect our community.

As we enter the weekend, we remind citizens of St. Joseph County to take all necessary precautions to keep our community safe. The St. Joseph County Department of Health urges the continuation of the following actions:

- **Extreme social distancing.**
  - Maintain at least 6ft between individuals.
- **Frequent and proper hand hygiene & cough etiquette.**
  - Wash hands often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap & water; coughing and sneezing into your sleeve.
- **Stay home if ill.**
- **Adhere to the current travel advisory prohibiting non-essential travel.**
- **Respect Governor Holcomb's directive to limit gatherings to less than 50 people.**
  - When such gatherings occur, attention to hand hygiene and social distancing are essential.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the Indiana State Department of Health website at [www.in.gov/isdh](http://www.in.gov/isdh) and the Centers for Disease Control & 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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