



**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 Cases Update**

St. Joseph County- Three additional individuals in St. Joseph County have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 infection, bringing the county's total number of confirmed cases to 21 (11 females, 10 males). Age breakdowns include: 4 (under the age of 30), 6 (31-40), 5 (41-50), 3 (51-60), and 3 (over the age of 60). To date more than 550 test results have been returned; several hundred test results are currently pending.

We recognize this is a scary and stressful time for most in our community. We are asking that residents abide by the Governor's Stay-at-Home order. When the need to go out arises, attention to social distancing and impeccable hand hygiene are imperative. We are hopeful that the measures taken early will help mitigate the overall impact of COVID-19 in our community. We are grateful for all of those who have participated in our response efforts.

As many have seen through various media channels, personal protective equipment is in short supply. The St. Joseph County Unified Command is asking individuals who can sew and are willing to donate their time to sew face masks. A link for a pattern and a YouTube how-to-video has been posted on the St. Joseph County Department of Health's website (<http://sjcindiana.com/302/Health-Department>). For now, these can be dropped off in a box in the outer lobby of the County-City Building.

We understand the frustration caused by the delay in receiving test results. The St. Joseph County Department of Health does not perform the tests and cannot release individual results. If you have been tested and are waiting for your result, please do not contact the Department of Health for it. Rather, the ordering provider where you were tested will notify you of the result. The Department of Health will follow-up with individuals with a positive test for purposes of contact tracing.

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