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"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- As of today, the county's total number of confirmed cases is at 592. We are also confirming six new deaths related to COVID-19 infection, bringing the County's total deaths to 19. Four of these deaths have been attributed to "Clinical coronavirus" and include deaths dating back to late March. A clinical diagnosis of COVID-19 infection refers to cases for which a physician listed COVID-19 as a contributing cause based on X-rays, scans and other clinical symptoms but for which no positive test is on record.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has expanded its list of symptoms of COVID-19 to include: Fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell. Individuals with any of these symptoms should be considered for testing for COVID-19 infection.

The St. Joseph County Department of Health urges the continuation of the following actions:

- **Practice extreme physical distancing.**
 - Maintain at least 6ft between individuals.
 - Wearing a mask does NOT eliminate the need for physical distancing.
- **Practice 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 Stay-at-Home order which has been extended to May 1, 2020.**

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

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