



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**  
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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- As of today, the county's total number of confirmed cases is at 3,195. St. Joseph County is reporting 644 active cases (red as it relates to school re-opening guidance) and is averaging 47 cases per day (red) in the last seven days. The county's R0 estimate is 0.84 (yellow). Test positivity rate is 5% (as of 7/28/2020) (yellow).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends return to work for an employee with a COVID-19 positive test when: it has been 10 days (from date of test), AND symptoms are improving, AND no fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications). The St. Joseph County Department of Health urges all employers, schools, etc. to use this guidance as re-testing contributes to a testing backlog.

For all COVID-19 testing sites in St. Joseph County, you can view an interactive map at <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2524.htm>. Please be aware each site may have different criteria for testing.

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.**
- **Abide by the current Public Health Order, requiring face coverings when going into an enclosed public space or business and when 6 feet of physical distance cannot be maintained within the enclosed public space or business.**

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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