



**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- As of today, St. Joseph County is reporting 739 active cases (red as it relates to school re-opening guidance) and is averaging 50.1 cases per day (red) in the last seven days. The county's R0 estimate is 0.56 (green). Test positivity rate is 9.1% (as of 8/11/2020) (red).

	New cases per day in SJC, based on a 7-day rolling average	Active cases in SJC (cases diagnosed in preceding 14-day period)	Percent positivity of tests in SJC (from ISDH website)	R0 Estimate (available at covid- 19.scientificchpc.com)
<b>Red</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	
<b>Yellow</b>				
<b>Green</b>				<b>0.56</b>

St. Joseph County schools can locate up-to-date guidance from the Indiana State Department of Health and local resources at our website [www.sjcindiana.com/health](http://www.sjcindiana.com/health).

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.

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- 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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