



**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 1,120 active cases (red as it relates to school re-opening guidance), and our average is 59.7 cases per day (red) in the last seven days. The county's R0 estimate is 0.49 (green). Test positivity rate is 8.1% (as of 8/25/2020) (red).

University of Notre Dame case information is included and reflected in overall county-level data. The Indiana State Department of Health dashboard is now reporting rapid antigen testing. This addition has led to the significant increase in cases, which reflects the bulk of testing at the University of Notre Dame.

	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.scientifichpc.com)
<b>Red</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	
<b>Yellow</b>				
<b>Green</b>				<b>0.49</b>

Special or Seasonal Events scheduled to occur that expect total attendance to be in excess of 250 individuals (according to capacity limits in Stages 4 and 4.5), **MUST** have an event plan approved by local health officials before proceeding.

- A special or seasonal event is an event, assembly, or convening of multiple people from separate households in a single space, indoors or outdoors, at the same time but where the significant purpose is not necessarily for the purpose of individuals interacting with others outside of one's household – like weekly summer concerts or movies-in-the-park, fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades, graduation ceremonies, community holiday celebrations, conventions, fundraisers, sport or racing competitions,

outdoor shows, and other outdoor entertainment events ([https://backontrack.in.gov/files/Stage4.5\\_Aug-1\\_update.pdf](https://backontrack.in.gov/files/Stage4.5_Aug-1_update.pdf)).

These event plans can be submitted via our website at [www.sjcindiana.com/health](http://www.sjcindiana.com/health) and need to be submitted at LEAST 7 days before the event is to take place. Plans will be reviewed within 2 business days.

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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