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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 847 active cases (red as it relates to school re-opening guidance), and our average is 44.0 cases per day (red) in the last seven days. The county's R0 estimate is 0.36 (green). Test positivity rate is 6.4% (as of 8/28/2020) (yellow).

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>44.0</b>	<b>847</b>		
<b>Yellow</b>			<b>6.4%</b>	
<b>Green</b>				<b>0.36</b>

Our numbers are beginning to trend in the right direction which is encouraging. As the holiday weekend approaches, we strongly urge the continuation of risk mitigation strategies; wearing a mask, remaining physically distant and paying attention to hand hygiene. If you do not feel well, please stay home. If you are gathering with family and friends, it is safest to do so outside while still practicing mask wearing and physical distancing. Mealtimes are particularly challenging because people are unmasked, engaged in conversation while sitting in close proximity to each other. Stay safe and enjoy the holiday weekend.

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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