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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, St. Joseph County is reporting 613 active cases (red as it relates to school re-opening guidance), and our average is 47 cases per day (red) in the last seven days. The county's R0 estimate is 1.27 (yellow). Test positivity rate is 3.1% (as of 9/14/2020) (green).

	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)
Red	**47**	**613**		
Yellow				**1.27**
Green			**3.1%** (as of 9/14/2020)	

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.**

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- **Abide by the current Public Health Order, requiring face coverings when going into an <u>enclosed</u> public space or business <u>and</u> 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 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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