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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 1,091 active cases (red as it relates to County metrics), and our average is 74.1 cases per day (red) in the last seven days. The county's R0 estimate is 0.76 (yellow). Test positivity rate is 4.4% (as of 10/1/2020) (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	74.1	1,091		
Yellow				0.76
Green			4.4% (as of 10/1/2020)	

Given the increasing incidence of COVID 19 within the community, and given that hospital systems within St. Joseph County have reached capacity limits, the St. Joseph County Department of Health, Beacon Health System, St. Joseph Health System, and the South Bend Clinic strongly urge the citizens of St. Joseph County to take the following measures to slow transmission of SARS-CoV-2:

- Physical distancing of at least six feet whenever possible
- Universal, appropriate use of face coverings when indoors whenever physical distancing is not possible
- Limit indoor social gatherings to less than ten people
- Avoid non-essential public events if physical distancing and appropriate use of face coverings are not ensured

When interacting in public, at an event, social gathering or other public setting one should assume that someone there may be infected and modify their behavior and interactions accordingly.

The St. Joseph County Department of Health will issue abatement orders to establishments that create conditions that promote the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

- An abatement order requires an establishment to stop creating conditions that promote spread of SARS-CoV-2.
- Conditions that promote spread of SARS-CoV-2 include any venue where there are indoor gatherings of unrelated individuals in close contact with one another without appropriate face coverings for more than ten minutes.
- Close contact is defined as less than 6 feet distance between individuals.

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.

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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