



**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 1,278 active cases (red as it relates to County metrics), and our average is 99.6 cases per day (red) in the last seven days. The county's R0 estimate is 0.95 (yellow). Test positivity rate is 5.1% (as of 10/7/2020) (yellow). Due to an issue with the statewide database, this data is provisional and may shift over the next few days.

	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>99.6</b>	<b>1,278</b>		
<b>Yellow</b>			<b>5.1%</b> (as of 10/7/2020)	<b>0.95</b>
<b>Green</b>				

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.**
- **Limit indoor social gatherings to less than ten people.**

- **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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