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COVID-19 Cases Update & Limit on Social Gatherings

St. Joseph County- As of today, St. Joseph County is reporting 1,421 active cases (red as it relates to County metrics), and our average is 94.1 cases per day (red) in the last seven days. Test positivity rate is 6.1% (as of 10/14/2020) (yellow). The R0 today could not be reported due to a system issue with their website.

St. Joseph County health officials are strongly urging residents to avoid or severely limit social gatherings as we have seen these types of situations greatly increase the transmission of COVID-19. We recommend that indoor gatherings be limited to no more than 10 people with adherence to guidance regarding masks and physical distancing.

	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	94.1	1,421		N/A
Yellow			6.1% (as of 10/14/2020)	N/A
Green				N/A

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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- **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 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 and may not be up to date.

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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