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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 3,992 active cases (red as it relates to County metrics), and an average of 270 cases per day (red) over the last seven days. Test positivity rate is 11.4% (as of 11/17/2020) (red). The R0 is 0.94 (as of 11/18/2020) (yellow).

As the Thanksgiving week is upon us, we are strongly encouraging families to not venture outside of their immediate family or household. As difficult as it may be, the safest way to celebrate is to stay within one's immediate household.

However, if you choose to gather, we recommend the following:

- Gatherings should be no more than 10 people.
- Should be held outside if possible, if indoors, be sure to have a window open.
- Regardless of indoors or outdoors, everyone should wear a mask and practice physical distancing.
- If you choose to travel, traveling by car decreases the risk of exposure to others.

	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 <a href="http://metrics.covid19-analysis.org/">http://metrics.covid19-analysis.org/</a> )
Red	270	3,992	11.4% (as of 11/17/2020)	
Yellow				0.94 (as of 11/18/2020)
Green				

The St. Joseph County Department of Health urges the continuation of the following actions:

- **Wear a facial covering (should fit snuggly over the mouth and nose) anytime you are around people not in your household.**
- **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.
- **Avoid social gatherings and assemblies outside of your immediate family/household.**
- **Stay home if ill.**

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](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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