



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

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"

Robert M. Einterz, MD
Health Officer

Mark D. Fox, MD, PhD, MPH
Deputy Health Officer

Heidi Beidinger-Burnett, PhD, MPH
President, Board of Health

Jason Marker, MD
Vice President, Board of Health

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 3, 2020

CONTACT: Jenny Parcell
(574) 235-9573

COVID-19 Cases Update

St. Joseph County- As of today, St. Joseph County is reporting 3,945 active cases (red as it relates to County metrics), and an average of 293 cases per day (red) over the last seven days. Test positivity rate is 11.6% (as of 11/26/2020) (red). The R0 is 0.92 (as of 11/27/2020) (yellow).

The Indiana State Department of Health dashboard reports 859 new cases in Saint Joseph County as of today. This number includes a load of historical lab reports from the month of November and had not been previously reported. As we have begun to review these lab reports, several hundred tests look to be from November and about 300 seem to be new as of today, however, that may change slightly as we finish our review.

St. Joseph Health System, Beacon Health System, and South Bend Clinic are all hiring COVID-19 testing support. If you are interested, please go to www.sjcindiana.com/health and click the link to apply to the relative organization.

	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 http://metrics.covid19-analysis.org/)
Red	293	3,945	11.6% (as of 11/26/2020)	
Yellow				0.92 (as of 11/27/2020)
Green				

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

- **Wear a facial covering (should fit snugly 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 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.

###