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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 3,873 active cases (red as it relates to County metrics), and an average of 233 cases per day (red) over the last seven days. Test positivity rate is 12.9% (as of 12/7/2020) (red). The R0 is 0.87 (as of 12/8/2020) (yellow).

The distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine is an important development in COVID-19 response. While doses have begun to arrive in Indiana, we are months away from the vaccine being widely available and for us to begin to see the impacts of a vaccine on our COVID-19 spread. Therefore, individuals must remain diligent on risk mitigation strategies such as mask wearing, physical distancing, hand hygiene, and limiting of social gatherings. The SJC Department of Health will have more information on vaccine availability, when/where one can get the vaccine, and more, in the coming weeks.

Once our community is ready to administer mass doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, we will need our community's support through volunteers! Volunteer positions will consist of assisting with traffic flow, registration, or clinical services (if appropriate credentials). If you are interested in supporting our COVID-19 response by volunteering your time, please find out more and sign-up at our website at www.sjcindiana.com/health.

The community can stay up to date by viewing our website and social media platforms as our vaccine plans evolve.

	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	233	3,873	12.9% (as of 12/7/2020)	
Yellow				0.87 (as of 12/8/2020)
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.

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