



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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# COVID Metrics

St. Joseph County (IN)

8/25/2021

	New cases per 100,000 population in the preceding 7 days	Percent positivity for all tests in the most recent 7-day period	Proportion of St. Joseph County population fully vaccinated
<b>RED</b> (High transmission/risk)	<b>209.3</b>		<b>48.8%</b>
<b>ORANGE</b> (Substantial transmission/risk)		<b>8.2%</b> (as of 8/18/2021)	
<b>YELLOW</b> (Moderate transmission/risk)			
<b>GREEN</b> (Low transmission/risk)			

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## St. Joseph County Updates County COVID-19 Metrics

Beginning Wednesday, August 25, 2021, the St. Joseph County Department of Health will use an updated set of metrics to reflect current levels of community transmission and risk for SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19. The updated metrics use the same framework employed by the Centers for Disease Control and Transmission (CDC) and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH). Instead of reporting the 7-day rolling average of cases and active cases, the St. Joseph County metrics will now reflect the case rate (number of cases per 100,000 population) for the preceding seven days. The new metrics will continue to include the percent positivity for all COVID tests, as reported by IDOH. Finally, the new metrics include the overall vaccination rate for the county (total population), which will replace the reproduction number (R0).

In July of 2020, the Department of Health had released an initial set of metrics which were specifically intended as guidance to inform decisions regarding K-12 schools and activities. The updated metrics do not point to specific restrictions or guidance for educational institutions; they are intended to give individuals and organizations insight into the current level of transmission and disease burden in the community, as well as a measure of susceptibility.

	<b>New cases per 100,000 population in the preceding 7 days</b>	<b>Percent positivity for all tests in the most recent 7-day period</b>	<b>Proportion of St. Joseph County population fully vaccinated</b>
<b>Red</b> <b>(High transmission/risk)</b>	<b>≥ 100.00</b>	<b>≥ 10.00%</b>	<b>≤ 50%</b>
<b>Orange</b> <b>(Substantial transmission/risk)</b>	<b>50.00 - 99.99</b>	<b>7.50 - 9.99%</b>	<b>51 - 64%</b>
<b>Yellow</b> <b>(Moderate transmission/risk)</b>	<b>10.00 - 49.99</b>	<b>5.00 - 7.49%</b>	<b>65 - 79%</b>
<b>Green</b> <b>(Low transmission/risk)</b>	<b>0 - 9.99</b>	<b>&lt; 5.00%</b>	<b>&gt; 80%</b>

“The metrics have been updated so that the language of case rates aligns with the measures used by the CDC and IDOH. The underlying premise remains the same: the level of community transmission and disease burden should inform everyone’s decisions about how they engage in the community,” said Dr. Mark D. Fox, Deputy Health Officer for the St. Joseph County Department of Health. “We feel the inclusion of the county vaccination rate provides additional context for evaluating the COVID risk in our community.”

The St. Joseph County Department of Health will begin releasing the updated COVID-19 metrics each weekday. Additional information on cases, deaths, and vaccinations is available on the COVID-19 data hub for St. Joseph County at <https://coviddatahub.southbendin.gov/>.

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