



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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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 554 active cases (red as it relates to school re-opening guidance), and our average is 37.4 cases per day (red) in the last seven days. The county's R0 estimate is 1.09 (yellow). Test positivity rate is 3.3% (as of 9/9/2020) (green).

|               | 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) |
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| <b>Red</b>    | <b>37.4</b>  | <b>554</b>   |  |   |
| <b>Yellow</b> |  |  |  | <b>1.09</b>   |
| <b>Green</b>  |  |  | <b>3.3%</b><br>(as of 9/9/2020)                        |   |

The St. Joseph County Department of Health is launching a new effort to draw awareness to businesses that are promising to continue with COVID-19 risk mitigation strategies. "We Promise" is comprised of businesses and establishments promising to continue with the enforcement of the facial covering mandate (with signage and employee compliance), physical distancing measures and hand sanitizer availability. Entities that commit can do so by completing the sign-up on the Department of Health's website at [www.sjcindiana.com/health](http://www.sjcindiana.com/health). Establishments that commit will be displayed on the Department of Health's website and will receive a window cling to display to the public.

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.

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

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- **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.**
- **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 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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