



COVID-19 Update September 19, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (9/19/20, per Johns Hopkins)	30,588,989	953,482
USA (9/19/20, per Johns Hopkins)	6,745,190	198,921
OREGON (9/18/20 Per OHA)	30,342	521
JACKSON COUNTY(9/19/20, per JC HHS)	1034	4
TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (9/19/20, per JC HHS) - 149		

(Note: The above numbers are current at the time of release but continue to change constantly.)

PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF JACKSON COUNTY

If you have any questions, please reach out to the contact listed below.

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For media interview requests, please contact Tanya Phillips. Interviews will be scheduled with Dr. Jim Shames, Jackson County Medical Director.

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New COVID-19 Cases Reported in Jackson County

[Medford, Oregon] —Jackson County Public Health is reporting 13 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on September 19, 2020. This update brings the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 1,034. To access additional data on the total COVID-19 cases, visit the [Situation in Jackson County, Oregon](#) webpage, or the [Oregon Health Authority’s COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) website.

Know the difference between symptoms from smoke exposure and COVID-19:

- Some symptoms, like dry cough, sore throat and difficulty breathing, can be caused by both wildfire smoke exposure and COVID-19.
- Learn about the [symptoms of COVID-19](#). Symptoms like fever or chills, muscle or body aches, and diarrhea are not related to smoke exposure. If you have any of these symptoms, it is recommended that you seek testing for COVID-19.
- If you have [severe symptoms](#), like difficulty breathing or chest pain, immediately call 911 or the nearest emergency facility.

If you will be staying with friends or family outside your household:

- Talk to the people you plan to stay with about how you can all best protect yourselves from COVID-19.

- Consider if either of your households has someone who is at [higher risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19](#), including older adults or people of any age who have underlying medical conditions. Make sure everyone knows what they can do to keep them safe from COVID-19.
- Follow everyday preventive actions, including covering coughs and sneezes, washing your hands often, and avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Consider taking extra precautions for people living in close quarters.
- Know what to do if someone in your family or in the household you are staying with becomes sick with COVID-19.

Protect yourself and others while in a public shelter

- Practice physical distancing. Stay at least six feet from other people outside of your household.
- Wear a mask, wash your hands often, cover coughs and sneezes. Avoid sharing food and drink with anyone if possible.
- Follow disaster shelter policies and procedures designed to protect everyone in the shelter, especially those who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions.
- Avoid touching high-touch surfaces, such as handrails, as much as possible. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent alcohol immediately after you touch these surfaces.
- Keep your living area in the shelter clean and disinfect frequently touched items.
- [If you feel sick](#) when you arrive at the shelter or start to feel sick while sheltering, tell shelter staff immediately.

Overall, all people in Jackson County need to:

- **WEAR** a face covering
- **WATCH** your distance
- **WASH** your hands

For more information:

The public can call 211-information with general questions

OHA Emerging Respiratory Disease page: www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus

CDC COVID-19 page: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

CDC Travel within the US: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html>

Jackson County Health and Human Services: <http://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/COVID-19>

Oregon COVID-19 Testing Location Finder: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing>

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