



# JACKSON COUNTY

*Health & Human Services*

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Public Health Division**

140 S. Holly St.  
Medford, OR 97501

## COVID-19 Update September 26, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (9/26/20, per Johns Hopkins)	32,636,842	990,298
USA (9/26/20, per Johns Hopkins)	7,048,285	204,026
OREGON (9/25/20, Per OHA)	32,314	542
JACKSON COUNTY(9/26/20, per JC HHS)	1,139	5
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (9/26/20, per JC HHS) - 175</b>		

*(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.*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** September 26, 2020

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 reports 16 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on September 26, 2020. This update brings the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 1,139. 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 Your Risk and Prevent the Spread of COVID-19**

The more people a person interacts with and for extended amounts of time increases a person's risk for contracting and spreading COVID-19. This includes attending and hosting social gatherings with extended family and friends.

Activities that take place outdoors that allow for enough room to maintain physical distancing and involve fewer people are lower risk activities than activities that take place indoors that do not allow for physical distancing and involve more people.

### **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](http://www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus)

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