



# JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

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Public Health Division

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## COVID-19 Update October 2, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (10/2/20, per Johns Hopkins)	34,423,675	1,024,958
USA (10/2/20, per Johns Hopkins)	7,299,080	208,191
OREGON (10/1/20, Per OHA)	33,862	560
JACKSON COUNTY(10/2/20, per JC HHS)	1,229	6
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (10/2/20, per JC HHS) - 196</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:** October 2, 2020

For media interview requests, please contact Tanya Phillips.

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### New COVID-19 Cases Reported in Jackson County

**[Medford, Oregon]** —Jackson County Public Health reports 13 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on October 2, 2020. Jackson County Public Health performs quality assurance checks on our case data. It was identified that a previously reported case was not a case and has been removed from the total reported case total. This update brings the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 1,229. 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.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) publishes data on workplace outbreaks. To protect privacy, OHA is only reporting workplace outbreaks with 5 or more cases and only for workplaces with at least 30 workers. Information on all workplace outbreaks that meet these criteria in Jackson County and Oregon can be accessed in the [OHA COVID-19 Weekly Report](#).

Jackson County Public Health began investigating a possible workplace outbreak at the VA SORCC on September 23, 2020. Currently, there are a total of 10 cases in this outbreak, 6 are employees, and 4 are household contacts. The VA SORCC is a collaborative partner in this process and working closely with our department during this ongoing investigation.

### 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.

**Wearing a mask remains an important strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Studies have shown that mask protects both the people around us and us from spreading and catching COVID-19. Masks are more effective when the nose and mouth are covered.**

### **Staying with Friends and Family:**

Many have opened up their homes to people who were evacuated or lost their homes due to the recent fires. Because having more people inside the home can increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading within these settings, it is essential to take extra steps to stay safe.

- Everyone should wear a mask inside the home.
- 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.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched
- If anyone develops COVID-19-like symptoms, even if mild symptoms, they should seek testing.

**This fall and winter, we must take extra precautions to prevent the spread of flu and COVID-19.**

### **Flu Vaccination**

- Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season, especially people at high risk.

**Take these everyday preventative actions to stop the spread of germs like the flu and COVID-19:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Limit your contact with others if you are sick
- **Wear a mask**
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- **Wash your hands**
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched
- **Watch your distance**

For more information on the [Differences between Flu and COVID-19](#), please visit the CDC website.

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>