



# JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

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Public Health Division

140 S. Holly St.  
Medford, OR 97501

## COVID-19 Update October 13, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (10/13/20, per Johns Hopkins)	37,955,113	1,082,201
USA (10/13/20, per Johns Hopkins)	7,811,401	215,355
OREGON (10/12/20, Per OHA)	37,467	599
JACKSON COUNTY(10/13/20, per JC HHS)	1,385	6
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (10/13/20, per JC HHS) - 195</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 13, 2020

For media interview requests, please contact Tanya Phillips.

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

**[Medford, Oregon]** —Jackson County Public Health reports 13 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on October 13, 2020. These updates bring the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 1,385. 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.

### Special COVID-19 Testing Event

Free COVID-19 testing will be available through the Medical Teams International, contracted through the Oregon Health Authority. Testing is available to everyone, regardless if they are symptomatic or not. This is a PCR test, the specimen is collected using a nasal swab, and results should be available within 4 days.

- October 13<sup>th</sup> – Ashland Science Works, from 2-6 pm. This will be a drive-thought and walk-up testing event. 1500 Main St. Ashland, OR 97520
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – Medford Cornerstone Church, from 2-6 pm. This will be a walk-up testing event. 608 N Bartlett St. Medford, OR 97501

Fall holidays are approaching, and with COVID-19 still spreading in our community, and clusters and outbreaks of COVID-19 occurring from indoor gatherings, we will need to rethink how we get together with friends and family this season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides considerations to help protect individuals, their families, friends, and communities from COVID-19 ([CDC COVID-19 and Holiday Celebrations](#)).

## Fall Holidays

Many traditional Halloween and other fall holiday activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

It is best to engage in lower-risk activities and limit or avoid activities that carry a higher risk of spreading and contracting COVID-19. During the fall celebrations, it remains critical that everyone **wear a mask, maintain a physical distancing and limit close contact, wash your hands frequently, and get your flu vaccination.**

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

- Get vaccinated for flu
- 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 (stay at least 6 ft away from others)

For more information on how to celebrate Halloween safely, visit the [CDC COVID-19 Holiday Celebrations](#) webpage.

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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