



# JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

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Public Health Division

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## COVID-19 Update November 10, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (11/10/20, per Johns Hopkins)	50,913,451	1,263,089
USA (11/10/20, per Johns Hopkins)	10,110,552	238,251
OREGON (11/9/20, Per OHA)	51,155	734
JACKSON COUNTY(11/10/20, per JC HHS)	2,436	8
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (11/10/20, per JC HHS) - 580</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.

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For media interview requests, please contact Tanya Phillips by 11:50 am.

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

**[Medford, Oregon]** —Jackson County Public Health reports 56 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on November 10, 2020. Additionally, two previously reported cases have been removed from the overall case total. These updates bring the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 2,436. 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.

Week 45 (November 1 – November 7) has proven to be another record-setting week with the number of new cases and test positivity rate in Jackson County. There were 431 new cases during week 45; this is a 75% increase from week 44 (October 25 – October 31). The case rate for week 45 was 195 cases per 100,000 population. The testing capacity has remained steady in Jackson County during week 45 (1,963 test performed), but the test positivity rate increased by 68%. The test positivity rate for this week is 18.1%.

For school metrics data, Jackson County has a case rate of 305.9 cases per 100,000 population for (October 25 – November 7); this is well above the threshold of <50 cases per 100,000 population for schools to return to in-person instruction through the Oregon Department of Education's On-Site or Hybrid instructional models.

Jackson County is mirroring a trend seen statewide. Social gatherings of various sizes (often multi-generational) continue to play a significant role in our sharply increasing case counts. Reports of birthday parties, get-togethers with friends, weddings, etc. continue to occur. Attendees at these events then spread the virus to their homes, workplaces, schools, places of worship, etc.

### Fall and Winter Gatherings

The colder weather and holidays increase the amount of time people congregate indoors. Indoor activities do increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading. If you are holding a family/friend gathering, consider implementing the following steps to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19:

- **Gatherings are for well people:** people who are sick, have COVID-19, are a close contact to a confirmed case, have a pending COVID-19 test should not attend the gathering. Limit the number of gatherings you are attending in a two week period of time. If you are going to be around eldering

- **Increase indoor ventilation:** ensuring proper ventilation can reduce airborne contaminants, including viruses, indoors. Open window, use HVAC system, consider upgrading filters, turn bathroom fans on and run them continuously, or use a portable air cleaner or purifier. Indoor gathers with poor ventilation pose more risk than those with good ventilation. For more information, visit the [EPA Indoor Air in Homes and Coronavirus](#).
- **Wear a mask-** wear a mask around all people who are outside of your immediate household. Despite being with family and friends that you may feel safe around, wearing a mask continues to be an effective way of reducing the spread of COVID-19.
- **Limit the number of guests-** it is best to limit the number of people indoors; the Governor of Oregon has an indoor gathering limit of 6 or fewer people with physical distancing for Jackson County.
- **Practice physical distancing-** space out chairs at the table and consider not staying with family and friends in their home.

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

**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:

- 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 U.S.: <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>
- For more information on how to celebrate Halloween safely, visit the [CDC COVID-19 Holiday Celebrations](#) webpage.
- Review the [Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance](#) for detailed information

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