



# JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

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Public Health Division

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Medford, OR 97501

## COVID-19 Update August 8, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (8/7/20, per Johns Hopkins)	19,451,097	722,835
USA (8/8/20, per Johns Hopkins)	4,968,413	161,858
OREGON (8/8/20 Per OHA)	21,010	355
JACKSON COUNTY(8/8/20, per JC HHS)	461	2
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (8/8/20, per JC HHS) -142</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. Interviews will be scheduled with Dr. Jim Shames, Jackson County Medical Director.

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### New COVID-19 Cases in Jackson County

**[Medford, Oregon]** —Jackson County Public Health is reporting 12 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am, on August 8, 2020. In addition to the 12 new cases, a previously reported case that was transferred to another jurisdiction has been reclassified back Jackson County. This update brings the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 461. To access additional data on the total COVID-19 cases, visit the [Situation in Jackson County, Oregon](#) webpage.

Jackson County Public Health is stressing the importance for people to take preventative action and wear a facial covering, practice physical distancing, wash your hands regularly, frequently disinfect surfaces that or touched often, to help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19.

The more people a person interacts with and for extended amounts of time, the higher the risk is for contracting and spreading COVID-19. By knowing and understanding the risk of our actions and activities, we can make informed decisions that not only impact our own health but also protect the health of everyone around us. It is important that people not treat one location safer than another and continue wearing a face covering, use physical distancing, and washing your hands.

Activities that take place outdoors that allow for enough room to maintain physical distancing and involve fewer people are lower risk activities compared to activities that take place indoors that do not allow for physical distancing and involve more people. Below are some extra tips for enjoying the summer weather:

- Stay home if you're sick, have a pending COVID-19 test, or if you have an underlying medical condition that puts you at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.
- If you host a gathering, provide hand sanitizer or give people easy access to places where they can frequently wash their hands.
- Adjust your food offerings to avoid sharing utensils and offer individual servings. Don't share drinks.
- During and afterward, thoroughly clean all frequently touched areas your guest had access to.
- Wear a face covering if you cannot maintain 6 feet of physical distance.

Overall, people in Oregon should follow the three W's:

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

Masks, face shields, or face coverings are currently required statewide for indoor public spaces (for example, grocery stores, pharmacies, public transit, personal services providers, restaurants, bars, retail stores, and more). Face coverings are required in outdoor public spaces when physical distancing is not possible. In addition, face coverings are now required when exercising indoors, plus outdoors when you cannot physically distance. The statewide masking requirements apply to all Oregonians ages five and older. More information on [the statewide COVID-19 masking requirements](#) can be found on the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 website.

The science on COVID-19 is growing, and it is clear that masks slow the spread of COVID-19. There is emerging evidence that masks/face coverings protect the wearer from other people by filtering out some virus particles that can cause infection. Wearing a face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Wearing a mask/facial covering is an empowering way for each of us to protect our communities, our families, and ourselves.

#### **Wear your Face Covering Correctly:**

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your **nose and mouth** and secure is under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily

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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