



# JACKSON COUNTY

## Health & Human Services

### Health & Human Services Public Health Division

140 S. Holly St.  
Medford, OR 97501

## COVID-19 Update August 17, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (8/17/20, per Johns Hopkins)	21,749,290	776,395
USA (8/17/20, per Johns Hopkins)	5,414,381	170,178
OREGON (8/16/20 Per OHA)	23,262	388
JACKSON COUNTY(8/17/20, per JC HHS)	576	2
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (8/17/20, per JC HHS) 169</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: August 17, 2020

For media interview requests, please contact Tanya Phillips by 11:45am. Interviews will be scheduled with Dr. Jim Shames, Jackson County Medical Director. Dr. Shames will be available between 1pm and 2pm.

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### New COVID-19 Cases in Jackson County

**[Medford, Oregon]** —Jackson County Public Health is reporting 17 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am, on August 17, 2020. This update brings the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 576. 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

Jackson County Public Health continues to stress the importance of everyone in Jackson County to take preventative action and wear a facial covering, practice physical distancing, wash your hands regularly, frequently disinfect surfaces that or touched often. These actions will help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Jackson County Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control do not recommend using a mask or face covering that has an exhalation valve or vent. Masks/facial coverings with one-way valves or vents allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material, which can result in expelled respiratory droplets that can reach others.

The more people a person interacts with and for extended amounts of time, the higher the risk of 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, if you are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, 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, have it outside and refrain from hosting large groups of people.
- 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

**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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