



JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

Health & Human Services Public Health Division

140 S. Holly St.
Medford, OR 97501

COVID-19 Update August 25, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (8/25/20, per Johns Hopkins)	23,721,008	814,852
USA (8/25/20, per Johns Hopkins)	5,755,002	177,773
OREGON (8/24/20 Per OHA)	25,155	420
JACKSON COUNTY(8/25/20, per JC HHS)	728	2
TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (8/25/20, per JC HHS) - 229		

(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 25, 2020

For media interview requests, please contact Tanya Phillips by 12:00 noon. Interviews will be scheduled with Dr. Jim Shames, Jackson County Medical Director. Dr. Shames is available from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

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New COVID-19 Cases in Jackson County

[Medford, Oregon] —Jackson County Public Health is reporting 18 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on August 25, 2020. This update brings the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 728. 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 and Take Action

Jackson County is on the Governor's Watch List due to an increase in sporadic cases, indicating community spread. Jackson County Public Health continues to stress the importance that **everyone** in Jackson County needs to take preventative action and wear a facial covering, practice physical distancing, wash your hands regularly, frequently disinfect surfaces that are touched often. These actions, taken by everyone, will slow the spread of COVID-19 in Jackson County and help Jackson County to be removed from the Governor's Watch List. These actions will also help position Jackson County to create safer environments for students and teachers, and allow for them to return to the classroom this fall.

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 increases a person's risk for contracting and spreading COVID-19. This includes attending and hosting social gatherings with family, 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 compared to activities that take place indoors that do not allow for physical distancing and involve more people. This guidance will be critical to follow as we approach Labor Day weekend:

- **Wear a face covering if you cannot maintain 6 feet of physical distance.**
- Stay home if you're sick, have a pending COVID-19 test, if you have been 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.

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

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

For more information:

The public can call 211-information with general questions

OHA Emerging Respiratory Disease page: www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus

CDC COVID-19 page: 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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