



# JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

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Public Health Division

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## COVID-19 Update November 11, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (11/11/20, per Johns Hopkins)	51,636,989	1,275,124
USA (11/11/20, per Johns Hopkins)	10,270,611	239,846
OREGON (11/10/20, Per OHA)	51,909	737
JACKSON COUNTY(11/11/20, per JC HHS)	2,484	8
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (11/11/20, per JC HHS) - 591</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 Reported in Jackson County

**[Medford, Oregon]** —Jackson County Public Health reports 50 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on November 11, 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 2,484. 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.

Jackson County Public Health is investigating a possible workplace outbreak at Plycem USA LLC. Jackson County Public Health began investigating this as a potential outbreak on November 2, 2020. At this time, there are nine cases linked to this outbreak, seven employees and two close contacts that are not employees of Plycem USA LLC. This is an ongoing investigation, and for continued information, please access the Oregon Health Authority's Weekly COVID-19 Report.

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. Jackson County is beginning to receive reports of cases that attended Halloween parties. These 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.

Statewide, hospitalizations have been spiking along with the rise in cases. This trend holds true for Region 5, Jackson and Josephine Counties. It is important to know when to seek emergency medical care for COVID-19, especially when the hospital system's capacity may be limited due to the increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations.

If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to walk or stay away
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you. Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19

“The increase in cases and hospitalizations is alarming, and many counties in Oregon are experiencing these increases,” says Dr. Jim Shames, Jackson County Health Officer. “The dramatic increase in cases has overwhelmed our public health system in Jackson County and many other counties in Oregon. Jackson County Public Health is in the planning process to address the increase in cases and will have more information on how our process may change and what the public needs to know later this week,” states Dr. Jim Shames.

The “pause” for Jackson County begins today, November 11, 2020. The new pause measures are to pause social activities and help decrease the rapid spread of COVID-19 in Jackson County.

The Two-Week Pause measures include:

- Urging all businesses to mandate work from home to the greatest extent possible.
- Pausing long-term care facility visits that take place indoors to protect staff and residents.
- Reducing maximum restaurant capacity to 50 people (including customers and staff) for indoor dining, with a maximum party size of six. Continuing to encourage outdoor dining and take out.
- Reducing the maximum capacity of other indoor activities to 50 people (includes gyms, fitness organizations/studios, bowling alleys, ice rinks, indoor sports, pools, and museums).
- Limiting social gatherings to your household (people that live together), or no more than six people if the gathering includes those from outside your household, reducing the frequency of those social gatherings (significantly in a two-week period), and keeping the same six people in your social gathering circle.

**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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