



# JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

## Health & Human Services Public Health Division

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### COVID-19 Update November 15, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (11/15/20, per Johns Hopkins)	54,210,596	1,314,904
USA (11/15/20, per Johns Hopkins)	10,945,381	245,812
OREGON (11/14/20, Per OHA)	56,018	759
JACKSON COUNTY(11/15/20, per JC HHS)	2,843	10
TOTAL ACTIVE/INFECTIOUS CASES – JACKSON COUNTY (11/15/20, per JC HHS) - 772		

(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 37 new COVID-19 cases as of 12:01 am on November 15, 2020. This update brings the total reported COVID-19 cases in Jackson County to 2,843. 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 is currently under a pause, which began on 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 from no more than two households, reduce the frequency of those social gatherings (significantly in a two-week period) and keeping the same six people in your social gathering circle.

Starting November 18, Oregon will be in a statewide Two-Week Freeze to stop the rapid spread of COVID-19 across Oregon. These risk reduction measures are critical in limiting the spread of COVID-19, reducing risk in communities more vulnerable to serious illness and death, and helping conserve hospital capacity so that all Oregonians can continue to have access to quality care.

Governor Kate Brown, California Governor Gavin Newsom, and Washington Governor Jay Inslee issued travel advisories, urging visitors entering their states or returning home from travel outside these states to self-quarantine to slow the spread

of the virus. The travel advisories advise against non-essential out-of-state travel, ask people to self-quarantine for 14 days after arriving from another state or country, and encourage residents to stay local.

### Holiday and Winter Gatherings

- **Gatherings are for well people:** people who are sick, have COVID-19, and 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. Consider self-quarantining for two weeks before Thanksgiving if you are going to be around older adults and people with compromised immune systems.
- **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 feeling safe around family and friends, you can still get COVID-19 and spread it; 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. It is best to only gather with people that live in your household.
- **Practice physical distancing-** space out chairs at the table, and it is best not to travel this holiday; stay local. If you do travel, consider staying in a hotel and not with family and friends. There is a travel advisory in place for Oregon, Washington and California urging against non-essential travel out-of-state travel, ask people to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from another state or country.

### Care Facilities, Senior Living Communities, and Congregate Living Settings

The Oregon Health Authority publishes weekly data on cases and deaths in care facilities, senior living communities, and congregate living settings when there are three or more confirmed cases or one or more deaths. Due to the spike in cases and outbreaks in these settings, Jackson County Public Health will provide daily information on outbreaks in care facilities, senior living communities, and congregate living settings during the surge of cases in Jackson County.

The numbers of cases includes staff, residents, and close contacts that have been determined to be COVID-19 positive cases and linked to the outbreak. Please note that these outbreaks are under investigation, and data may change daily. Data is from 12:01 am on 11/15/20.

Name of Facility	First Reported	# of COVID-19 Cases	# of COVID-19 Fatalities
Avamere Three Fountains	11/2/20	108	2
Avamere Health Services of Rogue Valley	10/4/20	57	1
Avamere Waterford	11/4/20	5	0
Hearthstone Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	10/10/20	4	0
Linda Vista	10/16/20	11	0
Orchard Assisted Living	10/5/20	8	0
Rogue Valley Manor	10/6/20	12	0
Table Rock Memory Care	11/8/20	67	0

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