Update on COVID-19 Cases in Jackson County

To date, Jackson County has had a total of 50 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Of the total cases, 43 (86%) cases have recovered, and 7 (8%) cases remain active. At this time, there are no fatalities from COVID-19 reported in Jackson County. Jackson County Public Health is now publishing COVID-19 cases per zip code and testing data. To access this information and other data on the total COVID-19 cases, visit the Situation in Jackson County, Oregon webpage.

Reopening Status of Jackson County

Jackson County received approval from the Oregon Health Authority and Governor Kate Brown to reopen under Phase 1; businesses will begin reopening on May 15, 2020. There are 28 counties in Oregon that met the health and safety criteria for Phase 1 Reopening.

Information and Resources on Reopening

- Information on the reopening status for counties in Oregon can be found on https://govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon#countyStatuses.
- Information on the reopening criteria can be found on https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-Reopening-Framework.
- Guidance on reopening for employers and the public can be found on the Oregon Health Authorities website, along with signage (available in multiple languages). This information can also be found on the Governor’s website.
  - Governor Kate Brown website: https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19

Updated Jackson County Guidance

Testing

Attached to this email, you will find new testing guidance for Jackson, Josephine, Curry Counties. This resource will be located on the Jackson County Provider Resources website within the next few days.

Currently, under the testing guidance, Jackson County is at GREEN, full testing capacity. At this level, it is recommended that all symptomatic people are tested, even those with mild symptoms. If testing supplies become limited, we will change the status to yellow or red and limit testing to higher-risk populations.

It is NOT recommended to test asymptomatic individuals in the general population,
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even with exposure history. With the current low prevalence of the disease, positive results in asymptomatic people can be inaccurate a large percentage of the time. In addition, it helps to preserve limited resources: PPE, isolation resources, and testing kits. Please see the testing guidance document for further information.

At the present time, there is enough testing material through the Asante, Providence, and La Clinica testing sites to test all symptomatic people. Ideally, you won’t test in your clinic as this exposes health care workers to the SARS-CoV-2 virus and uses PPE.

The Jackson County Public Health Flash Report will report changes to the Red/Yellow/Green status.

COVID-19 + Patient Isolation Support
As part of the reopening, Jackson County Public Health will be opening a Supported Self Care Recovery Site. This is for residents with no means to safely isolate, and in some cases quarantine, in their residence.

Attached are two documents: Provider decision tool for Support Self Recovery Sites and Visio-Self Care Recovery Site, a decision tool, and workflow to guide providers and staff through assessment of patients for eligibility. Please call the number provided on the provider decision tool if you think you have a patient who needs this service.

A YouTube video link in the Jackson County Provider Resources website will be available in the next few days to help you learn more about the Supported Self Care Recovery Site and learn how to use these documents.

Reporting Requirements for COVID-19 Cases to Local Public Health Authority

In the midst of this COVID-19 epidemic, it is extremely important that health care facilities and health care providers comply with their COVID-19 reporting requirements. Health care facilities and health care providers are required, by law, to report the following within 24 hours to Jackson County Public Health:

- All human cases of COVID-19 must be reported to the local public health authority (Jackson County Public Health).
- Hospitalization of any individual with COVID-19, on and after March 9, 2020, whether or not the case was previously reported, through an Online Morbidity Report, which can be found at www.healthoregon.org/howtoreport.
- Deaths of any individual due to COVID-19, on and after March 9, 2020, whether or not the case was previously reported, through an Online Morbidity Report, which can be found at www.healthoregon.org/howtoreport.

In addition, laboratories are required to report:
- All test results indicative of and specific for COVID-19 within 24 hours (including weekends and holidays); and
• All negative test results for COVID-19 within one local public health authority working day, Jackson County Public Health.

Failure to report or report timely could subject you to civil penalties or licensing action by your regulatory board. OAR 333-018-0900. OAR 333-026-0030.

The state and local public health authorities cannot take appropriate action to respond to this epidemic without your assistance and cooperation so thank you in advance for your help.

Collection of Race, Ethnicity, Language, and Disability (REALD) Demographic Data
There is clear evidence that COVID-19 disproportionately affects Black/African American, Hispanic/LatinX, Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaskan Native communities in Oregon and across the United States.

We implore our healthcare providers to collect accurate REALD demographic data on all patients, including those being tested for COVID-19. We need this data in order to further evaluate COVID-19 risk and prevention in our state. ORS 413.161.

Additional information on the collection of REALD data can be found at https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/COMMUNICABLEDISEASE/REPORTINGCOMMUNICABLEDISEASE/Pages/REAL-D-Collection-Toolkit.aspx.

The mission of Jackson County Health and Human Services is to plan, coordinate and provide public services that protect and promote the health and well-being of county residents.