



JACKSON COUNTY

Health & Human Services

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Public Health Division

140 S. Holly St.
Medford, OR 97501

COVID-19 Update May 27, 2020

	CASES	FATALITIES
WORLD (5/27/20, per Johns Hopkins)	5,626,047	351,815
USA (5/27/20, per Johns Hopkins)	1,684,173	99,123
OREGON (5/26/20, per OHA)	3,967	148
JACKSON COUNTY(5/27/20, per JC HHS)	65	0

(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, or would like an interview, please reach out to the contact listed below.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 27, 2020

For media interviews with Dr. Jim Shames, Jackson County Medical Director, please contact Tanya Phillips before 11:30 am. Dr. Shames is available between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm.

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Jackson County Public Health Reports 5 New COVID-19 Cases, Provides Masking Recommendations

[Medford, Oregon] —Jackson County Public Health has five new COVID-19 cases to announce, as of 12:01 AM, May 27, 2020. This brings the total reported COVID-19 cases to 65 in Jackson County. Of the 65 cases, 47 (72%) have recovered, and 18 (28%) cases are still active. At this time, there are no fatalities from COVID-19 reported in Jackson County. To access additional data on the total COVID-19 cases, visit the [Situation in Jackson County, Oregon](#) webpage.

As people have begun to stay home less and attend social gatherings, it is important to understand that the virus has not been eliminated, and there is no vaccine available to prevent people from getting this infection. Therefore, there is a risk for people to become ill with COVID-19 and pass the illness on to others. Jackson County Public Health expects to see an increase in COVID-19 cases as people have begun to move around more, and are attending social gatherings with people outside of their immediate household.

Jackson County Public Health highly recommends that everyone take action to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. It is recommended that everyone stay close to home, practice physical distancing (stay 6 feet away from people who are not in your household), and practice good hygiene. In addition, it is **highly recommended that everyone wear a face covering**, made from cloth or paper, while out in public settings, especially in settings that are indoors and where it may be difficult to ensure that you can stay 6 feet away from others at all times.

Face coverings, made from cloth or paper, prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading respiratory droplets when talking, sneezing, or coughing. If everyone wears a cloth face covering when out in public, such as going to the grocery store, the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 can be reduced for the community. Since people can spread the virus before symptoms start, or spread it without ever having symptoms, wearing a face covering can protect others around you. **Face coverings worn by others protect you from getting the virus from others carrying the virus.**

When using a cloth or paper face covering, make sure:

- The mouth and nose are fully covered
- The covering fits snugly against the sides of the face so there are no gaps
- You do not have any difficulty breathing while wearing the cloth face covering
- The cloth or paper face covering can be tied or otherwise secured to prevent the mask from moving around

Other tips while using a cloth or paper face covering:

- Avoid touching your face as much as possible
- Keep the face covering clean, frequently wash the face covering
- Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately, before putting on, after touching or adjusting, and after removing the cloth face covering
- Do not share it with anyone else, unless you have washed and dried it first

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

Jackson County Health and Human Services: <http://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/COVID-19>

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