



# JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS

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### HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONCERNED ABOUT THE RISE IN COVID-19 CASES

Jackson County Health Department is alerting the public of the highest number of COVID-19 cases in a month. There were 1,329 COVID-19 cases, August 1 – August 31. This all-time high case count in Jackson County translates to an increased risk of contracting COVID-19. High COVID-19 case counts, lead to, limited ICU/emergency room availability and an overall burdened healthcare system.

Do your part and take the following actions to reduce transmission:

- Stay home if you have been tested and are waiting on results. When cases are high, notification from the health department can take longer.
- Stay home when Covid symptoms are present, including many of the ones commonly mistaken for seasonal allergies or the common cold.
- Get Vaccinated! All three authorized vaccines have been shown to be safe and very effective, even against the Delta variant. Vaccines are widely available at health departments, pharmacies, and other medical providers. Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> for vaccine providers.
- Limit activities and wear a mask.

Vaccination against COVID-19 remains the most important step to bringing the virus under control, making more activities possible, and keeping those most vulnerable in our community safe and healthy.

Jackson County Health Department is providing routine immunizations and Covid vaccinations on a walk-in basis Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm, with additional hours on Tuesdays of 3:30-5:30pm. Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available to those age 12 and older. Those age 12-17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to provide consent. Vaccinations are free, no insurance information is collected, and no appointment is needed.

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