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*Creating Healthy Communities*

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Re: COVID-19 Cases on the Rise

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## COVID Cases on the Rise in Jackson County For Immediate Release

**Jackson, MI-** As seen in recent national news, the number of COVID-19 cases is increasing in most parts of the country. These higher numbers have been linked with early reopening plans as well as individuals not following the recommended safety measures of social distancing and wearing masks when out and about in their community.

In Jackson County, we are unfortunately also seeing a sudden rise in the number of COVID-19 cases. A recent cluster of new cases was identified in our county due to travel outside of Michigan. Please follow these guidelines:

- If you must travel to one of the current high-risk states, PLEASE wear a facemask, wash your hands every 1-2 hours and maintain a distance of at least six feet from people who are not in your household.
- While traveling on an airplane, bus, van, or train which is a major high risk activity because you are breathing air in a closed space, PLEASE wear your mask and avoid activities such as eating and drinking.
- If you have traveled, be particularly careful to look out for even mild symptoms of COVID-19 such as fatigue, muscle aches, low grade fever, or runny nose. Get yourself tested if you experience any of these symptoms and do not shrug them off thinking it is jet lag or the result of a long drive.

To protect yourself and your friends and family, look at the [travel safety tips](#) available online through the [Centers for Disease Control](#). You can also check the internet for the most recent graphs of the place that you are visiting to learn how coronavirus has been spreading there in the past 7 days. A trip planned a month ago, may be something you could postpone until COVID-19 numbers start to come down again. Does the state or local government where you live or at your destination require you to stay home for 14 days after traveling? Has your employer implemented a mandatory 14-day quarantine if you return home from a hot spot?

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Working together to create and promote a healthy community through disease prevention and control, health education, environmental protection and emergency preparedness.

Jackson County cases (shown in table below) are reported daily by noon on our webpage located at [www.mijackson.org/hd](http://www.mijackson.org/hd) on the [Coronavirus](#) page, which is easily accessed from the front page. The numbers on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, are also included as a comparison before any holidays or parties occurred for Memorial Day Celebrations and before any spring or summer activities began to give an indication of spread in Jackson County.

Report Date: July 1 2020	Number of Cases* (Cumulative)	Number of Deaths*	Recovered**
Jackson County (JC)	492	29	417
JC on May 1, 2020	360	23	NA

Let's keep our numbers low in Jackson County! Travel only if necessary and protect yourself if you must travel!

If you have any questions, please call (517) 788-4420, Option 9. Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives. Thank you for all you are doing to stop the spread. We are all in this together.

For more information, visit the Jackson County Health Department webpage located at [www.mijackson.org/hd](http://www.mijackson.org/hd). You can also visit [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus) or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> for additional information regarding preventing getting sick.

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