



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Aug. 17, 2020

Schools preparing for classes

During today's Board of County Commissioners meeting, Dr. Tom Locke said this is the week Jefferson County Schools will be submitting their plans for classes to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. While not specific, he said all local schools will be doing variations of either in-person classes, or a hybrid model where students attend classes on some days and have virtual classes on other days, or go with full remote learning. The Department of Public Health has been and will continue to support the schools. Locke said that if the community prevalence levels of the virus stay low, the schools will be able to stay open. "The fate of the schools is tied into what happens with the community at large," Locke said. Infections will come from the outside and be brought into the schools. If there are multi-classroom outbreaks of the virus, the school will have to close. Gov. Inslee announced recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year on Aug. 6. The recommendations allow local health departments and school districts to decide if or how they will allow students back into the classroom. The full recommendation notice can be found at: <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-education-recommendations-for-2020-2021-school-year-4d510fe16f4>.

Free webinar: *Misinformation During Crisis Events*

This Friday, Aug. 21 at 10:30AM, the Partners in Emergency Preparedness are offering a free webinar on Misinformation During a Pandemic. If anyone is interested in listening to the presentation by University of Washington Associate Professor Kate Starbird, please email Jefferson County Emergency Management at JCDEM@co.jeferson.wa.us to register.

All County Picnic a virtual success

Last Sunday's All County Picnic which included delivery of over one-thousand ears of fresh corn to county residents and an online presentation by Emergency Management Director Willie Bence, was virtually well attended. Over 55 community residents typed in questions in for JeffCom 911 Director Ted Krynski, Julia Danskin from Public Health; VECOM leader Dick Illman; and Jefferson County PUD representative Don McDaniel who joined Bence to discuss their agency's role in responding to emergencies. A big THANK YOU to The Production Alliance: Danny Milholland, Megan Claflin, Kiyota Sage and the rest of the Planning Team: Deb Stinson, Margaret Backer, Thad Bickling, Mark Cooper.

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Jefferson County, WA

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	59
Negative	5689
Percent Positive	1.02%
Test Results Pending	56
Total Patients Tested	5804
Total Patients Recovered*	51
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Aug 2 - Aug 15)**	15.87

Last results received 8/17/2020. We are working with Jefferson Healthcare and other labs to provide the test result data. These are cases reported from all areas of Jefferson County, East of the Olympics. *WA State DOH: people are considered recovered at 28 days from the onset of symptoms if they are alive and not hospitalized. This table will be updated Monday through Friday. **This rate will be updated every Monday. Last Updated: 8/17/2020 at 10:39 a.m.

Cases by Age

<19	7
20-29	3
30-39	9
40-49	5
50-59	4
60-69	16
70-79	11
80+	4

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	32 (54%)
Male	27 (46%)

In Jefferson County, free masks are available for anyone at Safeway, QFC/Hadlock, Quilcene Village Store, Food Coop, Dept. of Public Health. Free Masks are also available for our low-income populations at Olycap, Food Banks and Dept. of Public Health. To report a business not following statewide face mask directives:

<https://lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F418-052-000.pdf>

Cloth face masks— Only effective when worn properly

A cloth mask is intended to trap droplets that are released when the wearer talks, coughs or sneezes.

To be effective, the mask must cover both your nose and mouth.

- Don't touch your mask while wearing it.
- Regularly wash your mask with soap and water by hand or in the washing machine. It's fine to launder it with other clothes.
- Face shields are not a good substitute for cloth face masks.

According to Jefferson County Public Health Medical Director Dr. Tom Locke, face shields are not a substitute for cloth face masks which trap the droplets expelled when we talk or cough. "Face shields don't meet the legal definition of a mask," he said. If someone cannot wear a face mask due to medical or psychological reasons, they should seek other forms of service, like contactless pickup or curbside delivery.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "it is not known if face shields provide any benefit as source control to protect others from the spray of respiratory particles." The CDC does not recommend the use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for masks.



Questions about Coronavirus?

Go to: www.coronavirus.wa.gov

Who to call: State COVID-19 Assistance Hotline: 1-800-525-0127

You can also text the word "Coronavirus" to 211-211 to receive information and updates on your phone wherever you are. You will receive links to the latest information on COVID-19, including county-level updates and resources for families, businesses, students and more. **Business and worker inquiry questionnaire:** <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/how-you-can-help/covid-19-business-and-worker-inquiries>. **Complaint form:** <https://bit.ly/covid-compliance>

If you need help:

- Olympic Community Action Programs: Fill out the request for assistance form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1l8KITZeXU70zGI676aBAROdRpxyq0uFPhkg8joult_cU2w/viewform

LINKS TO MORE INFORMATION:

- Jefferson County Public Health: <https://co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19>
- Jefferson Co. Public Health Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersoncountypublichealth/>
- Jefferson County Gov. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffcowagov/>
- Dept. of Emergency Management: <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/950/Dept-of-Emergency-Management>
- Washington Gov. Inslee's webpage: <https://www.governor.wa.us>