



# Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



## Community Situation Report

**2020 COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Sept. 21, 2020**

### COVID vaccine update

Information recently released by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) states that five federal regions (four states and one city) have been selected to be pilot states in the CDC's planning for a COVID-19 vaccine. While Washington was not one of the pilot states, the DOH said they will develop their plans based on lessons learned from the pilot project at the federal level. Prioritizing those who will get the vaccine first is high on the list and could include essential workers (fire fighters and law enforcement officers, for example), health care workers and residents and workers at long-term care facilities. Currently there are over 35 vaccines in clinical trials worldwide and more than 90 vaccines in preclinical testing.

Jefferson County Medical Officer Dr. Tom Locke told the Board of Health last Thursday that reports of a vaccine being becoming available this year are not true. He said he is hopeful a vaccine will be ready sometime around the first part of 2021.

The federal government will cover the cost of the coronavirus vaccine, according to Washington State DOH. However, it is possible that healthcare providers may charge a fee to administer the vaccine and/or charge for the cost of an office visit. Health insurance will likely cover those fees and DOH will work to make the vaccine accessible at no cost to those without health insurance.

### Fall season could bring increased virus cases

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting today, Dr. Locke expressed growing concern about a worsening of COVID-19 cases as the weather turns cold and people spend more time indoors. When asked what advice he would give to the community, Locke said, "the things we are doing work if we are consistent and the rate of doing that is high in Jefferson County."

Locke also commented more about vaccines saying that politics are producing false expectations and eroding public confidence. The number of people who said they would get vaccinated has dropped from 72 percent to 51 percent recently.

### COVID-19 screening protocols for schools established

Over the past several weeks, Dr. Locke together with the Department of Public Health and multiple healthcare providers have worked with area schools to establish the screening protocols for staff and students.

The complete document can be found at <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/10519/Jefferson-County-COVID-screening-protocol-09-17-20-Update>

### Intergovernmental Committee update

The intergovernmental committee (IGC) met last week to review the proposals from the affiliated community groups to help the community regain its strength and vitality post COVID-19. The community groups include those dedicated to Culture & Events; Economy & Jobs; Food System Resiliency; Children & Family; Human Services and Broadband. The presentations from the respective groups can be found at [www.co.jefferson.wa.us](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us). Click on *Video Meetings*, then click on *Recorded* to view the meeting and related documents.

### WHERE TO GET FACEMASKS

Safeway Food Store, Food Coop, Quilcene Village Store, QFC-Port Hadlock; **Masks for low-income families are available at:** Public Health in Port Townsend; Olycap; YMCA and area Food Banks

### 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:

[www.jeffcoecoc.org](http://www.jeffcoecoc.org)

## Cases by Age

<19	9
20-29	4
30-39	12
40-49	5
50-59	6
60-69	17
70-79	14
80+	4

## Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	37 (52%)
Male	34 (48%)

## Cases by Location

Port Townsend	37
Mid-County	27
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	7

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	71
Negative	7759
Percent Positive	0.91%
Test Results Pending	51
Total Patients Tested	7881
Total Patients Recovered*	70
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Sep 6 - Sep 19)**	3.13

Last results received 9/21/2020. We are working with Jefferson Healthcare and other labs to provide the test result data. \*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: 9/21/2020 at 3:50 PM

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
8/31/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	70-79
9/14/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	70-79

## % Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
8/24/2020-8/30/2020	455	3	0.66%
8/31/2020-9/5/2020	365	0	0.00%
9/6/2020-9/12/2020	330	1	0.30%
9/13/2020-9/19/2020	382	0	0.00%