



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Sept. 28, 2020

Burn Ban Amended

As of Friday, Sept. 25, the Jefferson County Fire Marshal together with all county fire chiefs has reduced the recreational burn ban established on Sept. 7, 2020. The recent change in weather conditions to include precipitation, lower temperatures and high humidity levels, has helped to abate fire hazard conditions. **The amended burn ban will now allow campfires and the use of charcoal briquettes within Jefferson County. A burn ban is still in effect for all land clearing or debris burning in the county until at least Sept. 30, 2020.**

New standards for airports announced

Last Thursday, Gov. Inslee announced new requirements for commercial airports and airlines “to protect those who need to fly.” The requirements apply to all airports. Two airlines—Delta and Alaska—announced additional steps each has taken to protect passengers, staff and crewmembers. The guidance will require face coverings in airports, signage and spacing for physical distancing among other safety and health requirements. To read more about the new requirements go to <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-new-standards-for-airports-in-washington-f1b71fb4572f>.

No new COVID-19 cases in Jefferson County

During the Board of County Commissioners meeting today, Dr. Locke responded to several questions ranging from the availability of a vaccine, to the importance of continued social distancing and wearing face masks. Regarding vaccines, internationally, there are 40 vaccines being tested with 11 in Phase 3 trials. In the US, there are currently four vaccines in Phase 3 clinical trials. The process is becoming more complicated, said Locke, and not likely to yield a vaccine before the first of the year. The local health department and medical care systems will play a key role in distributing the vaccine when it becomes available. Here in Jefferson County, there have been no new cases in the past few weeks. Things have also improved in both Clallam and Kitsap counties.

“Masking has proven to be way more effective than previously thought as a source control,” Locke said. Jefferson County schools are entering into the fourth week of being open. Locke said he is continuing to meet with the schools on a weekly basis as public health and school staff continue to refine protocols and collectively work on preventing and investigating any outbreaks should they occur.

Protecting Livestock in Wildfire season

As the wildfire smoke encroached on the peninsula these past weeks, questions about ways to protect livestock increased. The Washington State Dept. of Agriculture offers guidance and help with developing a plan for your animals, go to <https://agr.wa.gov/services/emergency-management/livestock-industry>. More information can be found at <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/disaster-preparedness-farm-animals>.

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

Difficulty coping? CALL THE CRISIS HOTLINE at 1-888-910-0416. Other Mental Health Resources can be found at:

<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1447/Mental-Health-Resources>

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	8158
Percent Positive	0.86%
Test Results Pending	51
Total Patients Tested	8280
Total Patients Recovered*	70
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Sep 13 - Sep 26)**	0.00

Last results received 9/28/2020. 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: 9/28/2020 at 1:10 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
8/31/2020-9/6/2020	365	0	0.00%
9/7/2020-9/13/2020	330	1	0.30%
9/14/2020-9/20/2020	382	0	0.00%
9/21-2020-9/27/2020	399	0	0.00%