



# Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



## Community Situation Report

### 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

**Oct. 1, 2020**

#### County 2020 Burn Ban canceled

As of yesterday, Sept. 30, 2020 the 2020 countywide burn ban as stipulated per county code 43-05 has been canceled.

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources on the Olympic Peninsula stated the fire danger is low. Land clearing burning will be allowed by permit only, according to Jefferson County Fire Marshal Brian Tracer. Fires used for debris or rubbish disposal are not considered recreational fires and are illegal.

All burning is subject to immediate closure at any time in the event air stagnation conditions or poor environmental conditions exist as determined by the State Dept. of Ecology, and the Olympic Region Clean Air Authority and the Dept. of Natural Resources

#### Flu vaccine considered “essential” this year

In a statement released Tuesday by the State Dept. of Health regarding the flu vaccine, State Health Officer Dr. Kathy Lofy said, “Think of it as essential to get a flu vaccine this year. We should all get a flu vaccine now to help protect ourselves and our communities as we navigate this pandemic together.” Everyone six months and older needs a flu vaccine. Getting a flu shot reduces the chances of getting the flu, but does not prevent other respiratory infections. Most Jefferson County primary care providers and pharmacies offer adult flu vaccine. Those locations include Safeway in Port Townsend; QFC in Port Townsend and Port Hadlock. Jefferson County Public Health and all Jefferson County clinics that offer children's vaccines also carry children's flu vaccine. It is recommended you call ahead to make sure the pharmacy or clinic where you are planning to get your flu vaccine has the vaccine you need—adult or child. For more information about the flu, go to:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Flu>.

#### Wildfire Smoke has returned to Washington

University of Washington Atmospheric Sciences Professor Cliff Mass reported in his Weather Blog that smoke from California wildfires will be returning to the Pacific Northwest this week. It should stay higher in the atmosphere than the last round of smoke we had here and hopefully not last as long.

<https://cliffmass.blogspot.com/2020/09/smoke-is-coming-back-to-pacific.html>

#### COVID-19 vaccine update

On Wed. Sept. 30, the Washington State Dept. of Health (DOH) reported receipt of \$5 million in federal funding for COVID vaccine response and preparation that will support partnering with local health jurisdictions, tribal entities and community organizations as they prepare for the arrival of vaccines. Additionally, on Friday, Oct. 2, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine will release the final Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 vaccine—a report that will guide “equitable allocation” of a limited initial supply of a COVID vaccine. According to the DOH report, “should an approved vaccine become available by November, DOH expects this funding to be sufficient to launch a vaccine distribution plan.” The DOH said they will be ready to turn in their vaccine plan to the CDC by the Oct. 16 due date.

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#### 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

## Cases by Age

<19	9
20-29	5
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	38 (53%)
Male	34 (47%)

## Cases by Location

Port Townsend	37
Mid-County	28
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	7

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	72
Negative	8377
Percent Positive	0.85%
Test Results Pending	34
Total Patients Tested	8483
Total Patients Recovered*	70
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Sep 13 - Sep 26)**	0.00

Last results received 10/01/2020. 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: 10/01/2020 at 2:42 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
10/1/2020	1	Mid-County	F	20-29

## % 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%