



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Nov. 2, 2020

Washington joins California’s Scientific Safety Workgroup

Gov. Inslee announced last week that Washington State together with Oregon and Nevada have joined California’s COVID-19 Scientific Safety Review Workgroup to independently review the “safety and efficacy of any vaccine approved by the FDA for distribution.” Inslee said, “we believe in science, public health and safety. Any COVID vaccine must be guided by the expertise of scientists and medical professionals and that’s just what this workgroup will do.”

The things we are doing are working, Inslee reported. “Wearing masks has saved lives. We need to continue to limit our interactions with others, stay socially distant from others and wear masks even when at home.”

Dr. Kathy Lofy, State Health Officer emphasized the need to always wear a mask. “It feels unnatural when we are with friends and asking friends to wear a mask is awkward but necessary. Ventilation is also important. If you are in a car, roll down a window,” Lofy suggested.

State making progress on vaccine plan

The Washington State Dept. of Health sent letters to healthcare providers last week encouraging them to enroll as approved COVID-19 vaccine providers, the first step in setting up vaccine provider locations.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has asked all jurisdictions to include Washington state, to plan to be ready by Nov. 15—emphasis on this being only a “be ready” date. Hospitals are the most likely pre-positioning site candidates in Washington, but nothing is final, according to information published by the Washington Dept. of Health.

Computers and Internet access purchased for students

Gov. Inslee announced last Friday that \$24 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds has been allocated to purchase 64,000 computing devices for students across the state. “The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown challenges at every Washingtonian, especially working families and students—having the proper equipment to navigate their new educational reality shouldn’t be one of those challenges,” Inslee said. The first shipment of 20,000 devices is expected in the coming weeks. The Governor together with Educational Service Districts and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will work to identify which school districts will receive the first shipment of devices in early November. Additionally, the lack of internet connectivity has also posed a barrier to participating in remote learning. The OSPI has allocated \$8.8 million in CARES Act funds to buy internet plans for 60,000 families who cannot afford one.

Dr. Locke responds to community members’ questions

Concerns about spending less than the recommended 15-minute amount of time in the company of others were asked of Dr. Locke at today’s Board of County Commissioners meeting. Locke stated there are different elements to consider such as the distance between people, masking and ventilation or air movement. “Distancing is the most important of all,” he said. A question was asked about the effectiveness of wearing a mask for someone with a beard. Locke said a mask should work just as well as it would on someone without a beard. Locke noted that healthcare workers have shaved off their beards to allow for a tighter fit of the N95 masks they wear.

Regarding potential reactions to a coronavirus vaccine, Dr. Locke said there will be a system in place to monitor possible reactions. “We know there will be mild reactions as all parts of the immune system will be activated,” he said.

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	10
20-29	5
30-39	13
40-49	8
50-59	10
60-69	22
70-79	16
80+	5

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	42 (47%)
Male	47 (53%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	43
Mid-County	35
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	11

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	89
Negative	10,643
Percent Positive	0.83%
Test Results Pending	58
Total Patients Tested	10,790
Total Patients Recovered*	75
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Oct 18 - Oct 31)**	25.08

Last results received 11/2/2020. 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: 11/2/2020 at 2:44 PM

Cases in Last 4 Weeks

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
11/2/2020	1	Mid-County	M	40-49
10/30/2020	1	Mid-County	F	80-89
10/26/2020	2	both Mid-County	M, M	40-49, under 19
10/23/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	60-69
10/22/2020	3	1 Port Townsend; 2 South County	F, F, M	50-59, 60-69, 60-69
10/19/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	30-39
10/13/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	50-59
10/12/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	50-59
10/12/2020	1	Mid-County	M	70-79
10/9/2020	2	both South County	M, M	60-69, 60-69
10/5/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	70-79
10/5/2020	1	Mid-County	F	40-49
10/5/2020	1	Mid-County	M	50-59

