



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Nov. 23, 2020

Governor announces new financial support

Last Friday, Gov. Inslee together with Dept. of Commerce Director Lisa Brown announced new economic supports of \$135 million for businesses and families in Washington State. Earlier in the week, Inslee had announced support for businesses in the amount of \$50 million but after talking with legislators and other agencies, that amount was more than doubled. Of the \$135 million, \$70 million will go for business support grants which includes \$50 million for a new round of Working Washington grants for those industries hit the hardest; \$30 million for the recovery loan program; \$20 million for rental assistance and \$15 million for energy bills for low-income households. According to information provided by the Governor’s office, the grants will be allocated first to businesses most impacted by both COVID-19 and the most recent measures taken to address public safety. Equity will also be a priority in making allocation decision. In addition to the new funds, there will also be separate business support programs coming from local governments. More information on available business assistance can be found at <https://www.commerce.wa.gov>

Current COVID stats showing significant increases

At today’s Board of County Commissioners meeting, Dr. Tom Locke said we are seeing significant increases not only nationally and in Washington state, but locally, too. Last week, 27 new cases were confirmed and the week before there were 23 here in Jefferson County. The labs are processing over 40,000 tests per day and the turn-around is slow. Surrounding counties are experiencing similar surges, and there is a new outbreak at St. Michael’s Hospital. The holidays are of extreme concern as we are heading into the highest travel time of the year. Along with federal and state agencies, we are recommending that people do not travel, Locke said. Traveling to other communities in the state is a huge risk, too. Unfortunately, we know there are a lot of people who aren’t going to follow the recommendations. Three million have traveled over this past weekend already

Regarding testing, Dr. Locke stated that Jefferson Healthcare does not currently have the capacity for people to get tested before traveling or when they return. Home kits can work for that, Locke said. In response to questions about the best masks to wear, Dr. Locke said that we know more about the N95 and surgical masks than other types, however some good studies are coming out about cloth masks and the quality of the material they are made of.



Indoor social gatherings are restricted from Nov. 17 to Dec. 14.

Indoor social gatherings with people outside of your household are prohibited unless they quarantine for two weeks OR one week & receive a negative COVID-19 test less than 48 hours before gathering.

Outdoor social gatherings should be limited to five people from outside your household

In Jefferson County, facemasks are available at the following locations:

Safeway Food Store, Food Coop, Quilcene Village Store and QFC Port Hadlock.

Masks for low-income families are available at: Public Health in Port Townsend; Olycap; YMCA and Food Banks.

Cases by Age

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| 0-19 | 18 |
| 20-29 | 10 |
| 30-39 | 22 |
| 40-49 | 13 |
| 50-59 | 15 |
| 60-69 | 34 |
| 70-79 | 25 |
| 80+ | 11 |

Cases by Sex

| Cases by Sex | N (%) |
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| Female | 72 (49%) |
| Male | 76 (51%) |

Cases by Location

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| Port Townsend | 77 |
| Mid-County | 57 |
| South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson) | 14 |

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

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| Total Positives (confirmed cases) | 148 |
| Negative | 12,296 |
| Percent Positive | 1.19% |
| Test Results Pending | 76 |
| Total Tests Administered | 12,520 |
| Active Cases in Isolation | 22 |
| Total Patients Recovered* | 86 |
| Deaths | 0 |
| Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Nov 8 - Nov 21)** | 156.74 |

Last results received 11/23/2020. 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: 11/23/2020 at 3:32 PM

Cases in Last 4 Weeks

| Date of New Case(s) | No. of Cases Added | Location | Sex | Age |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 11/23/2020 | 4 | Port Townsend | F, F, F, M | 60-69, 80+, 80+, 80+ |
| 11/23/2020 | 4 | Port Townsend | M, F, M, M | 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 60-69 |
| 11/20/2020 | 2 | Port Townsend | M, M | 20-29, 20-29 |
| 11/19/2020 | 3 | Port Townsend | F, F, M | 70-79, 70-79, 80+ |
| 11/19/2020 | 3 | Port Townsend | F, F, M | 40-49, 60-69, 60-69 |
| 11/19/2020 | 2 | Mid-County | M, F | 70-79, 70-79 |
| 11/19/2020 | 3 | Mid-County | M, F, M | 0-19, 30-39, 30-39 |
| 11/18/2020 | 2 | Mid-County, Port Townsend | M, F | 60-69, 60-69 |
| 11/17/2020 | 2 | Port Townsend | M, M | 50-59, 80+ |