



## Community Situation Report

**2021 COVID-19 Pandemic**

**April 26, 2021**

### **Update on J&J vaccine**

On Saturday, April 24, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) resumed the use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine throughout the state. According to a press release from the DOH, the decision was based on recommendations from the FDA, the CDC and the Western States Scientific Safety Review workgroup together with careful consideration and close review by the DOH.

The 11-day pause in the use of the J&J vaccine was taken as a precaution after six cases of a rare but severe type of blood clot were reported following administration of the J&J vaccine. On Friday, April 23, the CDC reported an additional nine cases, all occurring in women between the ages of 18 and 59 approximately six to 15 days after vaccination. No cases were reported in Washington. The vaccine's potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks. Providers and recipients factsheet link: <https://www.fda.gov/media/146305/download>

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended the FDA include a warning statement and for J&J to provide an information sheet at vaccination time to inform people about the increased blood clot risk. Individuals concerned about the increased risk may instead choose Pfizer or Moderna.

No matter which vaccine you choose, consider using V-Safe, a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccine. You can use this platform to tell the CDC about any side effects. You may be contacted by someone from the CDC to check on you and get more information. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

During the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Monday, April 26, Jefferson County Health Officer Dr. Tom Locke said the J&J vaccine now comes with some new cautions that have to do with the rare but serious blood clot situations targeting women under the age of

50. "That group may want to consider alternative vaccines," he said. "For those 50 and older, it is a convenient and effective vaccine," Locke added.

Locke also stated that vaccination levels in Jefferson County are now at a point where they will make a difference in blunting the fourth wave. Jefferson County continues to lead the state by a wide margin. "We are working with the state to use some mobile clinics especially for the homeless, homebound and minority populations. We are moving out of the mass vaccination phase, but we still want to get another 20% of the population vaccinated if possible," Locke said.

Emergency Management Director Willie Bence reported on last week's vaccination clinic in Chimacum where 308 second doses and 147 first doses were given. Another vaccination clinic will be held at the school in Brinnon this coming Saturday, May 1. Bence also thanked the many volunteers who have given multiple hours to make the vaccination clinics so successful. He added that volunteer recruitment will be slowing down as the need has relaxed.

### **COVID-19 and Pets**

A small number of pets worldwide—including cats and dogs—have been reported to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 after having close contact with people with COVID-19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low. There is no evidence that the virus can spread to people from the skin, fur or hair of pets. Talk to your veterinarian if you have questions about appropriate products for bathing or cleaning your pet. Most pets that have gotten sick from the virus that causes COVID-19 were infected after close contact with a person with COVID-19. More information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/pets.html>.

## Case Information

The state data system is having trouble getting accurate testing numbers from the UW testing lab. Therefore, the majority of tests being done in Jefferson County are not being counted by the state website. The information on our website is accurate and fully accounts for all testing done. Until this problem is resolved, the numbers of negative tests results reported by the state are inaccurate.

### Cases by Age

0-19	75
20-29	39
30-39	57
40-49	40
50-59	49
60-69	66
70-79	37
80+	19

### Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	187 (49.0%)
Male	195 (51.0%)

### Cases by Location

Port Townsend	165
Mid-County	176
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	41

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	382
Active Cases in Isolation	9
Negative	22,021
Percent Positive	1.71%
Test Results Pending	58
Total Tests Administered	22,461
Total Patients Recovered*	348
Cases Ever Hospitalized	26
Deaths	3
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Mar 28-Apr 10)**	65.83

Last results received 4/26/2021. 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: 4/26/2021 at 2:37 P.M.