



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

June 14, 2021

Jefferson County COVID update

At this morning's Board of County Commissioners meeting, Dr. Locke reported that cases continue to go down nationally with 43% of the population now fully vaccinated and 52% who have had one dose. Eight states are seeing an increase in cases showing a correlation between those who are not vaccinated and more cases. In the past two weeks in Jefferson County there have been 18 new cases, to include eight this weekend.

Currently the case rate is 56.4%, up from 15.7. Jefferson County has the second highest case rate in the state for fully vaccinated at 62% with 65% having had one dose. The greatest risk is for those who are unvaccinated. The UK variant is the more infectious variant and the risk of getting that variant is going to increase as we move away from restrictions. "If you are not vaccinated, your risk will go up, maybe substantially," Locke said.

We are doing more rapid testing and will be doing a lot of that in schools this fall, said Locke. Home testing is starting to take off. The cost for a home test is about \$20 for two tests. Public Health does not always know when a person tests positive. Suggest anyone using a home test follow the instructions on the package. "There is a benefit to letting us know the results of your test. We can help people access needed services," Locke said. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) is one way to report the results. For more information go to <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html>.

Regarding concerns about health care workers vaccination status, employers have a right to ask you what your vaccination status is and there will likely be vaccination mandates in health care settings. As the law stands now, people are not being coerced into getting vaccinated. If your employer makes it mandatory and you don't get vaccinated, it means you just can't work in that job where vaccination is required.

As the county moves forward, people are being encouraged to look at vaccinated-only events. Businesses have the right to require proof of vaccination if people enter without a mask. "We know there's going to be confusion and we hope the state does a better job of clarifying this. There is concern about the risks involved in high density situations like restaurants. People need to protect themselves and should consider wearing higher quality masks like N95 or KN95. If someone is fully immune suppressed, you can't be too careful," Locke stated.

Emergency Management Director Willie Bence announced another vaccination opportunity on June 23, 9:30-2PM at the Tri-Area Food Bank on Chimacum Road. Walk-ins are welcome or people can call **360-344-9791** to make an appointment.

Responding to a question about Booster vaccines, Bence said there will likely be a need for clinics 9-12 months from now. Booster shots will be available at the local pharmacies and clinics and perhaps opening up the Jefferson Healthcare drive-through again.

WA Notify saving lives

More than two million people have enabled WA Notify since it was launched in November of 2020. The tool works through smartphones without sharing any personal information by sending alerts to users if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. According to researchers at the University of Washington School of Public Health and the State Department of Health, WA Notify has likely prevented about 6,000 COVID-19 cases during the first four months it was in use. To learn more about WA Notify and get instructions for enabling the tool on your phone, visit WANotify.org.

Cases by Age

0-19	85
20-29	46
30-39	66
40-49	46
50-59	58
60-69	76
70-79	41
80+	21

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	207 (47.2%)
Male	232 (52.8%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	180
Mid-County	206
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	53

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	439
Active Cases in Isolation	14
Negative	24587
Percent Positive	1.75%
Test Results Pending	11
Total Tests Administered	25037
Total Patients Recovered*	410
Cases Ever Hospitalized	31
Deaths	4
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (May 30-June 12)**	56.43

Last results received 6/14/2021. 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: 6/14/2021 at 5:34 P.M.