



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

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COVID exposure notification tool available

Gov. Jay Inslee, announced today the launch of WA Notify, a simple, anonymous exposure notification tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19. By adding WA Notify to their smartphones, Washington residents will be alerted if they spent time near another WA Notify user who later tests positive for COVID-19.

WA Notify uses privacy-preserving technology jointly developed by Google and Apple and works without collecting or revealing any location or personal data. "Secure, private and anonymous exposure notification technology is an important tool for Washington," Inslee said Monday. "I encourage everyone to start using WA Notify today so we can continue to work together to contain this virus."

WA Notify is free and can be enabled in iPhone settings or downloaded as an app from the Google Play Store for Android phones. Users can opt out at any time.

Health officials planning for COVID surge

During a press conference on Nov. 25, members of the Washington State Dept. of Health (DOH) discussed the positive COVID cases that are increasing rapidly across the state daily.

- Dr. Kathy Lofy, State Health Officer
Cases are increasing in all age groups in both eastern and western Washington and the number of patients in hospitals has doubled. Hospitals have been working on developing surge plans to take care of more patients. Some hospitals have already canceled non-urgent surgeries and will cut back on everything that isn't urgent. Hospitals are looking at how they would use different spaces and they are making plans to train staff to take care of different types of patients. Some hospitals are looking for traveling nurses and the DOH has a database for volunteers. Staffing is going to be a challenge. The Dept. of Health is working with hospitals on these types of plans, Lofy said. Case investigations and contact tracing will be increased; we will be looking at more isolation and quarantine locations, too. "It's hard to predict months out where we will be with the virus," Lofy stated. "We are

planning for the worst. The choices we make now will determine where we will be."

- Dr. Scott Lindquist, State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases

The need to have more case contact tracers available in the coming weeks was discussed with the goal being to have every case investigated. Lindquist said "we will work backwards from a case to large events where people have not worn masks. We are asking people to please answer their phones when the contact tracers call."

- Michele Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary for DOH and COVID vaccine Planning Leader

The FDA received the first application for a vaccine on Nov. 20, according to Roberts. The FDA will meet on Dec. 10 to review the application. If it is approved, the vaccine will then be vetted by the western states' Scientific Safety Review Workgroup.

Roberts said the approval process should not cause any delays to get the vaccine to Washington State. An estimated 62,400 doses of the Pfizer vaccine is designated for Washington. Fifty-four providers—to include clinics and pharmacies—have enrolled to distribute the vaccine and more are applying. No estimate has been given yet about the Moderna vaccine. The first people eligible to receive the vaccine are high-risk workers in health care settings.

- Dr. Kira Mauseth, Behavioral Health Strike Team
Dr. Mauseth commented that long-term stress is manifesting for most of us. Seasonal changes and the third wave of COVID is the disaster cascade in behavioral health where we are hit with multiple impacts in a short period of time. "We will recover at some point, sometime in 2021. People are resilient. We will get there," said Mauseth. "A vaccine contributes to our hope." For information about coping with COVID go to <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/ResourcesandRecommendations/ParentsCaregivers>.

Cases by Age

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 (%)
Female	72 (49%)
Male	76 (51%)

Cases by Location

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

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

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+