



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

May 27th, 2020

Phase 2 Variance Application Approved

On May 23, Jefferson County received approval to move into Phase 2 of Governor Inslee’s "Safe Start" phased approach for resuming recreational, social and business activities, subject to conditions. Every phase will still require social distancing and appropriate health precautions including the use of personal protective equipment in a number of workplaces. Use of a cloth face covering is strongly recommended.

Guidance and safety criteria for reopening can be found on the "Safe Start" webpage: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start>

Camping and indoor retail sales in Jefferson County remain prohibited until additional neighboring counties also enter Phase 2. See the second page for what’s open and what’s not.

Clallam and Kitsap counties are currently weighing their decision to potentially apply for a Phase 2 variance this week.

Public Health Officer Dr. Tom Locke weighs masking requirement

During the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, May 26th, Dr. Tom Locke noted he is currently considering a health officer’s order requiring the use of a cloth mask in indoor public spaces, especially ones where there may be difficulty maintaining six feet of physical distancing.

Dr. Locke noted that this likely wouldn’t carry a civil penalty, but would be used to encourage broader mask usage. His order is expected shortly, and would contain exemptions for those who cannot wear a mask for medical or other documented reasons.

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	30
In-County Exposure	20
Presumed Out-of-County Exposure	10
Negative	1472
Percent Positive	2.0%
Test Results Pending	47
Total Patients Tested	1549
Total Patients Recovered*	28
Deaths	0

Last results received 5/27/2020. We are working with Jefferson Healthcare and other labs to provide the test result data. There are cases reported from all areas of Jefferson County, East of the Olympics. *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. Last Updated: 5/27/2020 at 3:15 p.m.

Confirmed Cases by Age

Age Group	No. of Positive
<19	0
20-29	2
30-39	5
40-49	4
50-59	2
60-69	11
70-79	4
80+	2

Female: 14 (47%)
Male: 16 (53%)

Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Dept. of Health approval:

Recreation: Outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household excluding all overnight camping.

Gatherings: Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week, masking encouraged if social distancing cannot be maintained. Visitors from high prevalence areas strongly discouraged. Graduation activities consisting with Phase 2 limitation and State guidance criteria, including use of Drive-In theater facilities, are specifically allowed.

Travel: Essential Travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase 1 and 2 are permissible activities. Out of area tourism strongly discouraged until Regional Phase 2 implementation.

Business/Employers: Manufacturing (non-essential repair, maritime industry, and others), additional construction phases, in-home domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.), professional services/office-based businesses (telework strongly encouraged), pet grooming (preexisting customers), hair and nail salons/barbers (pre-existing customers).

Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Clallam County Phase 2 Implementation:

Recreation: Outdoor activity involving 5 or fewer people involving overnight camping.

Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Regional (Clallam and Kitsap) Phase 2:

Business/Employers: Restaurants with sit down service, real estate (beyond current permitted activities), retail (in-store purchases), professional services/office-based businesses (tourism focused).

More information on Variance Application Process –

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-county-variance-application-process>

Information for business owners: Who can reopen? How to reopen safely? -

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/business> or <https://www.jeffcountychamber.org/business-resources>

If you suspect a business is operating in violation of the governor's orders, please fill out the form at the state's link above after reviewing the guidance on what businesses are essential.

Other urgent questions? Call Department of Health Assistance Hotline at 1-800-525-0127; open daily from 6AM to 10PM