



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

June 9th, 2020

County Officials Outline Process for County to Move to Phase 3 of “Safe Start” Plan

County Health Officer Tom Locke has confirmed Jefferson County is eligible to apply to move to Phase 3 under Governor Inslee’s “Safe Start” on June 13th, which concludes the mandated three-week period after the County’s approval to move into Phase 2.

However, County Commissioners have decided to wait to make their determination until five days later, on June 18th, to try to align with Kitsap and Clallam Counties in an effort to continue with a coordinated regional reopening plan.

The Board of Health will have a special meeting on June 18th to weigh Dr. Locke’s upcoming recommendations on moving to Phase 3. The BoH will take Dr. Locke’s initial recommendations and make modifications or adjustments as needed. Either immediately following the special meeting or the next day (Friday, June 19th), the Board of County Commissioners will meet to vote to either approve or **reject the BoH’s recommendation.**

If the BOCC approves, an application will then be sent to the State Department of Health for their final approval for the county to move into the next phase. Like last time, the application will contain metrics on Jefferson County’s ability to respond to and contain COVID19 outbreaks that may occur as we transition to the next phase.

In the meantime, the public may submit their recommendations, comments, or concerns to

boh@co.jefferson.wa.us. All comments will be shared with decision makers and will also be made public for all to read.

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	31
Negative	2046
Percent Positive	1.5%
Test Results Pending	32
Total Patients Tested	2109
Total Patients Recovered*	30
Deaths	0

Last results received 6/8/2020. 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: 6/8/2020 at 10:22 a.m.

Confirmed Cases by Age

Age Group	No. of Positive
<19	1
20-29	2
30-39	5
40-49	4
50-59	2
60-69	11
70-79	4
80+	2

Female: 14 (45%)
Male 17 (55%)

Phase 3 Outline

Phase 3 allows gatherings of 50 or fewer people, including sports; non-essential travel; restaurants at 75% capacity with a table size of ten; bars at 25% capacity. Gyms and movie theaters at 50% capacity, and retail, libraries, museums, and government buildings could open. Pools and recreation centers could open at 50% capacity. Camping would be open.

Dr. Locke reports that Phase 3 is more sustainable, and we may be in Phase 3 for a much longer time than Phase 2. He notes some colleagues believe we may not enter into Phase 4 for an extended period of time, potentially until there is a vaccine and no longer a risk of infection.

Public Health Director Vicki Kirkpatrick did note that if for some reason there was a mass outbreak during Phase 3, the County could revert to Phase 2 until the situation stabilized and the virus controlled. Of course, the intent is to avoid moving backward if it all possible.

A total of five counties are in Phase 1, one county is in a modified version of Phase 1, 25 counties are in Phase 2 and eight counties are in Phase 3.

Public Health Releases “Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Masking to Prevent COVID19 Transmission”

View the question and answer document here:

<https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=509>

Jefferson County Elected Officials Share Mask Tips

Jefferson County Treasurer Stacie Prada and Clerk Ruth Gordon share mask wearing tips and talk about social conventions in Jefferson County in a new YouTube video; watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny1LE9o917U>

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