



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Sept. 3, 2020

New program to help with meals for students

Students in grades K-12 who currently receive free or reduced-cost meals at school can now get extra food benefits through a program called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT. The program is for all students regardless of citizenship or immigration status. **The deadline to apply is Friday, September 11 at 5:00 PM.** Apply online at WashingtonConnection.org or by calling the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) at 877-501-2233 (translation available). For more information about the program, go to:

<https://publichealthinsider.com/2020/09/01/what-is-pandemic-ebt-get-help-buying-groceries-while-schools-are-closed/>

FEMA to cut some PPE funding

According to a report obtained by National Public Radio (NPR), effective Sept. 15, FEMA will no longer reimburse states for personal protective equipment to include face masks used in non-emergency settings such as schools or courthouses. According to Keith Turi, a FEMA assistant administrator for recovery, “supporting schools and other functions—courthouses and other related functions—are not a direct emergency protective measure and therefore not eligible for Public Assistance. Another FEMA official stated PPE for schoolteachers, election poll workers, town or city clerks, public works employees, medical staff and all other government employees to perform their day-to-day duties would likely not be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. The official further stated costs for PPE will be considered an operating cost for public agencies as opposed to an emergency cost. The entire NPR article can be read at <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/09/01/908413181/fema-says-it-will-stop-paying-for-cloth-face-masks-for-schools>.

Wildfire smoke could drift into Puget Sound region

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has reported that wildfire smoke from California fires could drift north into the Puget Sound area today and tomorrow. Pollution levels could reach an unhealthy state for sensitive populations. If the air looks or smells smoky, limit time spent outdoors. For more information go to www.pscleanair.gov/wildfires.

Washington declared best state for workers

Oxfam America, an organization working to end poverty, has ranked Washington as the number one state for workers based on protections, healthcare and unemployment during the COVID pandemic. More information here:

https://www.bigcountrynewsconnection.com/local/washington-ranked-1-state-to-work-during-covid-19-according-to-oxfam-america-rankings/article_c3c336e8-ed57-11ea-8ea1-abe42ac2f8fb.html.

Dept. of Health monitoring vaccine efforts

The Washington State Dept. of Health is closely monitoring the development of a COVID-19 vaccine, according to a Sept. 2 press release. For more information, go to <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom>.

Where to get face masks

In Jefferson County, free masks are available for anyone at Safeway, QFC/Hadlock, Quilcene Village Store, Food Coop, Dept. of Public Health. Free Masks are also available for our low-income populations at Olycap, Food Banks and Dept. of Public Health. To report a business not following statewide face mask directives: <https://lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F418-052-000.pdf>

Cases by Age

<19	9
20-29	4
30-39	12
40-49	5
50-59	6
60-69	17
70-79	13
80+	4

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	36 (51%)
Male	34 (49%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	36
Mid-County	27
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	7

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	70
Negative	6804
Percent Positive	1.02%
Test Results Pending	26
Total Patients Tested	6900
Total Patients Recovered*	55
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Aug 16 - Aug 29)**	28.21

Last results received 9/3/2020. 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: 9/3/2020 at 11:35 a.m.

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
8/31/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	70-79

% Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
8/3/2020-8/9/2020	347	2	0.58%
8/10/2020-8/16/2020	416	6	1.44%
8/17/2020-8/23/2020	469	7	1.49%
8/24/2020-8/30/2020	455	3	0.66%

Links to local school reopening plans

Port Townsend School District OCEAN program (<http://www.ptschools.org/schools/ocean>).

Port Townsend High School: https://ptschools.org/for_families/coronavirus.

Chimacum School District reopening plans can be found at

<https://www.csd49.org/userfiles/181/my%20files/chimacum%20school%20district%20reopening%20plans%202020-21.pdf?id=9535>.

Brinnon School District reopening plans: <https://www.bsd46.org>.

Quilcene School District reopening plans: <https://www.qsd48.org/District/Department/97-Re-opening-2020-2021.html>.