



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Oct. 19, 2020

COVID-19 transmission increasing in western Washington

Transmission of the COVID-19 virus is increasing in western Washington and plateauing in eastern Washington according to information released by the Washington State Department of Health last week. Case counts in western Washington are increasing across all age groups and over broad geographic areas which suggests increases are due to broad community spread, not driven by a single type of activity or setting.

Both the Clallam and Jefferson County health officers continue to remind community members to practice social distancing and hand washing, wear a facemask when out in public. "We are at the time where we have to make the most serious effort we've ever made to control this in the months ahead," said Dr. Tom Locke.

Jefferson County had one new case over the weekend. There have been nine new cases in the last two weeks, Locke said. "We are bracing for a third wave in the next three months," he added. The weather is not in our favor. During colder weather times, people will be spending more time inside and that together with holiday gatherings promotes virus spread. "Quarantine fatigue is a real factor. People are so tired of the restrictions they are abandoning them and mingling more with family and friends," said Locke.

Dr. Locke reported that schools are open and doing well with screening people and safety protocols. The schools in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap counties will be making

major revisions to the safety protocols this week making it easier and more sustainable than what was initially put together. In response to questions asked about safety issues in bussing students to and from schools, Locke said masking and separating students on the bus have worked to prevent any possible transmissions. The exposure time being limited on the bus ride time and the ability for windows to be open to circulate fresh air have helped. Locke said he will meet with area school superintendents again tomorrow.

Application deadline for business grants extended

Jefferson County Coronavirus Relief Fund Grants and Working Washington 2.0 Business Grants have both been extended until October 25. To apply, go to <https://www.edcteamjefferson.org/COVID19>

THANK YOU FOR WEARING A MASK.

YOU'RE SAVING LIVES.

**Mask Up
To open up, Washington!**

coronavirus.wa.gov



Where to get facemasks

Safeway Food Store; Food Coop; Quilcene Village Store; QFC-Port Hadlock; **Masks for low-income families are available at:** Public Health in Port Townsend; Olycap; YMCA and area Food Banks.

Cases by Age

<19	9
20-29	5
30-39	13
40-49	6
50-59	9
60-69	19
70-79	16
80+	4

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	40 (49%)
Male	41 (51%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	41
Mid-County	31
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	9

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	81
Negative	9686
Percent Positive	0.82%
Test Results Pending	79
Total Patients Tested	9846
Total Patients Recovered*	71
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Oct 4 - Oct 17)**	21.94

Last results received 10/19/2020. 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: 10/19/2020 at 2:01 PM