



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

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COVID case count increasing

We are definitely in the early stages of the third wave for COVID-19 for fall and winter, said Jefferson County Health Officer Dr. Tom Locke during today's Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Here in Jefferson County, there has been an increase of eight cases in the past week and as of today, the current case rate is 34.48% per 100,000 population. There is also an increase in cold-like symptoms among people in the county, but there is no influenza in Washington state right now.

Locke said it is important for people to realize that any respiratory illness should be considered to be COVID-19 until proven otherwise. Anyone with respiratory symptoms should be tested. COVID-19 transmission is linked to behavior—how well we adhere to masking, social distancing, personal hygiene, traveling and out of town visitors, said Dr. Locke.

Some good news announced this morning came from Pfizer who reported 90% efficacy for a vaccine which puts it up there with some of the best vaccines ever developed, according to Locke. Pfizer projects they will have 10-20 million doses available by the middle or late part of December if the vaccine is licensed.

"We'll be ready to go in December," Locke said. Vaccines will be given first to ICU healthcare workers, first responders and ambulance drivers. "When a vaccine is in short supply, you need to prioritize immunization," said Locke. Teachers, law enforcement officers, central service workers and individuals considered to be of medium risk in the 50-65 age range with high blood pressure and asthma would be the next to receive the vaccine.

Dr. Locke also responded to a question from a Commissioner Sullivan about how people should go back to their pods after they have been with others over the holidays. There are many things to consider, said Locke. People need to look at the possible risk factors in the situation they will be going to that should include ventilation, hygiene and whether anyone they will be visiting with has been exposed to COVID-19 from another source. The risk will be higher around Thanksgiving than it is now and higher still at Christmas.

COVID-19 cases spreading across the state

According to the Washington State Dept. of Health, the number of new COVID cases reported last week has increased every day reflecting a surge that began in mid-September. Concern is growing with colder months, holidays and respiratory virus season all occurring at the same time.

"These increases reflect the impact of our collective decisions and behavior. Each one of us needs to take immediate action to avoid new restrictions and prevent our hospitals from becoming overwhelmed," said Deputy Secretary of Health for COVID-19 Response Lacy Fehrenbach.

As the holidays approach, everyone should take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Limit in-person gatherings as much as you can.
- Always wear a face covering when you're around people who don't live with you.
- Talk to your family and friends about alternate ways to celebrate the holidays.
- Make a safety plan for in-person gatherings.
- Stay home if you're sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Keep up your good hygiene habits.

Vaccine distribution plan updates from DOH

Last Thursday, the State Dept. of Health (DOH) released a progress report on plans for distributing the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. The DOH has collaborated with the State Hospital Association and health care coalitions to identify and invite facilities for the first phase of vaccine administration, according to the report. To keep up with the distribution planning and get answers to frequently asked questions, log on to <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/Vaccine>



Cases by Age

0-19	14
20-29	5
30-39	14
40-49	10
50-59	11
60-69	22
70-79	16
80+	5

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	45 (46%)
Male	52 (54%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	44
Mid-County	41
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	12

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	97
Negative	11,153
Percent Positive	0.86%
Test Results Pending	58
Total Tests Administered	11,308
Total Patients Recovered*	84
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Oct 25 - Nov 7)**	34.48

Last results received 11/9/2020. 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: 11/9/2020 at 3:40 PM

Cases in Last 4 Weeks

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
11/9/2020	2	Port Townsend, South-County	M, F	30-39, 40-49
11/9/2020	3	Mid-County	M, M, M	0-19, 0-19, 50-59
11/5/2020	1	Mid-County	M	0-19
11/4/2020	1	Mid-County	F	40-49
11/3/2020	1	Mid-County	F	0-19
11/2/2020	1	Mid-County	M	40-49
10/30/2020	1	Mid-County	F	80-89
10/26/2020	2	both Mid-County	M, M	40-49, 0-19
10/23/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	60-69
10/22/2020	3	1 Port Townsend; 2 South County	F, F, M	50-59, 60-69, 60-69
10/19/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	30-39
10/13/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	50-59