



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Dec. 14, 2020

Governor extends restrictions

On Tues. Dec. 8, Gov. Inslee announced a three-week extension of the current restrictions, as well as an economic aid additional package to help the people having difficult times as a result of these restrictions. “What we do now, when COVID activity is still at crisis levels, and the time when vaccines are widely available, is literally a matter of life and death,” said Inslee. The restrictions extension will now be in place until January 4, 2021 and comes at a time when the state’s healthcare system nears dangerous occupancy levels. Inslee, together with Dept. of Commerce Director, Lisa Brown also announced an additional \$50 million in aid for those businesses that have been impacted through the pandemic. Inslee also announced the state’s readiness to step in should congress fail to extend the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance funding in the CARES Act by the end of the year. According to the Governor’s office, Washington will be able to fill some of the funding gap for residents who aren’t eligible for regular Unemployment Insurance, such as self-employed workers, freelancers and independent contractors.

Vaccine approved by Western States Workgroup

On Sunday, Dec. 13, Gov. Inslee announced the Western States Scientific Review Workgroup approved the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine after the FDA and CDC gave their approval. The Western States Workgroup members are vaccine experts from Washington, California, Oregon and Nevada who have been meeting to review the data and analysis to ensure the safety and efficacy of all vaccines federally authorized, according to a press release from the Governor’s office. The first doses of the vaccine are expected to arrive in Washington today and will be administered as early as Tuesday. The first groups to get the vaccine will be health care workers—especially those who are working with COVID patients, long-term care residents and tribal governments across the state. Gov. Inslee also cautioned that we will need to continue wearing our face masks, practice social distance and refrain from large gatherings.

Pfizer vaccine to arrive here this week

At today’s Board of County Commissioners meeting, Jefferson County Public Health Officer Dr. Tom Locke said approximately three million doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be delivered to 145 sites in Washington State this week and Jefferson County is one of those sites. “In Washington State, frontline health care workers, those who work within six feet of others or work with patients who have COVID-19; frontline first responders such as Paramedics and EMTs, and staff and residents at long-term care facilities,” Locke said. The vaccine will be in short supply for the next three months. Exact priorities for other groups have not been finalized, but the State recognizes that food workers and teachers, Law enforcement and government employees are essential workers. Locke also said that people should look long and hard at their holiday plans and seriously consider celebrating with just those embers of their household and avoid travel, especially international travel to Mexico. To listen to Dr. Locke’s responses to all submitted questions, log on to <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us>, click on *Videos of Meeting* then select *Recorded*.

Ways to Support Local Businesses

- Be understanding of changes in hours and services
- Purchase gift cards to use at a later time
- Shop local online
- Stock up at local stores and businesses
- Pay with plastic when possible
- Check in with business owners & employees
- Order food for takeout or delivery
- Donate to charities with items from local stores
- Share their posts on social media

Cases by Age

0-19	29
20-29	20
30-39	27
40-49	18
50-59	22
60-69	39
70-79	27
80+	13

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	99 (51%)
Male	96 (49%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	100
Mid-County	75
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	20

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	195
Negative	14,205
Percent Positive	1.35%
Test Results Pending	48
Total Tests Administered	14,448
Active Cases in Isolation	10
Total Patients Recovered*	137
Cases Ever Hospitalized	16
Deaths	1
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Nov 29 - Dec 12)**	94.04

Last results received 12/14/2020. 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: 12/14/2020 at 2:38 PM

Cases in Last 4 Weeks

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
12/14/2020	2	Port Townsend	M, M	0-19, 50-59
12/14/2020	2	Mid-County	F, F	0-19, 20-29
12/10/2020	1	Mid-County	1	60-69
12/9/2020	3	Mid-County	F, M, M	40-49, 40-49, 50-59
12/9/2020	2	Port Townsend	F, M	0-19, 0-19