



# Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



## Community Situation Report

### 2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

**Jan. 11, 2021**

#### **Vaccinations remain the lead topic**

Dr. Locke responded to several questions during the Board of County Commissioners meeting this morning. Answering a question about case increases in Jefferson County Locke said it's due to holiday travel, family gatherings and the time of year.

He cautioned that after a person is fully vaccinated, that's not the time to change the good habits (masking, social distancing, sanitizing) that county residents have followed over the past months. He also commented about the low rates for the virus in teenagers suggestive of the fact that school-aged populations are behaving very responsibly right now.

Regarding contact tracers calling area residents, people often do not answer their phones because they don't recognize the number the call is coming from. The callers will, however, leave a message and need to hear back from people.

Consider signing up for the new cellphone application, WANotify that will alert you if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus. For more information go to:

<https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/wanotify/>

In response to questions about the variant strain of COVID-19, Locke said the Pfizer vaccine was tested out and, as expected, would protect against the strain. Currently, the State Dept. of Health is working to clearly define those who will be in the next group for vaccinations. "Right now, we're going to focus on the over-70 population until we get clarification from the state. That is a huge group," Locke said.

#### **State reveals recovery plan**

Last Monday, Gov. Inslee announced the state's next push to ease some restrictions using a phased plan that will depend on the combined status of all 39 counties grouped into eight regions. Jefferson County is part of the Northwest region together with Clallam, Kitsap and Mason counties.

The two-phased plan will require that regions must meet four metrics that include:

- 10% decreasing trend in case rates
- 10% decrease in COVID hospital admissions
- Test Positivity of less than 10%
- ICU occupancy (total) of less than 90%

A region's phase will be determined by the State Department of Health (DOH) every Friday and become effective the following Monday. Regions must meet all four metrics to move from Phase 1 to Phase 2.

All regions will stay in Phase 1 until next Monday, Jan. 18. Dr. Shah, Washington State Secretary of Health, said that while Washingtonians have made progress to move to Phase 2, ". . .we are just not ready to do so now." Once a region meets all four required health metrics for three of the past four weeks, they will be permitted to move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 where some relaxation in regulations will take place. Masks and social distancing will still be required for all activities statewide. To read the entire Healthy Washington—Roadmap to Recovery document, go to:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/data-tables/421-006-RoadmapToRecovery1-8-2021.pdf>

## Next vaccination phases defined

Mid-January is the scheduled timeline for the state to move to Phase b1 for the distribution of COVID vaccinations to individuals 70 years or older and all people 50 years or older in multigenerational households.

According to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), “Our state is still in phase 1A for start phase 1B, we will let our communities know how and where to get vaccine.” To view a graphic that shows the groups and the timeline for phase 1B, go to:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VaccinationPhasesInfographic.pdf>

vaccinations and will continue to be for the next few weeks. Many pharmacies, clinics and hospitals are vaccinating people in 1A1 (tier 1), and others have moved to 1A2 (tier 2). While phase 1A is still the priority, we hope that the release of phase 1B guidance will help facilities, counties and individuals plan for the months ahead. Once we’re ready to

Currently, the Tier 1 priority for vaccinations remains at Phase 1a and includes vaccinations for high-risk workers in health care settings, high-risk first responders and resident and staff of nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other community-based, congregate settings.

### Cases by Age

0-19	40
20-29	26
30-39	34
40-49	24
50-59	32
60-69	50
70-79	33
80+	18

### Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	132 (51.4%)
Male	125 (48.6%)

### Cases by Location

Port Townsend	114
Mid-County	118
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	25

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	257
Negative	16,079
Percent Positive	1.57%
Test Results Pending	40
Total Tests Administered	16,376
Active Cases in Isolation	19
Total Patients Recovered*	202
Cases Ever Hospitalized	22
Deaths	2
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Dec 27-Jan 9)**	125.39

Last results received 1/11/2020. 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: 1/11/2020 at 4:03 PM.

### Cases in Last 4 Weeks

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
1/11/2021	1	Port Townsend	M	50-59
1/11/2021	3	Mid-County	F, M, M	20-29, 20-29, 50-59
1/8/2021	1	Mid-County	F	50-59
1/8/2021	2	Port Townsend	F, M	40-49, 60-69
1/7/2021	1	Port Townsend	F	60-69
1/7/2021	3	Mid-County	M, F, M	50-59, 60-69, 60-69
1/7/2021	4	Mid-County	F, F, F, F	0-19, 0-19, 0-19, 20-29
1/7/2021	1	South County	F	0-19

