



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

Jan. 25, 2021

COVID: One year

Last Thurs., Jan. 21 marked one year since the first case of COVID-19 was discovered in Washington state.

Through the days and months, Washington residents have been doing well because people have worn masks, practiced social distance and good hygiene, according to Dr. Umair Shah, Secretary of Health.

“We still have high levels of COVID in the state and are seeing an uptick and variants of the virus,” Shah said.

“We need to continue measures to rid the state of the virus. Our goal is to vaccinate 45,000 people per day. We are at about one-third of that now and building the capacity for 45,000 when more vaccine is delivered,” Shah said.

Here in Jefferson County, vaccination clinics are on hiatus this next week as they wait for the delivery of more vaccine. At this time, all eight regions in Washington State are still in Phase 1. In compliance with Gov. Inslee’s Roadmap to Recovery, the State Department of Health (DOH) reviews each region’s progress weekly in meeting the four metrics that need to show a 10% decreasing trend in case rates; 10% decrease in COVID hospital admissions; test positivity of less than 10% and ICU occupancy (total) of less than 90% before moving to Phase 2. Jefferson County is part of the Northwest Region together with Clallam, Kitsap and Mason counties.

The Recovery Dashboard can be found at: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard>

The status of anticipated vaccine delivery and updated information about restarting the vaccination clinics can be found on Jefferson Healthcare’s webpage at www.jeffersonhealthcare.org/covid-19-vaccine.

Local Update from Dr. Locke

There are now two different vaccines available in Jefferson County, Pfizer, which requires stringent handling and now seeing more of the Moderna vaccine. Both are two-shot vaccinations. There is no national or state plan to deviate from the two-shot plan. Both

vaccines are highly effective if both shots are given. There is no data for getting just one shot, but either one would probably be 50 percent or less effective, according to Dr. Locke. Regarding which age group or groups get vaccinated next, the Governor and the State Board of Health control the allocation of the vaccine and we are not authorized to deviate from those priorities. We are trying to save lives by vaccinating those who are at the highest risk of losing their lives if they were to get the virus, said Locke. Even after you have been vaccinated, masking, social distancing and practicing good hygiene will still be required. It will be important to maintain all transmission preventions until probably mid-summer.

Regarding vaccinations for those individuals in multigenerational households, if you are a grandparent over the age of 50 caring for your grandchildren, for example, you meet the necessary criteria to receive a vaccination. Also, if you are a caretaker of an elderly, dependent adult, you would meet the multigenerational definition. **For the latest information about vaccinations go to <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19>.**

Volunteers still needed

During the Commissioner’s Meeting today, Jefferson County Emergency Management Director Willie Bence said volunteers at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) are staffing the phone bank for vaccine appointments. “We continue to seek volunteers and are doing well getting people who are not medically trained but we do need help from individuals who are still licensed MDs, RNs or EMTs when the larger, mass community vaccination events take place,” said Bence. Interested volunteers can send an email to JCDEM@co.jefferson.wa.us.

Cases by Age

0-19	44
20-29	27
30-39	37
40-49	34
50-59	35
60-69	54
70-79	34
80+	18

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	146 (51.6%)
Male	137 (48.4%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	127
Mid-County	129
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	27

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	283
Negative	16,917
Percent Positive	1.65%
Test Results Pending	32
Total Tests Administered	17,232
Active Cases in Isolation	16
Total Patients Recovered*	227
Cases Ever Hospitalized	22
Deaths	2
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Jan 10-23)**	72.10

Last results received 1/25/2021. 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: 1/25/2021 at 3:40 PM.

Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

Week of:	Case Rate
12/20/20-01/02/21	94.04
12/27/20-01/09/21	125.39
01/03/21-01/16/21	115.99
01/10/21-01/23/21	72.10

% Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
12/28/20-01/03/21	393	17	4.33%
01/04/21-01/10/21	534	17	3.18%
01/11/21-01/17/21	434	14	3.23%
01/18/21-01/24/21	422	10	2.37%

Cases in Last 4 Weeks

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
1/25/2021	1	Mid-County	F	30-39
1/25/2021	3	Port Townsend	M, F, F	40-49, 40-49, 50-59

<https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/1466/Case-Information>