



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

April 5, 2021

All 16+ will be eligible for vaccine on April 15

Last Wednesday, Gov. Inslee announced that all Washingtonians age 16 and older will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. The expansion of eligibility has come about in part because of a recent uptick in COVID cases in the state. “We have concerns about the trends we are seeing across the state and we must be cautious. Opening up full eligibility will be one tool to help in the fight against the virus,” said Inslee.

Local update from Dr. Locke

“The news is not good,” Dr. Locke said this morning referring to an up-swing in COVID cases throughout the country. There were 64,000 new cases reported per day in the US, and the number may actually be higher because testing is down, Dr. Locke said. “Variants are the dominate things. Modelers think we may have as much as 35% new cases that are B.1.1.7, the UK variant,” Locke said. By mid-April, half the cases in Washington will be the UK variant. Another concern is the variant coming out of California (B.1.4.2.7.)

“We are struggling to sustain the capacity for vaccinating,” Locke said. The goal is to vaccinate the county as fast as we can. We are in a race between the virus and vaccine. We must continue to wear masks, social distance and practice good hygiene and maintain vaccination efforts.

We have to deal with vaccine hesitancy. “We have a lot on our plate in the coming months,” Locke said. Working with people who are hesitant about getting vaccinated, trying to scare them doesn’t work. Some people are philosophically opposed to vaccines— not all of them necessarily, but just this one. The current vaccines are highly effective, Locke said. Getting advice from a trusted health adviser or a family member can help. “Now is the time to make a decision and move forward.”

Responding to a question about eating in restaurants and traveling, Locke said that more outbreaks are now being associated with restaurants. As for traveling, he said there are a lot of control measures in airports. The risk of travel is more to do with where you go and what you do when you get there.

Upcoming vaccination clinics in Jefferson County

The next mass vaccination clinic at Chimacum School District Multi-Purpose Room will be April 17, from 9AM to Noon for second doses. First doses will be available in the afternoon from 1 to 3PM on April 17. To schedule an appointment, go to www.bit.ly/jeffcovax or call **360-344-9791**.

Jefferson County Public Health together with the Department of Emergency Management will be supporting the Tri-Area Pharmacy at a clinic at Quilcene High School on Saturday, April 10 from 9AM to Noon. To make an appointment, go to www.bit.ly/quilcenevax or call 360-344-9791.

Vaccine ‘breakthrough’ confirmed in Washington State

The State department of Health (DOH) is investigating people who have tested positive for COVID-19 more than two weeks after being fully vaccinated. Referred to as “vaccine breakthrough” cases, this happens with any vaccine, according to scientists. Out of one million fully vaccinated people in Washington State, epidemiologists have reported evidence of 102 breakthrough cases or .01 percent of vaccinated people in Washington cases since February.

Cases by Age

0-19	70
20-29	38
30-39	47
40-49	37
50-59	41
60-69	62
70-79	37
80+	19

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	172 (49.0%)
Male	179 (51.0%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	155
Mid-County	160
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	36

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	351
Active Cases in Isolation	7
Negative	20,832
Percent Positive	1.66%
Test Results Pending	56
Total Tests Administered	21,239
Total Patients Recovered*	336
Cases Ever Hospitalized	25
Deaths	2
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Mar 21 - Apr 3)**	21.94

Last results received 4/5/2021. 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: 4/5/2021 at 2:56 P.M.

Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

Week of:	Case Rate
02/21/21-03/06/21	15.67
02/28/21-03/13/21	3.13
03/07/21-03/20/21	25.08
03/21/21-04/03/21	21.94

% Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
03/01/21-03/07/21	379	0	0.00%
03/08/21-03/14/21	370	1	0.30%
03/15/21-03/21/21	357	7	1.96%
03/22/21-03/28/21	358	0	0.00%
03/29/21-04/4/21	392	7	1.79%