



**Jefferson County
Department of Emergency Management**



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

May 10, 2021

Counties to stay in current phases

Last Tuesday, Gov. Inslee stated that counties experiencing an increase in COVID cases or hospitalizations due to cases would not be moved back to a more restrictive phase for another two weeks. At that time, each county will be re-evaluated. Currently, all 39 counties are in Phase 3 except for Pierce, Cowlitz and Whitman which were rolled back to Phase 2 last month. “We are at the intersection of progress and failure, and we cannot veer from the path of progress,” Inslee said. Dr. Umair Shah, Secretary of Health said, “vaccines are one of the most important tools we have to fight this pandemic.”

Easily find a vaccine near you

The Biden administration has launched a website and text line to help people find available vaccines near them, according to information posted on NPR. Go to <https://www.npr.org/2021/04/30/992591012/need-a-covid-19-vaccine-biden-admin-launches-getvax-textline-and-other-search-to> for more information. A national 1-800 hotline in multiple languages will soon be announced, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. www.Vacines.gov helps people locate pharmacies and other providers that have COVID-19 vaccines just by typing in your zip code. A Spanish version of the site, www.Vacunas.gov is also available.

Governor signs Fair Start for Kids Act

Last Friday, Gov. Inslee signed SB 5237, legislation that will make child care more accessible and affordable for families in Washington state. The Fair Start for Kids Act takes a multi-pronged approach at solving the childcare crisis in Washington state. More information can be found at <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-signs-fair-start-for-kids-act-to-expand-access-to-child-care-f794470055c0>.

Jefferson County COVID-19 Updates

In his weekly report to the Board of County Commissioners, Dr. Locke said Jefferson County is leading the state for a fully vaccinated population. Almost 61% have had their first dose. “We are looking at those unvaccinated particularly the homebound or people with work schedule issues and/or geographic isolation making them unable to get to a vaccination clinic,” he said. “We really want to target those individuals and those who are vaccine-hesitant,” Locke said. “We are looking at July 4 for most to have had their first dose. We might see outbreaks during the summer and the risk for the unvaccinated will go up during the summer months,” Locke added.

Addressing the 12-15 age group, Locke said we will likely know the status of that group’s eligibility by next week. “That’s not a huge group here in Jefferson County—about one-thousand.” Dr. Locke was asked to define the difference between an endemic and a pandemic and replied that a pandemic is a global epidemic and an endemic is when the infection never really goes away. “Almost everyone believes that SARS COVID-19 will be an endemic. We will continue to see outbreaks, but they won’t justify the types of restrictions we are currently employing,” he said. It might turn out that we won’t be able to go to some things unless we are fully vaccinated and there could be restrictions on travel and other things.

Responding to a question about whether other healthcare workers such as dentists, physical therapists and long-term care staff members are vaccinated, Dr. Locke said that’s not something there is data about. Vaccination for those types of healthcare workers might become mandatory this summer when the vaccines are fully approved beyond just being approved for emergency use.

Cases by Age

0-19	78
20-29	43
30-39	61
40-49	41
50-59	52
60-69	72
70-79	38
80+	20

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	196 (48.4%)
Male	209 (51.6%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	171
Mid-County	189
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	45

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	405
Active Cases in Isolation	9
Negative	22,788
Percent Positive	1.75%
Test Results Pending	47
Total Tests Administered	23,240
Total Patients Recovered*	365
Cases Ever Hospitalized	27
Deaths	3
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (April 25-May 8)**	62.7

Last results received 5/10/2021. 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: 5/10/2021 at 1:13 P.M.

Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

Week of:	Case Rate
04/4/21-04/17/21	75.24
04/11/21-04/24/21	65.83
04/18/21-05/01/21	62.70
04/25/21-05/08/21	62.70

% Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
04/12/21-04/18/21	417	14	3.39%
04/19/21-04/25/21	399	7	1.75%
04/26/21-05/02/21	416	12	2.88%
05/03/21-05/09/21	341	8	2.35%

For details on the timeline for reported cases see the Epidemiologic Curves tab for Jefferson County on the [WA DOH COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).