



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

June 21, 2021

Jefferson County COVID update

Dr. Locke reported today that vaccination rates in Jefferson County are still among the highest in the state with nearly 69% of individuals 12 and older being fully vaccinated. The group with the highest vaccination rate includes those 65 and older.

Regarding variants, they have different kinds of spike proteins which allows COVID to invade our cells, Locke said. Some of the variants are able to suppress the body's immunity to the virus and they can multiply more effectively.

The Alpha variant (formerly referred to as the UK variant) is now dropping in frequency here in the US. The Gamma (Brazil) variant is increasing in the US and is linked to British Columbia. Also, it causes more serious disease with an increase in hospitalizations and it's more virulent.

The Delta variant (India) has increase by 6% nationally and is the one that is surging, according to Locke. All of the variants are more infectious and they are vaccine-sensitive, but with a high antibody level. "Make sure you get the second dose as that gives you a high antibody level," Locke said. "We are really concerned about a variant that might surface and be resistant to vaccines," he added.

Responding to questions about future guidelines once the current restrictions have been lifted, Locke said he didn't believe the CDC was going to change their guidelines anytime soon. If you are unvaccinated, you should continue to wear a mask indoors. The CDC recommends that those who are fully vaccinated and are indoors with unvaccinated individuals should still wear a mask. There will still be a requirement that people who are unvaccinated should wear masks indoors. This will be on the honor system however, any business owner who wants to verify vaccination status has the right to do so. Jefferson County masking requirement will expire with the state's requirement expires. "I want to reiterate—when this change happens, it will make things less safe for those who are unvaccinated," said Locke

Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Director Willie Bence announced a busy week ahead for vaccination opportunities in the county starting with a clinic on **June 23**, 9:30-2PM at the **Tri-Area Food Bank** on Chimacum Road.

On Friday, **June 25**, there will be another clinic opened in the parking lot at **Sunrise Coffee** in Port Townsend from 3-7PM that will be convenient for those who work in the boat yard or individuals on their way home from work.

On Saturday, **June 26**, vaccinations will be offered at the **PT Farmers Market** from 10AM-1PM.

Walk-ins are welcome at any of the aforementioned clinics or appointments can be made by calling **360-344-9791**.

"We are working on setting up a Sunday clinic for individuals who can't get a vaccination on any other day of the week," Bence said.

Responding to a question about how long DEM's call center will remain functioning, Bence the center will stay open until the end of July. "We hope to be able to provide more information to callers about where people can go to get tested," he said. DEM is willing to keep the call center open as long as there is a need for it.

"I want to take this opportunity to say how much we have appreciated all the help we have received from our volunteers," Bence stated. "Through April of 2021, 308 individuals have volunteered to help in some capacity to include 65 doctors and nurses and seven others who have been helping us since the beginning of the pandemic. "Over 6,247 volunteer hours have been documented with the FEMA reimbursable rate coming in at just under \$200,000. By the end of June, the hours will be somewhere near 8,000 or \$253,000. We give a huge **THANK YOU** to all who have stepped up to help."

Cases by Age

0-19	85
20-29	47
30-39	67
40-49	46
50-59	58
60-69	77
70-79	42
80+	21

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	210 (47.4%)
Male	233 (52.7%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	181
Mid-County	206
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	56

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	443
Active Cases in Isolation	8
Negative	24824
Percent Positive	1.75%
Test Results Pending	28
Total Tests Administered	25295
Total Patients Recovered*	414
Cases Ever Hospitalized	31
Deaths	4
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (June 6-June 19)**	68.97

Last results received 6/21/2021. 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: 6/21/2021 at 1:04 P.M.