



# Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



## Community Situation Report

**2020 COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Sept. 14, 2020**

### Wildfire smoke and COVID-19

Wildfire smoke can cause symptoms ranging from the annoying — eye, nose, and throat irritation — to the dangerous — wheezing, coughing, and shortness of breath, according to the State Department of Health. Wildfire smoke is especially harmful for children, pregnant women, and people who are over 65. And if you already have a heart or lung condition like asthma or COVID-19, breathing in wildfire smoke can make it worse. Take steps to keep smoke out and have better indoor air quality. Stay informed about wildfire smoke: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com>. For more information go to: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/AirQuality/SmokeFromFires>.

Additional information about wildfires can be found at <https://www.dnr.wa.gov>.

### Where to get facemasks in Jefferson County

Facemasks are available for purchase at the following locations: Safeway Food Store, the Food Coop, Quilcene Village Store, and QFC in Port Hadlock. Masks for low-income families are available at the Public Health Dept. in Port Townsend, Olycap, YMCA and area Food Banks.

### Advice from Public Health Medical Director

At the county commissioners meeting Monday, Sept. 14, Dr. Locke encouraged people to get a flu vaccination this year. “If you have a weak immune system and get vaccinated too early, the immunity wears off,” Locke said. “September is okay and October is ideal to get vaccinated as the flu outbreak this year will probably be late. Anyone over six months of age should get a flu shot,” according to Locke. Vaccinations will be available at pharmacies and Jefferson Healthcare will have a drive-thru site. Dr. Locke also said he is meeting with the county’s school superintendents every week and preparing for a COVID vaccine. He said he is not expecting a vaccine to be available this year and expressed concerns about clinical trials. Right now according to several polls, fifty percent of the general public would not get the vaccine if it was available. Information about who will receive it first and distribution plans will be forthcoming.

### New social media campaign--#MaskUpMonday

Jefferson County Public Health is running a social media campaign that could feature YOU! Volunteers may submit a photo and a response to the question: “Why do you wear a mask?” to [landerson@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:landerson@co.jefferson.wa.us) as a jpeg or png. Use the same email to request a photo release form you must sign before your picture can be posted. Everyone in the picture will need to sign a photo release. Include up to two sentences in response to the question: “Why do you wear a mask?” Picture and sentence(s) will go out on social media every Monday over the next few months. We will be highlighting one or two participants each Monday. Posts may be edited for clarity, length, etc. Submission is not a guarantee of a post.

### LINKS TO MORE INFORMATION:

- Jefferson County Public Health: <https://co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19>
- Jefferson Co. Public Health Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersoncountypublichealth/>
- Jefferson County Gov. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffcowagov/>
- Dept. of Emergency Management: <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/950/Dept-of-Emergency-Management>
- Washington Gov. Inslee’s webpage: <https://www.governor.wa.us>

## Cases by Age

<19	9
20-29	4
30-39	12
40-49	5
50-59	6
60-69	17
70-79	14
80+	4

## Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	37 (52%)
Male	34 (48%)

## Cases by Location

Port Townsend	37
Mid-County	27
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	7

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	71
Negative	7357
Percent Positive	0.96%
Test Results Pending	71
Total Patients Tested	7499
Total Patients Recovered*	61
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Aug 30 - Sep 12)**	3.13

Last results received 9/14/2020. 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: 9/14/2020 at 1:45 PM

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
8/31/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	70-79
9/14/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	70-79

## % Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
8/17/2020-8/23/2020	469	7	1.49%
8/24/2020-8/30/2020	455	3	0.66%
8/31/2020-9/5/2020	365	0	0.00%
9/6/2020-9/12/2020	330	1	0.30%