



# Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



## Community Situation Report

**2020 COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Sept. 24, 2020**

**Inslee issues new guidance for miscellaneous venues**  
On Tuesday, Sept. 22, Gov. Jay Inslee issued new [guidance](#) for miscellaneous venues, including convention/conference centers, designated meeting spaces in hotels, events centers and other similar venues as part of Washington's [Safe Start](#) phased reopening plan. The guidance allows business meetings, professional development training and testing, and substantially similar activities to occur away from business premises and with additional attendees, as long as all requirements are met. Businesses must meet and maintain all requirements, including providing materials, schedules and equipment need to comply and conduct only those activities that are allowed under their county's phase status. To read the entire guidance document go to:  
[https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Phase%20%20and%20Phase%203%20Misc%20Venue%20Guidance.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Phase%20%20and%20Phase%203%20Misc%20Venue%20Guidance.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

### **Reminder: Burn ban includes campfires and use of charcoal briquettes**

Jefferson County Fire Marshal Brian Tracer is reminding residents there is currently a total burn ban in place in Jefferson County, the State of Washington and within the National Forest here on the Olympic Peninsula. "Though it doesn't look like it, it is still very dry under all that green," Tracer said. The recreational burn could be lifted after approximately one-quarter inch or more of rain falls in a 24-hour period of time. The open debris burn ban usually ends September 30 unless atmospheric conditions dictate otherwise. "We usually look for about two inches of rain or more over a three to five day period of time before allowing open debris burning to resume," said Tracer. Though some rain is forecasted for this week, warmer weather could return the following week. Because of this there is a possibility the open debris burn ban could be extended.

**CARES Act funding requests reviewed by County**  
Last Monday, Jefferson County commissioners met to review the funding requests from six different community groups. Some of the requests had been questioned on the grounds of eligibility and concern about the ability to complete the projects prior to the Nov. 30 deadline. The City of Port Townsend will meet on Monday, Sept. 28 to review funding requests. To see the list of the projects, go to: [www.co.jefferson.wa.us](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us). Click on *Video Meetings*, then click on *Recorded* to view the meeting and related documents. The list of projects is part of the final motion shown on the agenda.

### **Respond to CENSUS 2020**

Time is running out to respond to the 2020 Census! Jefferson County will miss out on funding for critical public services over the next 10 years unless everyone is counted. Respond online at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). or by phone at 844-330-2020.

### **WHERE TO GET FACEMASKS**

Safeway Food Store, Food Coop, Quilcene Village Store, QFC-Port Hadlock; **Masks for low-income families are available at:** Public Health in Port Townsend; Olycap; YMCA and area Food Banks

**Difficulty coping? CALL THE CRISIS HOTLINE at 1-888-910-0416. Other Mental Health Resources can be found at:**

<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1447/Mental-Health-Resources>

## 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	7939
Percent Positive	0.88%
Test Results Pending	23
Total Patients Tested	8033
Total Patients Recovered*	70
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Sep 6 - Sep 19)**	3.13

Last results received 9/24/2020. 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: 9/24/2020 at 12:03 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
8/24/2020-8/30/2020	455	3	0.66%
8/31/2020-9/5/2020	365	0	0.00%
9/6/2020-9/12/2020	330	1	0.30%
9/13/2020-9/19/2020	382	0	0.00%