



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Oct. 26, 2020

Celebrating Halloween Safely

Halloween is this Saturday! Because of COVID-19, we must look at some new ways to celebrate this popular day. For some suggestions go to Jefferson County Public Health web page at:

<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1512/Celebrating-Holidays-Safely>. There are some fun coloring and activity sheets on this site for the younger goblins!

More ideas can be found at the Washington State Department of Health web page:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/HalloweenTips.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0JXhG6QNeFrUw1yJLbcnV4MXThmaVnXmlygIBRNnLXWuGBzYamMiMHXAM>. If you haven't participated in any virtual meetings with family and friends yet, this is the perfect time to sign up. Here are some sites that are easy to use and free:

<https://zoom.us>

<https://www.skype.com/en/>
<https://hangouts.google.com/>

Surge in COVID-19 cases seen nationwide

According to the State Dept. of Health, case numbers in western Washington counties are "climbing at an alarming rate, near or beyond previous peaks in some areas." According to State Health Officer, Dr. Kathy Lofy, the changing weather and people spending more time indoors is to blame for the steady increase happening since September. The increase is in all different age groups, said Lofy.

Other information shared during a press conference on Wed., Oct. 21 came from Michele Roberts, Acting Asst. Secretary for the Dept. of Health who talked about the DOH's vaccine plans submitted to the CDC last Friday. While there is still work to do in developing the plans, Washington state is "well positioned to receive, handle, distribute and administer" the vaccine when it becomes available. For more information:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/vaccine>

Here in Jefferson County, Dr. Locke said during the Board of County Commissioners meeting today that the forecasted third wave for the virus this fall has started

earlier than predicted. In response to questions from community members, Locke said it wasn't necessary for people to sanitize everything that comes from the grocery store, rather continue to focus on hand washing. Regarding testing, Dr. Locke said that Costco now offers a very accurate COVID test for \$130. He also said that testing will become more available and will include a rapid test that can provide results in about 15 minutes. The test kits should be delivered here by the end of the year, he said. Locke also mentioned that it is unlikely the state would be considering moving any counties from Phase 2 to Phase 3 before the election.



Daylight Saving time ends on Sunday, Nov. 1. Before going to bed Saturday night, Oct. 31, turn your clocks back one hour. This is also a good time to put new batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and check the 'best-if-used-by' dates on your emergency food items.



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.

Cases by Age

<19	10
20-29	5
30-39	13
40-49	7
50-59	10
60-69	22
70-79	16
80+	4

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	41 (47%)
Male	46 (53%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	43
Mid-County	33
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	11

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	87
Negative	10,200
Percent Positive	0.85%
Test Results Pending	61
Total Patients Tested	10,348
Total Patients Recovered*	71
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Oct 4 - Oct 17)**	21.94

Last results received 10/26/2020. 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: 10/26/2020 at 5:01 PM

Cases in Last 4 Weeks

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
10/26/2020	2	both Mid-County	M, M	40-49, under 19
10/23/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	60-69
10/22/2020	3	1 Port Townsend; 2 South County	F, F, M	50-59, 60-69, 60-69
10/19/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	30-39
10/13/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	50-59
10/12/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	50-59
10/12/2020	1	Mid-County	M	70-79
10/9/2020	2	both South County	M, M	60-69, 60-69
10/5/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	70-79
10/5/2020	1	Mid-County	F	40-49
10/5/2020	1	Mid-County	M	50-59
10/1/2020	1	Mid-County	F	20-29

*Cases in Last 4 Weeks is measured by the date of testing.