



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

Jan. 4, 2021

Vaccines: A major topic for Dr. Locke

Questions about COVID-19 vaccinations from community members were the lead topic for Dr. Locke at today's Board of County Commissioners meeting. Regarding the new variants of the COVID-19 virus, Dr. Locke said there are actually multiple variants as viruses are always mutating. It is unlikely that any virus could mutate enough to become resistant to the vaccine. In response to a question about the possibility of some medical organizations requiring staff to get vaccinations, Dr. Locke said there are no organizations mandating that staff get vaccinated. "We are depending on the vaccine to sell itself," he said. Even if there are some healthcare workers who say they don't want the vaccine, we think most will embrace it over time. While some health care organizations will require a vaccine to protect patients, that's not likely to happen anytime soon, Locke said. Regarding who gets the vaccine in the next priority group, Locke said the process of developing priority schemes has been in the works for several months. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) came out with specific recommendations for Phase 1a, 1b and 1c. "We follow the priorities set by the State," said Dr. Locke. So far, about 66% of those on the 1a priority list have been vaccinated. "By the middle of January, we will start vaccinating people on the 1b list to include individuals who are 75 years of age and older and certain essential workers," said Locke. "The second dose of the vaccine will be given next week to those from Priority Group 1a who have received the first dose."

One question brought up the issue of age differences between a married couple putting one in priority group 1b and the other person in group 1c. Is it possible for a husband and wife with a slight age difference and living in the same household to be vaccinated the same time? Dr. Locke said he is anticipating that judgement calls for situations like this will be made. "We want to vaccinate people at the same time and will try to cluster together people living in the same household.

The state Department of Health is working on a program called PhaseFinder that will be available online for people to sign up to get an appointment for a vaccination. Plans are to include the program on the

Jefferson County Public Health and Jefferson Healthcare Hospital's respective webpages when the state makes it

Statewide restrictions extended

On Dec. 30, 2020, Gov. Inslee announced the extension of the Stay Safe—Stay Healthy proclamation until January 11, 2021. The proclamation can be found at https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/20-25.11%20-%20COVID-19%20Stay%20Safe-Stay%20Healthy%20%28tmp%29.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery. An updated reopening plan is expected to be released sometime this week. Also extended was the eviction moratorium. The extension continues Proclamation 20-19.5 until March 31, 2021. Read the full proclamation here: https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/proc_20-19.5.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

Vaccination distribution update

The State Department of Health (DOH) updated the Phase 1A guidance for vaccine administration last week. The guidance document can be found here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VaccineAllocationPhase1A.pdf> The DOH is expecting to have more information this week about prioritization decisions in Washington state. The DOH is using the broad Advisory committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidance as a framework, but will need to prioritize within it to match projected vaccine supplies. Gov. Inslee is playing a crucial role in this decision-making process alongside public health experts at DOH. Information will be posted on the DOH website at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/Vaccine>.

STAY THE COURSE!

Mask, Social Distance, Sanitize

Cases by Age

0-19	36
20-29	22
30-39	34
40-49	22
50-59	25
60-69	44
70-79	33
80+	17

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	118 (50.6%)
Male	115 (49.4%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	110
Mid-County	99
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	24

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	233
Negative	15,507
Percent Positive	1.48%
Test Results Pending	52
Total Tests Administered	15,792
Active Cases in Isolation	19
Total Patients Recovered*	194
Cases Ever Hospitalized	19
Deaths	1
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Dec 13-Dec 26)**	87.77

Last results received 1/4/2020. 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: 1/4/2020 at 3:57 PM.

This table will not be updated on 1/1/2021.

Cases in Last 4 Weeks

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
1/4/2021	1	South County	F	50-59
1/4/2021	2	Mid-County	M, F	70-79, 80+
1/4/2021	4	Mid-County	F, F, M, M	40-49, 60-69, 60-69, 70-79
1/4/2021	2	Port Townsend	F, M	60-69, 70-79
1/4/2021	4	Port Townsend	M, F, M, F	0-19, 20-29, 30-39, 30-39
12/30/2020	1	Mid-County	F	80+
12/29/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	30-39
12/28/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	50-59

Male, 0-19, Port Townsend
 Female, 20-29, Port Townsend
 Male, 30-39, Port Townsend
 Female, 30-39, Port Townsend
 Female, 40-49, Mid-County
 Female, 50-59, South-County
 Female, 60-69, Mid-County
 Female, 60-69, Port Townsend
 Male, 60-69, Mid-County
 Male, 70-79, Mid-County
 Male, 70-79, Mid-County
 Male, 70-79, Port Townsend
 Female, 80+, Mid-County

Two cases traveled out-of-state, two cases traveled out-of-county, three cases had visitors from out-of-county, two cases are contacts of family member cases locally, one case had an unknown local exposure, three cases are under investigation.