



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Dec. 28, 2020

Inslee authorizes emergency payment for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance recipients

Sunday, Dec. 27, Gov. Inslee announced a one-time payment in the amount of \$550 for Washington residents who will lose one week of federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) because President Trump did not sign the relief bill until after midnight on Sunday. The emergency payment of \$550, benefits for most PUA recipients, will be issued by the state Employment Security Department (ESD) to those who were in active status the week ending Nov. 21. More information can be found at <https://esd.wa.gov/pandemic-relief>.

Notes from KPTZ interview with Dr. Locke

Without a Board of County Commissioners meeting today, Jefferson County Health Officer Dr. Tom Locke provided some updates and answered some questions about the COVID-19 vaccines in an interview broadcast on local radio station KPTZ 91.9FM. In response to questions about possible vaccine side effects, Dr. Locke said the benefits of getting vaccinated are far greater than any side effect risks. In the clinical trials for both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, some people developed flu-like symptoms after receiving both the first and second injections. This was expected, Locke said, and reminded listeners that deciding to get the vaccination is entirely voluntary. The entire interview will be rebroadcast today from 12-12:30PM and again from 5-5:30PM on KPTZ.org.

New proclamations issued by Gov. Inslee

On December 21, Gov. Inslee issued a 14-day quarantine requirement for anyone coming to Washington state after visiting countries where a new variant of the SARS-Cov-2 virus, 501 Y V has been circulating. Specific countries named include the United Kingdom and South Africa, according to a press release sent out by the Governor's office late last Monday. To read the full proclamation (20-83) go to https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/proc_20-83.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery Proclamation 20-25 and related guidance for houses of worship, weddings and funerals was also updated.

The modifications take effect immediately and address existing phased prohibitions to include Religious Services and Singing in Enclosed Spaces. The changes removes the word *required* and replaces it with *recommended* in reference to indoor and outdoor capacity limits of 200 people. To read the religious and faith based organization guidance changes, go to https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Phase%201%20to%203%20Religious%20and%20Faith%20Based%20Organization%20Guidance.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

Gov. Inslee also extended the eviction moratorium to March 31, 2021. It was originally set to expire on Dec. 31, 2020. The final details of the moratorium will be announced sometime this week.

State Dept. of Health update

On Wed., Dec. 23, members of the State Department of Health (DOH) provided an update about the two vaccines and which group would be next to get vaccinated. The new Secretary of Health, Dr. Umair Shah acknowledged that we are all on a long road to recovery and urged people to continue to practice what he called the three W's—wear a mask, wash your hands and watch your distance.

Lacy Fehrenbach, Deputy Sec. of Health for COVID-19 Response, cautioned Washington residents to limit in-person celebrations over the holidays. Dr. Kira Mauseth, PhD, Behavioral Health Strike Team, acknowledged the stress healthcare workers are experiencing and said they are at a higher risk for COVID-19 for a number of reasons. If you know anyone who is a healthcare worker, express your gratitude for all they do, Mauseth suggested.

Regarding which priority group will be next to receive the vaccine, the DOH will provide an update sometime this week. Dr. Shah said we are looking at several months before we see vaccines going to the general public. On Dec. 19, a CDC advisory committee voted on vaccine prioritization for later phases. The federal guidance is the framework for Washington State to make decisions about who will be eligible to get vaccinated next. Those decisions have not yet been finalized in Washington.

Cases by Age

0-19	35
20-29	21
30-39	31
40-49	21
50-59	24
60-69	41
70-79	30
80+	15

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex N (%)	
Female	109 (50%)
Male	109 (50%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	103
Mid-County	92
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	23

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	218
Negative	15,179
Percent Positive	1.42%
Test Results Pending	2
Total Tests Administered	15,399
Active Cases in Isolation	13
Total Patients Recovered*	174
Cases Ever Hospitalized	17
Deaths	1
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Dec 13-Dec 26)**	62.70

Last results received 12/28/2020. 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: 12/28/2020 at 12:40 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
12/28/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	50-59
12/28/2020	2	Mid-County	M, M	70-79, 70-79
12/28/2020	3	Mid-County	M, M, F	0-19, 30-39, 60-69
12/21/2020	3	Port Townsend	F, F, F	0-19, 0-19, 50-59
12/21/2020	2	Mid-County	F, M	30-39, 70-79
12/14/2020	2	Mid-County	F, M	60-69, 60-69

<https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/1466/Case-Information>