



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

Feb. 16, 2021

Jefferson County now in Phase 2

During a press conference last week, Gov. Inslee announced the Northwest region that includes Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason counties, could move ahead to Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan effective Sunday, February 14. To learn more about Phase 2 activities, go to: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/HealthyWashington.pdf>.

Weekly report from County Health Officer

At today's Board of County Commissioner's meeting, Dr. Locke said that vaccination rates are steadily increasing, limited only by supply. "Each month, vaccine supplies will improve, but not until April or May at the earliest," said Locke. "If we do everything right, we can head into a stable period or we could head into a fourth wave," Locke said. "It's up to us." We need to intensify what we are doing, especially with masking. The protection rate is highest with a well-fitting mask. Double masking is effective and high-quality cloth masks are effective. Two to three layers are the best as are masks made with tightly woven fabric.

Commenting on people who seem to be hesitant about getting vaccinated, Dr. Locke said to just give it time. "It's not unreasonable for people to be hesitant. Now, 71 percent of the population has expressed a desire to get vaccinated."

Emergency Management Director Willie Bence reported that recruitment continues for medical and non-medical volunteers in anticipation of mass vaccination events. "We will need all the help we can get." For information on the current vaccination status, Bence said to check Jefferson Healthcare's webpage at <https://jeffersonhealthcare.org/covid-19-vaccine/> where people can sign up for a vaccination appointment. Using the webpage to make an appointment requires you to have an email address otherwise you can contact the Department of Emergency Management's Call Center at 360-344-9791 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM to make an appointment.



Inslee announces reopening of some schools

Gov. Inslee announced today that some schools in Washington State will be opening for in-person instruction. The number of days students can be in the classroom will be increasing, Inslee said. Parents will still have the right to keep kids at home and continue to get their education online, he said. Currently, 175 schools have safely re-opened. Specific school districts set to reopen were not named. Last week, the CDC came out with new guidance for schools. The guidelines can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>.

More funds authorized for assistance programs

Gov. Inslee also announced additional aid for business and rental assistance. This will authorize the Dept. of Commerce to distribute another \$87 million for additional rental and business assistance programs. Go to <https://www.commerce.wa.gov> for more information. The funds come from the state's Disaster Response account and are meant to build on the state's previous commitments while waiting for additional federal aid expected to become available in the spring.

A new website has been created by the Washington State Small Business Recovery Working Group to simplify and supplement details provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration and provide current information on available relief programs for small businesses and eligible non-profits and the organizations that assist them. Go to <https://www.smallbizhelpwa.com> for more information.



Update on vaccine distribution

According to information released by the Washington Dept. of Health (DOH) last week, the supply of vaccine from the federal government is the biggest challenge for the state. After requesting more than 440,000 doses of vaccine to include 281,100 first doses and 165,750 second doses, just over 200,000 doses were received from the federal government. The Dept. of Health did receive a three-week allocation forecast that includes a combination of both first and second doses and is subject to change as vaccine availability changes. For this week the allocation forecast is 206,125 total doses; for the week of Feb. 21, 240,620 total doses and for the week of Feb. 28, 242,360 total doses. The DOH will be developing a multi-week strategy and hopes to have the plan in place in coming weeks.

Cases by Age

0-19	64
20-29	33
30-39	44
40-49	37
50-59	37
60-69	58
70-79	37
80+	18

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	161 (49.1%)
Male	167 (50.9%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	152
Mid-County	147
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	29

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	328
Active Cases in Isolation	8
Negative	18,278
Percent Positive	1.76%
Test Results Pending	4
Total Tests Administered	18,610
Total Patients Recovered*	280
Cases Ever Hospitalized	23
Deaths	2
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Jan 31 - Feb 13)**	65.83

Last results received 2/16/2021. 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: 2/16/2021 at 3:05 PM.

Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

Week of:	Case Rate
01/10/21-01/23/21	75.24
01/17/21-01/30/21	106.58
01/24/21-02/06/21	128.53
01/31/21-02/13/21	65.83

% Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
01/18/21-01/24/21	422	11	2.60%
01/25/21-01/31/21	516	23	4.46%
02/01/21-02/07/21	438	15	3.42%
02/08/21-02/14/21	371	6	1.62%

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