



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

Feb. 22, 2021

Inslee signs COVID relief bill

Last Friday, Gov. Inslee signed a \$2.2 billion COVID relief bill allocated by the federal government in response to the COVID emergency. The legislation takes effect immediately. The bill provides:

- \$714 million in assistance for K-12 schools
- \$618 million for public health's response to COVID, including testing, investigation and contact tracing; and funding for vaccination efforts
- \$365 million for emergency eviction, rental and utility assistance
- \$240 million for business assistance grants
- \$50 million for child care
- \$26 million for food banks and other food programs
- \$91 million for income assistance, including \$65 million for relief for the state's immigrant population

The full bill can be read here:

http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/Senate/1368-S.E%20SBR%20APS%2021.pdf?q=20210219140645&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Local vaccination update

Technical difficulties prevented the Board of County Commissioners from airing their meeting today, but Dr. Locke's responses to community questions were broadcast on KPTZ 91.9.

Dr. Locke said that Jefferson Healthcare does not encourage residents to sign up more than once through the registration notification process. Currently, there are approximately 7,000 residents over the age of 70 waiting to be notified about a vaccination appointment. Efforts are being made to come up with a solution for those without email or internet access. People can register by phone through the Dept. of Emergency Management by calling 360-344-9791, Monday-Friday from 9AM to 4PM.

Replying to a question about which medical conditions put a person at a higher risk for severe disease for those in the 65-year-old group and if specific medical conditions exist, does that put a person ahead of a healthy 79-year-old to get the vaccine, Dr. Locke stated that medical conditions are a factor and do make a difference where a person is on the list for vaccinations. The conditions are defined by the CDC and what Washington State is using as guidelines. More information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>.

More information about where Jefferson Healthcare is in their prioritization is dependent on the State's development of their final vaccine allocation plan which will provide us with information about how much vaccine we will get so appointments can be made weeks in advance. It is important for us to get long-range supply information and that will tell us when we can move into the mass vaccination phase—likely sometime in March. We don't have the vaccine to do that, but when we do we will be able to vaccinate 2,000 to 3,000 people per week hopefully sometime in April or May.

COVID testing for school districts expanded

The State Department of Health together with the nonprofit Health Commons Project will be expanding the state's COVID testing programs for schools as more districts begin returning to the classroom. This will add about 50 school districts to the 13 previously implementing testing strategies with help from the state. Districts decide how to implement testing strategies and who is eligible for the voluntary tests. The state has also published a "Learn to Return" playbook to help school districts plan for safe reopening and monitoring of COVID activity. The playbook can be found here:

https://www.wacovid19.org/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

Cases by Age

0-19	64
20-29	33
30-39	44
40-49	37
50-59	38
60-69	59
70-79	37
80+	19

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	162 (48.9%)
Male	169 (51.1%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	152
Mid-County	149
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	30

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	331
Active Cases in Isolation	5
Negative	18,615
Percent Positive	1.75%
Test Results Pending	3
Total Tests Administered	18,949
Total Patients Recovered*	291
Cases Ever Hospitalized	24
Deaths	2
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Feb 7-Feb 20)**	28.21

Last results received 2/22/2021. 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: 2/22/2021 at 11:29 AM.

Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

Week of:	Case Rate
01/17/21-01/30/21	106.58
01/24/21-02/06/21	128.53
01/31/21-02/13/21	68.97
02/07/21-02/20/21	28.21

% Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
01/25/21-01/31/21	516	23	4.46%
02/01/21-02/07/21	438	16	3.65%
02/08/21-02/14/21	371	6	1.62%
02/15/21-02/21/21	392	2	0.51%

For details on the timeline for reported cases see the Epidemiologic Curves tab for Jefferson County on the [WADOH COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).

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