



## Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



# Community Situation Report

**2021 COVID-19 Pandemic**

**May 3, 2021**

### **Updated News from the State Dept. of Health**

During a State Department of Health (DOH) press conference last week, Michele Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary said that several people had reported they had misplaced or lost their vaccination card. "You can find your vaccination records at [www.WA.myIR.net](http://www.WA.myIR.net)," Roberts said.

Also, during the press conference, Juan Cotto, Sr. Government Affairs and Community Engagement Strategist, Bloodworks Northwest said there has been a significant lack of blood donations recently which has moved the availability of blood for surgeries to a crisis level. Cotto encouraged people to donate blood when they can.

On Thursday, April 29, the DOH announced they are adjusting the way vaccines are allocated to get them where they are needed most. Until recently, vaccine doses were allocated to counties proportionally to match the size of their populations. Now, with vaccine supplies increasing, DOH will make allocation decisions based on individual provider requests for vaccine together with population size.

According to Assistant Secretary Michele Roberts, "vaccine continues to be the most critical tool we have to end the pandemic."

### **Easily find a vaccine near you**

The Biden administration has launched a website to help people find available vaccines near them. Go to [www.Vacines.gov](http://www.Vacines.gov) to locate pharmacies and other providers that have COVID-19 vaccines just by typing in your zip code. A Spanish version is also available at [www.Vacunas.gov](http://www.Vacunas.gov). Also, a 1-800 hotline in multiple languages will soon be announced.

### **Dr. Locke Update**

At the May 3 Board of County Commissioners meeting, Dr. Tom Locke said that we are still in the fourth wave in Washington state. He noted that a decision about Washington State counties going back to Phase 2 is being delayed until tomorrow and reminded people if they weren't vaccinated, it is unsafe to attend large gatherings such as indoor dining, sporting events and wherever there are lots of people indoors. "You can be comfortable with outdoor events as the virus concentrates indoors in poorly ventilated spaces," said Locke.

Jefferson County leads the state for the percentage of those who have been fully vaccinated—close to 50%. Vaccine hesitancy is becoming more of an issue and local vaccination clinics are not filling up. Nationally, vaccine hesitancy is apparent in about one third of Americans with roughly seven percent on the fence and 26 percent outright opposed.

Responding to questions about herd immunity, Dr. Locke said that 80 percent of the population need to be vaccinated to get to herd immunity. Asked if the vaccine dose is adjusted for people of different weight or age, Locke said you can't overdose on the vaccine. The goal is to be sure there is enough to stimulate your body for immunity. Vaccines are currently being researched in children from six months of age and older. There will likely be a decrease in that age group. For age 12 and up, the dose will likely be the same as it is for adults.

## Case Information

The state data system is having trouble getting accurate testing numbers from the UW testing lab. Therefore, the majority of tests being done in Jefferson County are not being counted by the state website. The information on our website is accurate and fully accounts for all testing done. Until this problem is resolved, the numbers of negative tests results reported by the state are inaccurate.

### Cases by Age

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| 0-19  | 75 |
| 20-29 | 43 |
| 30-39 | 60 |
| 40-49 | 41 |
| 50-59 | 50 |
| 60-69 | 71 |
| 70-79 | 37 |
| 80+   | 20 |

### Cases by Sex

| Cases by Sex | N (%)          |
|--------------|----------------|
| Female       | 194<br>(48.9%) |
| Male         | 203 (51.1%)    |

### Cases by Location

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Port Townsend  | 168 |
| Mid-County   | 184 |
| South County<br>(Quilcene, Brinnon,<br>West Jefferson) | 45  |

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

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| Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020) | 397    |
| Active Cases in Isolation                                 | 11     |
| Negative  | 22,431 |
| Percent Positive  | 1.74%  |
| Test Results Pending                                      | 48     |
| Total Tests Administered                                  | 22,876 |
| Total Patients Recovered*                                 | 361    |
| Cases Ever Hospitalized                                   | 27     |
| Deaths  | 3      |
| Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Mar 28-Apr 10)** | 62.7   |

Last results received 5/3/2021. 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: 5/3/2021 at 1:44 P.M.