



## Community Situation Report

**2021 COVID-19 Pandemic**

**June 7, 2021**

### **Updated COVID-19 status for Jefferson County**

COVID-19 cases continue to drop dramatically nationwide and are now at one-tenth the number they were last January, according to a report from Dr. Locke. Jefferson County rates went up a small amount from 12.5% per 100,000 population to 15.7% which reflects five new cases in the past two weeks. The county still has the second highest vaccination rate in the state.

The latest way to offer incentives to people these days is to enter them into lotteries, Locke said. A campaign here in Washington State, *Shot of a Lifetime*, will have its first drawing tomorrow for a cash prize of \$250,000. Every week thereafter, there will be a drawing for the same amount. The final drawing will be held on July 13 for \$1 million. For more information about Washington State incentives, go to <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-vaccination-incentives-3a3fc36a0c27>

Commissioner Brotherton asked about other types of incentives particularly things like hunting or fishing licenses. Dr. Locke said anything that works is worth trying. "It is important to get the vaccination rates high and accessible. Emergency Management has done a great job of that," said Locke.

There are still concerns about infections coming from the variants, Locke stated. High antibody levels are required to fight against the variants. Regarding a booster, while nothing is being definitively planned, we are preparing for it around nine months to one year from the initial dose. We are still projecting case rates will drop, because of the season. While some people are immunosuppressed for a variety of reasons, the effect of a vaccination is unknown with some health issues. That said, taking off a mask in doors may not be a good idea.

Reporting for the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), Director Willie Bence said the Farmer's Market vaccination clinic this past weekend went well. "A strong team of volunteer doctors and nurses helped out and we had some good conversations with people. We will try to get back there again," Bence said.

"This coming week, we will be working with the State DOH to help us vaccinate some homebound residents. This is something we hope to expand on. If you are homebound and want to get vaccinated, call into our call center at **360-344-9791** and get on the list. If you can travel but have no transportation, we can help you there, too," said Bence.

When asked about whether DEM was going to close the call center, Bence said that while call volume is down and many of the volunteers who were helping out are no longer available, people can still call and leave a message. Their call will be returned the following day.

Addressing some of the concerns business owners have had related to masking, Bence said that DEM has masks available for businesses to give to clients and businesses can go to Public Health's website to find signs they can use to remind people they must wear masks.

### **Inslee announces vaccination incentives**

Last week, Gov. Inslee announced several incentives will be offered as encouragement for Washington residents to get vaccinated. Stating he hoped "people will see this as an opportunity to reopen even sooner than June 30," Inslee's plan has been to open the state by or before June 30 or when 70% of eligible adults have initiated vaccination.

### **Vaccination is helping but needs to increase**

Last week the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) stated vaccinations are playing a significant role in reducing the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the state. "To keep trends on track, we need to keep increasing vaccination and continue preventive measures like wearing masks, maintaining distance and moving gatherings outside" particularly for those unvaccinated. "We continue to see positive trends, but a significant proportion of our population is still unvaccinated and vulnerable to COVID-19 as our state approaches full reopening," said Acting State Health Officer Scott Lindquist.

## Cases by Age

0-19	81
20-29	45
30-39	62
40-49	43
50-59	58
60-69	74
70-79	39
80+	20

## Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	201 (47.6%)
Male	221 (52.4%)

## Cases by Location

Port Townsend	175
Mid-County	200
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	47

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	422
Active Cases in Isolation	6
Negative	24126
Percent Positive	1.72%
Test Results Pending	142
Total Tests Administered	24690
Total Patients Recovered*	407
Cases Ever Hospitalized	29
Deaths	4
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (May 23-June 5)**	15.67

Last results received 6/7/2021. 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: 6/7/2021 at 2:54 P.M.