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Upcoming Changes to Mask Program

With local libraries preparing to resume operations, the library book drop off boxes that served as locations to drop off and donate hand sewn masks will no longer be available. However, after Dr. Locke’s masking order and as we prepare to open further under Phase 3, making masks available to those who need them is as important as ever.

Library book drop boxes will no longer be available for mask donations on or shortly after June 15th; new mask drop off locations will be announced sometime next week. In the meantime, donations will still be accepted at the Food Coop book drop box, as well at the DEM offices directly (please email JCDEM@co.jefferson.wa.us or call 360-385-9368 beforehand to let us know when you’ll be by).

All mask pick up locations will likely remain, but we will confirm next week.

Thank you to all of those who have helped keep our community safe through their mask donations! Over 5,000 masks have been donated and distributed to date.

Over 100 local businesses have taken the JeffCoCares Pledge

To date, more than 100 businesses have committed to demonstrate their care for the community and our safety by signing up for JeffCoCares, a program in partnership with the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce that offers training and guidance on COVID19 best practices. To find out more or take the pledge yourself, head to jeffcocares.com
Public Health Releases “Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Masking to Prevent COVID19 Transmission”

Lots of questions have been asked about the masking order put forward by Jefferson County’s Public Health Officer. Find out more about the order and what it means for you at the following link: https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=509

Jefferson County Elected Officials Share Mask Tips

Jefferson County Treasurer Stacie Prada and Clerk Ruth Gordon share mask wearing tips and talk about social conventions in Jefferson County in a new YouTube video; watch here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny1LE9o917U

Phase 3 of “Safe Start” Plan on the Horizon

The Board of Health will have a special meeting on June 18th to weigh Dr. Locke’s upcoming recommendations on moving to Phase 3. The BoH will take Dr. Locke’s initial recommendations and make modifications or adjustments as needed. Either immediately following the special meeting or the next day (Friday, June 19th), the Board of County Commissioners will meet to vote to either approve or reject the BoH’s recommendation.

If the BOCC approves, an application will then be sent to the State Department of Health for their final approval for the county to move into the next phase. Like last time, the application will contain metrics on Jefferson County’s ability to respond to and contain COVID19 outbreaks that may occur as we transition to the next phase.

In the meantime, the public may submit their recommendations, comments, or concerns to boh@co.jefferson.wa.us. All comments will be shared with decision makers and will also be made public for all to read.

Phase 3 allows gatherings of 50 or fewer people, including sports; non-essential travel; restaurants at 75% capacity with a table size of ten; bars at 25% capacity. Gyms and movie theaters at 50% capacity, and retail, libraries, museums, and government buildings could open. Pools and recreation centers could open at 50% capacity. Camping would be open.


If you suspect a business if operating in violation of the governor’s orders, please fill out the form at the state’s link above after reviewing the guidance on what businesses are essential.

Other urgent questions? Call Department of Health Assistance Hotline at 1-800-525-0127; open daily from 6AM to 10PM