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At today’s Board of County Commissioners meeting, Dr. Tom Locke talked about the acceleration of positive cases in many parts of the country due primarily to rapid reopening of businesses. In the I-5 corridor, positive cases are increasing to levels last seen in March, hospitals are admitting more patients. Also, individuals testing positive for COVID-19 are younger, Locke said. Locally, Jefferson County saw two new positive cases over the weekend.

A high priority goal is to open schools this fall. Dr. Locke indicated he was moving into an active phase of working with area schools and will be meeting with the County Board of Health this Thursday to discuss how best to proceed. More people in the county are wearing facemasks when out in public. Masks need to cover both your nose and mouth to be effective.

**DOs and DON'Ts of wearing a mask**

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In Jefferson County, facemasks are available at the following locations:

- **Safeway Food Store**, 442 West Sims Way, WA, 6am-10pm
- **Food Coop**, 414 Kearney Street, 8am-7pm
- **Quilcene Village Store**, 294235 US Hwy. 101, 7am-11pm
- **QFC Port Hadlock**, 1890 Irondale Road, 8am-8pm

Masks for low-income families are available at:

- Public Health in Port Townsend
- Olycap
- YMCA
- Food Banks

Questions about Coronavirus? Go to: [www.coronavirus.wa.gov](http://www.coronavirus.wa.gov)

State COVID-19 Assistance Hotline: 1-800-525-0127

You can also text the word “Coronavirus” to 211-211 to receive information and updates on your phone.