July 20, 2020

Beginning today, the number of individuals outside a household allowed to gather together in Phase 2 counties (which includes Jefferson County), will remain at five people meeting once per week. Phase 3 counties have been reduced from 50 who can gather together to 10, as announced by Gov. Inslee last Thursday. The order does not include funerals, weddings and religious activities but does prohibit all live entertainment including drive-in concerts and music in restaurants both indoor and outdoor. The decision to make this change came after the number of positive cases in one day in the state spiked to 629 cases, the highest daily increase since the pandemic began. Inslee said this rollback could be the start of additional rollbacks if Washington residents don’t wear facemasks and practice social distancing. During today’s Board of County Commissioners meeting, Dr. Locke stated the national picture is not good with 70,000 cases per day being reported. Washington State has seen a steady increase with outbreaks coming from places where there are large gatherings such as prisons, large businesses and parties.

“We need 100% masking,” said Locke. “If you go into a public place unmasked, you are threatening the health of other people and it is illegal in this state.”

Dr. Locke said he will be meeting with area school superintendents this week to talk about plans for reopening the schools this fall. When asked if teachers and students would be getting tested regularly if the schools open up, Locke said there was no proven protocol right now for testing weekly. However, if a quick saliva test became available, that could change.

A vaccine will take a long time to develop, said Locke. “Some people are planning an 18 to 36-month timeline. I’m telling people to plan for at least a year.”

Facemasks are available at the following locations:

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

Masks for low-income families are available at:
Public Health in Port Townsend
Olycap, YMCA, Food Bank

FAQs for Businesses/Employers RE: Positive COVID-19 Test Results:
https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/1437/Business-Resources
### Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

**By Wearing a Cloth Face Covering or Mask**

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**Staying home, virtually**

**NONE**

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**REMEmber: You may have the virus even though you don’t have symptoms**

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