



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

Aug. 31, 2020

BOCC meeting discussion points

Multiple topics were addressed by Dr. Locke at this morning's Board of County Commissioners meeting to include concerns about the outbreak at St. Michael Hospital (formerly Harrison Hospital) in Bremerton. Anyone who was at St. Michael Hospital the week of Aug. 14 should have been notified of potential exposure and tested for coronavirus. As of today, approximately 160 staff members at St. Michael are in quarantine.

Locke stated that multiple outbreaks are still being seen in various places around the state and with colleges starting classes there are risks of outbreaks. Classes will be starting locally after Labor Day with most schools using a hybrid model with some in-person class days and some virtual. Port Townsend High School will have online only classes. Locke said he will be meeting with the school superintendents this week to review final plans but overall he has been impressed with the various districts' reopening plans. Dr. Locke cautioned people not to let down their guard over the Labor Day weekend. "We don't want to repeat what happened over the July Fourth holiday," he said. In response to a question about childcare centers, Locke said he has not seen any documented cases related to childcare centers here or around the state, which raises some questions about how contagious young children are. Parents should not be afraid of having their children in well-run childcare centers, Locke said.

Regarding vaccines, Locke said he thought one was still months away, most likely not available until sometime in the spring of 2021. There are over 170 different vaccines being worked on around the world right now, he said.

Child-size masks being distributed

Emergency Management Director Willie Bence told the commissioners that over 1,500 child-size cloth facemasks were received and are being delivered to schools. Bence said he is confident Emergency Management will be able to equip all the students before they go back to school next week.

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

Last results received 8/31/2020. 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: 8/31/2020 at 1:15 p.m.

Total Positives (confirmed cases) 70

Negative 6611

Percent Positive 1.05%

Test Results Pending 47

Total Patients Tested 6728

Total Patients Recovered* 54

Deaths 0

Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate 28.21
per 100,000 (Aug 16 - Aug 29)**

Additional case information can be found at <https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/1466/Case-Information>

Links to local school's reopening plans

Port Townsend School District OCEAN program (<http://www.ptschools.org/schools/ocean>).

Port Townsend High School: https://ptschools.org/for_families/coronavirus.

Chimacum School District reopening plans can be found at

<https://www.csd49.org/userfiles/181/my%20files/chimacum%20school%20district%20reopening%20plans%202020-21.pdf?id=9535>.

Brinnon School District reopening plans: <https://www.bsd46.org>.

Quilcene School District reopening plans: <https://www.qsd48.org/District/Department/97-Re-opening-2020-2021.html>.

In Jefferson County, free masks are available for anyone at Safeway, QFC/Hadlock, Quilcene Village Store, Food Coop, Dept. of Public Health. Free Masks are also available for our low-income populations at Olycap, Food Banks and Dept. of Public Health. To report a business not following statewide face mask directives:

<https://lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F418-052-000.pdf>

Questions about Coronavirus?

Go to: www.coronavirus.wa.gov

Who to call: 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 wherever you are. You will receive links to the latest information on COVID-19, including county-level updates and resources for families, businesses, students and more. **Business and worker inquiry questionnaire:**

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/how-you-can-help/covid-19-business-and-worker-inquiries>. **Complaint form:**

<https://bit.ly/covid-compliance>