



# Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



## Community Situation Report

**2020 COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Oct. 12, 2020**

### Guidance for some activities updated

On Oct. 6, Gov. Inslee announced new protocols for certain activities in Phase 2 and Phase 3 counties. The updates include libraries; movie theaters; restaurants; wedding receptions; retail events such as craft sales; real estate businesses to allow open houses; outdoor recreation such as running and bicycling; water recreation facilities and youth/adult sports. The updated guidelines for each category can be found at <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-updates-safe-start-reopening-plan>.

### Dr. Locke responds to COVID questions

During Monday's County Commissioner meeting, Dr. Locke responded to several questions sent in from community members. Regarding the county's move to Phase 3, he stated he is uncertain when Jefferson County might move into Phase 3 of Gov. Inslee's Safe Start program as the number of positive virus cases is creeping up slowly in Washington State. Locke also said that many of the cases in Jefferson County have come from other counties. He said he will be meeting again with school superintendents tomorrow to discuss making some major revisions to school protocols. The original school screening protocols made on Sept. 17 can be found at <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/10519/Jefferson-County-COVID-screening-protocol-09-17-20-Update>. To listen to the full Oct. 12 Board of Commissioners meeting, go to [www.co.jefferson.wa.us](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us) and click on Videos of Meetings then choose Recorded.

### Where to get face masks

Safeway Food Store, Food Coop, Quilcene Village Store, QFC-Port Hadlock; **Masks for low-income families are available at:** Public Health in Port Townsend; Olycap; YMCA and area Food Banks.

### Renewal of Determination That A Public Health Emergency Exists

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a statement on Thursday, Oct. 8 extending the public health emergency which gives state, tribal, and local health departments more flexibility to request that HHS authorize them to temporarily reassign personnel to respond to 2019-nCoV if their salaries normally are funded in whole or in part by Public Health Service Act programs. These personnel could assist with public health information campaigns and other response activities. The U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services renewal states in part that a public health emergency has existed since Jan. 27, 2020 nationwide and will be renewed effective Oct. 23, 2020 for another 90 days.

### Shakeout Drill set for Oct. 15 at 10:15AM

Jefferson County residents are encouraged to participate in the Great Washington Shakeout on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 10:15AM. "Consider the many things we have learned about preparedness these past months. This is a good time to review your family disaster plan and make sure you have sufficient needed supplies to include food and water; first aid kit, flashlight and batteries; portable radio; blankets or sleeping bags," DEM Director Willie Bence said. **The area's tsunami sirens will also be tested at 10:15AM.** To register as a Shakeout participant, go to

<https://www.shakeout.org/washington/register/>

This is also a good time to sign up for local emergency alerts from the Dept. of Emergency Management via Nixle. To subscribe, text JEFFCODEM to 888777. Read more about developing a disaster plan and building a Go-Kit in **Think, Plan, Do** available at [bit.ly/thinkplando](http://bit.ly/thinkplando).



## Cases by Age

<19	9
20-29	5
30-39	12
40-49	6
50-59	8
60-69	19
70-79	16
80+	4

## Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	39 (49%)
Male	40 (51%)

## Cases by Location

Port Townsend	39
Mid-County	31
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	9

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	79
Negative	9109
Percent Positive	0.86%
Test Results Pending	108
Total Patients Tested	9296
Total Patients Recovered*	71
Deaths	0
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Sep 27 - Oct 10)**	25.08

Last results received 10/12/2020. 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: 10/12/2020 at 3:23 PM

## Cases in Last 4 Weeks

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
10/12/2020	1	Port Townsend	M	50-59
10/12/2020	1	Mid-County	M	70-79
10/9/2020	2	both South County	both M	both 60-69
10/5/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	70-79
10/5/2020	1	Mid-County	F	40-49
10/5/2020	1	Mid-County	M	50-59
10/1/2020	1	Mid-County	F	20-29
9/14/2020	1	Port Townsend	F	70-79

\*Cases in Last 4 Weeks is measured by the date of testing.