



# Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



## Community Situation Report

### 2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

**Jan. 19, 2021**

#### Jefferson County Vaccination scheduling

COVID-19 vaccination Phase B1 is now open to people in Jefferson County age **80 and older**. Appointments can be scheduled by calling **360-344-9791** between 9AM and 4PM, M-F. To change or cancel an appointment, call **360-344-3097**.

The first choice for scheduling an appointment is at <https://jeffersonhealthcare.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Individuals from previous phases will always be eligible for a vaccination, according to Jefferson Healthcare Hospital. Currently, those qualified for phase 1A are still eligible to receive an immunization and should email [vaccineresponse@jeffersonhealthcare.org](mailto:vaccineresponse@jeffersonhealthcare.org) to make an appointment.

Vaccinations for the 85 and older age group began yesterday in the parking lot at Manresa Castle.

Vaccinations are also available through Tri-Area Pharmacy of Port Hadlock. To make an appointment, call **360-379-9800**. The vaccination site will be at the Chimacum Grange Hall, 9572 Rhody Drive starting Tues., Jan. 19.

#### Local vaccine distribution stays at age 80

On Monday, Jan. 18, Gov. Inslee announced plans to establish an infrastructure capable of mass vaccinations in the coming months. While the state has changed the vaccination phase 1b to include those who are 65 and older, Jefferson County will continue to focus on vaccinating those 80 years of age and older and individuals 50 years old and older who live in multi-generational households that include persons age 80 and older.

Dr. Locke, County Health Officer said that Jefferson County is limited by the amount of vaccine available and the local population of 80 and older is a large group here—at least 5,000 people. Approximately 37 percent of our population roughly 11,000 people are in the 1b group.

There is no cost to individuals for the vaccination. Some sites are billing a person's insurance to recover administrative costs only.

Responding to questions from community members, Dr. Locke said that no specific guidelines have been developed about whether two vaccinated people can safely spend time together without masks. A question was asked about the difference in case rate numbers posted at the state compared to the numbers the county shows. The state data has been notoriously inaccurate, Locke said. We are at the mercy of the numbers the state comes up with. One of the systems used by public health crashed over the weekend. Locke estimated that by March, Jefferson County will be able to provide mass vaccination sites in large places like gyms.

Regarding possible side effects after receiving the vaccination, Dr. Locke said that half the people will get a sore arm that can last for one or two days. Half of those who have been vaccinated have said they feel fatigued and have a mild headache. Side effects from the second dose may include a fever which means that your body is forming an immune response to the virus.

**The best place to get up-to-date information about vaccinations is at**

<https://jeffersonhealthcare.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

#### State DOH to Text COVID exposure notification

As of last Monday, Jan. 11, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) began texting every person in the state who tests positive for COVID-19. The text will include a link to activate a verification code within WA Notify and anonymously alert users they may have been exposed, according to a press release from the DOH. Those who test positive will still receive notification from their health care provider or testing facility. "The earlier someone is notified of a possible exposure, the more quickly they can take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and potentially save lives," said Lacy Fehrenbach, State Deputy Secretary for COVID-19 response. To learn more about WA Notify and how to add it to your smartphone, visit [www.WAotify.org](http://www.WAotify.org).

## Cases by Age

0-19	43
20-29	26
30-39	35
40-49	30
50-59	34
60-69	53
70-79	34
80+	18

## Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	140 (51.3%)
Male	133 (48.7%)

## Cases by Location

Port Townsend	123
Mid-County	123
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	27

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	273
Negative	16,561
Percent Positive	1.62%
Test Results Pending	34
Total Tests Administered	16,868
Active Cases in Isolation	13
Total Patients Recovered*	214
Cases Ever Hospitalized	22
Deaths	2
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Dec 27-Jan 9)**	125.39

Last results received 1/19/2021. 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: 1/19/2021 at 2:29 PM.

## Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

Week of.	Case Rate
12/13/20-12/26/20	62.7
12/20/20-01/02/21	94.04
12/27/20-01/09/21	125.39
01/03/21-01/16/21	115.99

## % Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of.	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
12/21/2020-12/27/2020	330	11	3.33%
12/28/2020-01/03/2021	393	17	4.33%
01/04/2021-01/10/2021	534	17	3.18%
01/11/2021-01/17/2021	434	14	3.23%

## Cases in Last 4 Weeks

Date of New Case(s)	No. of Cases Added	Location	Sex	Age
1/19/2021	1	South County	F	40-49
1/19/2021	3	Port Townsend	M, M, M	40-49, 40-49, 70-79

<https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/1466/Case-Information>