



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

March 22, 2021

Update from Jefferson County Health Officer

This morning at the Board of County Commissioner's meeting, Dr. Locke spoke about the success of last Sunday's mass vaccination clinic held in Chimacum. Over 95 volunteers helped to vaccinate 330 Jefferson County residents. Dr. Locke said looking out ahead, plans will include giving first dose vaccinations for as many as 300 individuals in the mornings and then switch to giving second doses in the afternoons. Future vaccination clinics will all be on Saturdays. Locke also said that vaccine supply will be fairly tight for the next three weeks. He urged people to go through www.FindYourPhaseWa.org to check eligibility before making an appointment. "Make a vaccination plan and get started," Locke said. "If you've had one dose, get the second one."

A question about traveling was asked by a KPTZ listener. Dr. Locke said those who travel should be fully vaccinated. If that can't happen, he suggested individuals get tested 1-3 days before traveling and again 3-5 days after returning home. If tests aren't available, travelers should quarantine for days when they get home. Regarding variants, not all of them present the same concern. Some are less sensitive to the current vaccines. The UK variant is increasing in the state and is more transmissible and may cause more illness. However, the current vaccines work well on the UK variant, Locke said.

All counties now in Phase 3

Last week, Gov. Inslee announced the Roadmap to Recovery plan will change from a regional approach to a county-by-county process. Additionally, a new third phase of the Roadmap will be initiated allowing in-person spectators for professional and high school sporting events. Spectators will be allowed to attend outdoor venues with permanent seating and capacity capped at 25 percent. Social distancing and face masks are still required.

Those now eligible as of March 17 to get vaccinated include:

Critical workers in some congregate settings; agriculture, food processing, grocery stores, public transit, corrections, fire, law enforcement, staff and volunteers in congregate living settings. People ages 16+ that are pregnant or have a disability that puts them at higher risk.

Those eligible beginning March 31 include: People with two or more comorbidities; people ages 60-64; Other critical workers in congregate settings: restaurants and food service workers, manufacturing, construction; people living in congregate settings, (correctional facilities, group homes for those with disabilities, those experiencing homelessness that live in or access services in congregate settings).

Inslee also announced visitations to long-term care facilities and nursing homes can resume. Outdoor visitation remains the safest option, but indoor visitation will be permitted for visitors or residents who are fully vaccinated. The Governor also extended the eviction moratorium through June 30. For more information go to <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-extension-of-eviction-moratorium-expansion-of-vaccine-eligibility-long-term-635b34eb0ca>.

Updates from WA State on COVID-19 response

In a press conference on Thursday, Dr. Umair Shah, Secretary of Health mentioned that COVID-19 cases are increasing among individuals in the 20-39-year-old age bracket while case counts in other age groups have plateaued and the number of hospitalizations are declining. So far, 2.5million doses of vaccine have been given in Washington State. "We will be looking at additional goals as we see an increased supply of vaccine coming from the federal level," Shah said. Over 123,000 doses have been given at the State mass vaccination sites with more than 21% of the population having received one dose of vaccine and more than 12% now fully vaccinated.

Assistant Secretary of Health, Michele Roberts said it is important for people to get their second dose of vaccine in a timely manner. The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses given 21 days apart. The Moderna vaccine requires two shots spaced 28 days apart.

Dr. Scott Lindquist, Acting State Health Officer said the State is aggressively looking for variants. Information about variants can be found at

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/Variants>

Governor signs proclamation for Public K-12 in-person education

Last week, Gov. Inslee signed an emergency proclamation prohibiting all public K-12 schools from failing to provide opportunities in both remote instruction and on-campus, in-person instruction. The proclamation declares that schools will be allowed to stagger the reintroduction of students to campus. The full proclamation can be found at https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/2105_Children%27s_Mental_Health_Crisis_%28tmp%29.

Cases by Age

0-19	69
20-29	38
30-39	45
40-49	37
50-59	39
60-69	60
70-79	37
80+	19

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	169 (49.1%)
Male	175 (50.9%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	155
Mid-County	153
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	36

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	344
Active Cases in Isolation	7
Negative	20,059
Percent Positive	1.69%
Test Results Pending	39
Total Tests Administered	20,442
Total Patients Recovered*	334
Cases Ever Hospitalized	25
Deaths	2
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Mar 7 - Mar 20)**	25.08

Last results received 3/22/2021. 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: 3/22/2021 at 4:28 P.M.

Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

Week of:	Case Rate
02/14/21-02/27/21	21.94
02/21/21-03/06/21	15.67
02/28/21-03/13/21	3.13
03/07/21-03/20/21	25.08

% Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
02/22/21-02/28/21	388	5	1.29%
03/01/21-03/07/21	379	0	0.00%
03/08/21-03/14/21	370	1	0.30%
03/15/21-03/21/21	357	7	1.96%

For details on the timeline for reported cases see the Epidemiologic Curves tab for Jefferson County on the [WA DOH COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).