



## Community Situation Report

**2021 COVID-19 Pandemic**

### **March 29, 2021**

#### **Jefferson County Health Officer update**

Dr. Tom Locke today stated the national picture isn't so good with COVID-19 cases now up by 15 percent over the past couple of weeks. However, death rates and hospitalizations are still on a downward trend.

Washington State has seen a 29 percent increase in cases in the past two weeks particularly for people in the 40-50 age range. Significant increases are being found in the 20-39 age groups, he said. "We are starting to see the beginnings of the fourth wave," Locke said. "We are seeing cases in children and while they have less severe cases, that will still impact schools."

Jefferson County cases have gone down with no new cases in the last week. "The (vaccination) process will slow down a bit because vaccine allocations have been reduced," said Locke. The second mass vaccination clinic held this past weekend at Chimacum School District was successful. "We are feeling confident that we can meet the target of 600 vaccines per day when allocation for Jefferson County increases," he said.

We must continue to be cautious as the storm is not over, per Locke. "There are a number of unknowns about what's coming next. We are in a race between the vaccine and the variants. Masking is the most important thing together with social distancing, ventilation and getting vaccinated," according to Dr. Locke.

#### **Expansion of vaccine eligibility begins March 31**

Those who qualify under Phases 1B tier 3 and 1B tier 4 will be able to make an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination on Wednesday, March 31, according to the Washington State Department of Health. This will include people 16 years of age or older with two or more comorbidities or underlying conditions, people are 60 and older; individuals who are staff and volunteers in certain congregate living settings, and high-risk critical workers in certain congregate settings. More information at: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/SummaryInterimVaccineAllocationPrioritization.pdf>.

#### **Determining vaccination eligibility through Phase Finder no longer necessary**

Washington State Department of Health announced last week the process for scheduling a vaccination appointment will be streamlined by eliminating the need for people to check their eligibility status through the Phase Finder program. **The decision goes into effect on Wednesday, March 31 the same day the state moves into Phase 1B, tiers 3 and 4.**

#### **How to check your immunization record**

If you want to have an up-to-date record of all the immunizations you or family members have had, go to <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/ChildProfileHealthPromotion/ForParents/AccessyourFamilyImmunizationInformation> where you will find ways to get the records.

#### **The latest information about masks**

While more people are getting vaccinated every day, we can't let down our guard or masks just yet. According to the Washington State Department of Health, masks are still required at all times for everyone when they are indoors in public.

For more information, go to <https://medium.com/wadepthealth/the-latest-on-masks-layered-and-snug-21fbf825186e>.



### 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	1
Negative	20,436
Percent Positive	1.66%
Test Results Pending	39
Total Tests Administered	20,819
Total Patients Recovered*	336
Cases Ever Hospitalized	25
Deaths	2
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Mar 14 - Mar 27)**	21.94

Last results received 3/29/2021. 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: 3/29/2021 at 4:14 P.M.

### Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

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

### % 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%
03/22/21-03/28/21	358	0	0.00%

For details on the timeline for reported cases see the Epidemiologic Curves tab for Jefferson County on the [WADOH COVID-19 Data Dashboard](https://www.wa.gov/health/our-work/disease-prevention-and-control/communicable-disease-prevention-and-control/COVID-19-Data-Dashboard).