



**Jefferson County  
Department of Emergency Management**



# Community Situation Report

**2021 COVID-19 Pandemic**

**April 12, 2021**

## **Three counties rollback to Phase 2**

Gov. Inslee announced today that Cowlitz, Pierce and Whitman counties had failed to meet the Healthy Washington metrics required to stay in Phase 3 and are returning to Phase 2.

In order to move down one phase, a county must fail both metrics for case counts and hospitalizations. Under the previous plan, a county only needed to fail one metric to move back a phase. The next evaluation of counties will be in three weeks, on May 3. For more information go to: <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-three-counties-to-rollback-to-phase-2-19d2bde8b8ad>

## **All 16+ will be eligible for vaccine on April 15**

Last Wednesday, Gov. Inslee announced that all Washingtonians age 16 and older will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. The expansion of eligibility has come about in part because of a recent uptick in COVID cases in the state. "We have concerns about the trends we are seeing across the state and we must be cautious. Opening up full eligibility will be one tool to help in the fight against the virus," said Gov. Inslee. Currently Pfizer is the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized for people 16 years of age and older. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are authorized for people 18 and older. Those 16 or 17 may need consent from a parent or guardian to get the vaccine, unless they are legally emancipated.

## **Local update from Dr. Locke**

At the April 12 BOCC meeting, Dr. Locke talked about the rise in COVID-19 cases in the state over the past two weeks now up by 23%. Hospitalizations have increased by 32% for those 40-45 years old, but with fewer deaths. Jefferson County had 10 new cases in the last week and seven cases the week before that. Locke said that he and several county Health Officers met last week and drafted a letter to Governor Inslee stating they don't want Washington State to become another Michigan.

Dr. Locke also talked about the variants that are now in Washington State and include two from California, B.1.4.2.7 and B 1.4.2.9 that are more contagious than the prior strain. The U.K. strain, B.1.1.7 is gaining ground and expected to reach 50 percent of the cases around the middle of the month.

One of the things currently holding us back in Jefferson County is the vaccine supply. "We are only receiving one-third of what we are capable of giving," said Locke. Don's Pharmacy will be getting 100 doses of J&J vaccine and the Jamestown Tribe has generously agreed to share 500 doses of J&J with Jefferson Healthcare.

Emergency Management Director Willie Bence shared news about the Quilcene vaccination clinic that took place last Saturday. The Tri-Area Pharmacy supplied the J&J vaccine and together with support from the DEM and Public Health, 123 vaccinations were given. Plans are being developed to open a vaccination clinic in Brinnon and to provide a clinic for Spanish speaking individuals. There will be a large clinic opening at the Chimacum School District Multi-Purpose Room on Saturday, April 17 that will provide second dose vaccinations in the morning and first doses in the afternoon. Appointments can be made on the Jefferson County Public Health webpage or by calling 360-344-9791.

## **U.K.variant dominant strain in U.S.**

Last Wednesday, the CDC announced the U.K. variant known as B.1.1.7 has "taken hold across the country." The spread of the U.K. variant, which scientists have found to be more contagious, adds to growing concerns that the country may be on the cusp of another surge. Both case numbers and hospitalizations are increasing, even as the U.S. is vaccinating an average of nearly three million people each day, according to Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Some of the recent clusters of cases have been linked to day care centers and youth sports, which is indicative of the infections being driven by young people, Walensky said.

### Cases by Age

0-19	72
20-29	39
30-39	53
40-49	38
50-59	41
60-69	63
70-79	37
80+	19

### Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	176 (48.6%)
Male	186 (51.4%)

### Cases by Location

Port Townsend	161
Mid-County	164
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	37

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	362
Active Cases in Isolation	9
Negative	21,209
Percent Positive	1.68%
Test Results Pending	48
Total Tests Administered	21,619
Total Patients Recovered*	343
Cases Ever Hospitalized	26
Deaths	2
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (Mar 28-Apr 10)**	53.29

Last results received 4/12/2021. 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: 4/12/2021 at 3:35 P.M.

### Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

Week of:	Case Rate
02/28/21-03/13/21	3.13
03/07/21-03/20/21	25.08
03/21/21-04/03/21	21.94
03/28/21-04/10/21	21.94

### % Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
03/15/21-03/21/21	376	7	1.86%
03/22/21-03/28/21	372	0	0.00%
03/29/21-04/4/21	392	7	1.79%
04/05/21-04/11/21	394	11	2.79%

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