



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2021 COVID-19 Pandemic

May 17, 2021

State reopening set for June 30

Last Friday, Gov. Jay Inslee announced the state is on the path toward reopening effective June 30. As the number of COVID-19 cases has declined, the focus will be to increase vaccination rates and monitor variants. A full reopening could happen sooner if 70% or more people over the age of 16 initiate vaccination. As of last Friday, May 14, 56% of Washington residents have initiated vaccination.

Inslee also said the state will be adopting the CDC's masking guidance and emphasized the guidance was for fully vaccinated people who are at least two weeks past their single vaccination of J&J or two weeks past their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna. More information at:

<https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-statewide-reopening-date-of-june-30-and-short-term-statewide-move-to-phase-3-4943c8be9c37>

Jefferson Healthcare to provide second doses only

Jefferson Healthcare hospital announced last week they will be transitioning the bulk of vaccination efforts to the Department of Emergency Management and Public Health Department together with three area pharmacies—Safeway, QFC in Port Hadlock and Tri-Area Pharmacy in Port Hadlock. This change will let the hospital “focus on the immediate and long-term medical needs of the community,” according to a press release.

Wednesday, May 19 will be the last mass vaccination event Jefferson Healthcare has planned. Second dose vaccines will still be available at their drive-thru clinic as they transition all first dose appointments to care provided during regular doctor's office appointments. The nurse consult line and COVID-19 testing will continue to be available. Call 360-344-3094 to speak with a nurse.

Everyone 12 and older eligible for Pfizer vaccine

Last week the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) expanded COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine eligibility to everyone 12 and older. The vaccine is safe and “extremely effective” for 12-15-year-olds and, according to Pfizer studies, “produces an antibody response in children that exceeded those in earlier trials of older teens and young adults.” Currently, Pfizer is the only vaccine authorized for the 12-15 age group.

Masking in Jefferson County

During today's Board of County Commissioners meeting, Dr. Locke acknowledged the new CDC masking guidelines that include eliminating capacity limits for spectator events to include concerts, baseball games and similar events which now can be attended at full capacity if everyone is fully vaccinated.

Locke also said that the CDC made it clear that masking mandates are not federal, rather mandated at the state and local levels. “Jefferson County has a local mandate—one I issued on May 28, 2020, similar to what became the state mandate,” said Locke.

“We need to maintain the indoor masking mandate for businesses in Jefferson County as there is no way to tell if people have been vaccinated. We can remove all outdoor mandates as COVID is rarely transmitted outdoors,” he said. Masking standards need to be updated. For special events where it can be verified people are fully vaccinated, no masks will be necessary. To verify full vaccination, the onus is on the organization or person holding the event, Locke added.

The challenge we now have is to get the vaccination levels up. Demand has dropped and we are now considering incentives as some other places have. “The pandemic won't be over until we get 85% of the population—including children, vaccinated.” Locke said. Department of Emergency Management Director Willie Bence also stressed the importance of wearing masks inside businesses and the need to get more people vaccinated. “If people have concerns or questions about the vaccines, we have doctors and nurses available at our clinics to answer questions. Please—come in and talk to one of our medical experts, then you can sign up and get vaccinated. You can also call the call center at 360-344-9791 with questions or to make an appointment for a vaccination,” Bence said.

Cases by Age

0-19	80
20-29	45
30-39	61
40-49	41
50-59	54
60-69	73
70-79	38
80+	20

Cases by Sex

Cases by Sex	N (%)
Female	198 (48.1%)
Male	214 (51.9%)

Cases by Location

Port Townsend	172
Mid-County	195
South County (Quilcene, Brinnon, West Jefferson)	45

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases reported since 3/2/2020)	412
Active Cases in Isolation	6
Negative	23,122
Percent Positive	1.75%
Test Results Pending	53
Total Tests Administered	23,587
Total Patients Recovered*	381
Cases Ever Hospitalized	27
Deaths	3
Two Week COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 (May 2 - May 15)**	50.16

Last results received 5/17/2021. 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: 5/17/2021 at 2:41 P.M.

Case Rate in Last 4 weeks

Week of:	Case Rate
04/11/21-04/24/21	68.97
04/18/21-05/01/21	62.70
04/25/21-05/08/21	62.70
05/02/21-05/15/21	50.16

% Positive in Past 4 Weeks

Week of:	Tests Completed	Cases	% Positive
04/19/21-04/25/21	421	7	1.66%
04/26/21-05/02/21	416	12	2.88%
05/03/21-05/09/21	343	10	2.92%
05/10/21-05/16/21	347	5	1.44%

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