March 26, 2020

From Dr. Tom Locke--JeffCo Health Officer:

“There is very preliminary evidence that the stay at home efforts in Washington may be having some positive effect. The governor expressed a concern that these efforts may not be evenly practiced across the state. We want to make sure that Jefferson County is leading the state in the stay at home efforts. We are at a critical state and our efforts in next two weeks will determine if we will be able to manage the medical surge.”

For the latest press release from Dr. Tom Locke
https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19

As of March 25, 2020, all non-essential businesses in Washington State shall cease operations except for performing basic minimum operations. All essential businesses are encouraged to remain open and maintain operations, but must establish and implement social distancing and sanitation measures established by the United States Department of Labor or the Washington State Department of Health Guidelines. This prohibition shall remain in effect until midnight on April 8, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

For a complete list of Essential businesses, go to https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/WA%20Essential%20Critical%20Infrastructure%20Workers%20%28Final%29.pdf

How to Help/Community Face Mask Program:

Details for making masks for community use ONLY are on Jefferson County Emergency Management’s webpage at https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1450/How-to-Help. Click on the COVID-19-Resources option, top/left on the page for the pattern, instructions, where to drop off masks and where to get a mask if needed. PLEASE DO NOT call the hospital for information or deliver any masks to Jefferson Healthcare. If you are interested in volunteering with the DEM, information is on the webpage.

Internet Access

Some of our community members do not have internet access from their homes. While the Port Townsend and Port Hadlock libraries are closed, both have WiFi availability 24-hours a day that can be accessed from their respective parking lots. Please let friends and neighbors without internet service at their homes know about this service.

“Stay Calm  –  Plan Ahead  –  Stay Safe”
If you have symptoms:

If you think you’ve been exposed to the virus and have respiratory symptoms, call Jefferson Healthcare’s dedicated COVID-19/Respiratory Illness Nurse Consult line at 360-344-3094 as a first step. COVID-19 testing drive-thru at Jefferson Healthcare is by appointment only.

Links to more information:

- Jefferson County Public Health: https://co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19
- Jefferson County Gov Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jeffcowagov/

Difficulty coping? CALL THE CRISIS HOTLINE at 1-888-910-0416

Best Practices and Guides:

- Washington State Department of Health: https://www.doh.wa.gov/
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov

Current status of Jefferson County grocery stores and restaurants:

The information provided will be updated as things change. Suggest checking the site frequently.


If you need help or want to volunteer:

- Olympic Community Action Programs: https://www.olycap.org/