MORE FACE MASKS NEEDED
The CDC recommends wearing face masks in public. While many people have stepped up to make face masks for community use, the need has increased. The face mask pattern and instructions can be found at: https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1450/VolunteerHow-to-Help

Stay Home-Stay Healthy Order
Extended Through May 4
DO NOT CALL 911 to report “STAY AT HOME” violators.
To report suspected violations, go to https://coronavirus.wa.gov.

While not always visible to the community at-large, amidst ever-changing protocols, resource needs and the recently prolonged Stay Home-Stay Healthy order from Gov. Inslee, local agencies and organizations have been diligently working to keep community members safe from and informed about the Coronavirus which has made an effective difference in our community.

First responders from all five Jefferson County fire districts have been and continue to be on the frontlines responding to requests to evaluate and transport patients to area hospitals. Our two law enforcement agencies continue to patrol the city and county and when needed, remind people to stay at home and practice social distancing.

The Public Health Department has been thoroughly investigating COVID-19 cases, more specifically any contacts COVID-19 diagnosed patients have had with other individuals. According to Public Health staff, this is a process that involves following up with any contacts a patient has had and assisting patients who may have been exposed to someone with the virus. Other Public Health staff are working with local grocers, restaurants and their food handlers so they can continue to provide services and ensure social distancing. The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is fully activated.

Staff is working on submitting resource requests to the
State; overseeing the production and dissemination of face masks for community use; working with schools, businesses and the area’s Neighborhood Preparedness groups. Through the DEM, a Joint Information Center (JIC) has been established and includes information resources on DEM’s webpage; KPTZ Radio 91.9; Jefferson County Social Media (Facebook); Local/2020; Public Health; Jefferson Healthcare. The Department of Emergency Management has a team member overseeing the availability of food from grocery stores, markets and area restaurants. The Finance Section is working with State and Federal agencies to make certain all agencies are compliant with submitting the appropriate paperwork for reimbursement of expenses directly related to COVID-19.

Jefferson Healthcare recently received two needed ventilators, and they are planning ahead for the possibility of an increased number of patients and striving to keep all healthcare workers healthy while continuing to serve all community health needs—not just Coronavirus patients.

The Olympic Community Action Program (Olycap) has a robust volunteer program and information on their website (https://olycap.org) where community members who need help can make requests for what they need.

Jefferson County’s Neighborhood Preparedness groups have rallied to help their neighbors with such things as grocery deliveries and calling neighbors to check on them during the Stay Home-Stay Healthy order.

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If you have symptoms:
Call Jefferson Healthcare’s Nurse Consult line at 360-344-3094 as a first step. COVID-19 testing drive-thru at Jefferson Healthcare is by appointment only.

If you want to help:
Go to https://www.olycap.org to fill out a volunteer form.

Dept. of Emergency Management is looking for retired doctors, nurses, EMTs, police officers; those with a food-handler’s card. To volunteer, go to https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1450/VolunteerHow-to-Help

If you need help:
• Olympic Community Action Programs: Fill out the request for assistance form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1i8KITZeXU70zGl676aBAROdRpxyq0uFPhkq8joult_cU2w/viewform

Links to more information:
• Jefferson County Public Health: https://co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19
• Jefferson Co. Public Health Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jeffersoncountypublichealth/
• Jefferson County Gov Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jeffcowagov/
• Dept. of Emergency Management: https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/950/Dept-of-Emergency-Management

Difficulty coping? CALL THE CRISIS HOTLINE at 1-888-910-0416. Other Mental Health Resources can be found at: https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1447/Mental-Health-Resources

Best Practices and Guides:
• Washington State Department of Health: https://www.doh.wa.gov/
• CDC: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov

Stay Calm – Plan Ahead – Stay Safe