



Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



Community Situation Report

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

May 8, 2020

Joint Special Meeting brings new concerns to the forefront

Thursday's special meeting brought the Jefferson County Board of Health, County Commissioners and Port Townsend City Council members together to discuss the process to apply for a variance to move into Phase 2 of the State's reopening plan. There are several mandatory steps in the process that include complying with a set of metrics outlined in Gov. Inslee's SAFE START document. (The eight-page document can be viewed by searching for SAFE START WASHINGTON)

The metrics that will need to be addressed in the application for a variance include: COVID-19 Disease Activity; Health Care System Readiness; Testing Capacity and Availability; Case and Contact Investigations and the Ability to Protect High-Risk Populations.

The first step in the process will come from Dr. Tom Locke, Jefferson County Public Health Medical Director who said he will get his recommendations to the County Board of Health by next Tuesday or Wednesday. Locke said his primary focus will be on health concerns that could be in jeopardy if the reopening of area businesses particularly increases visitors to the county from outside the area.

During the meeting, several agency representatives mentioned their concerns about an increase in visitors to our area if retail outlets and restaurants opened here before they opened in major metropolitan areas. Other concerns discussed included the need for businesses to be able to comply with a set of guidelines the state will provide for each reopening phase. The guidelines for Phase 2 are expected on May 15.

A series of meetings has been planned by the agencies to move forward. The County Board of Health will hold a special meeting on May 14 to discuss Dr. Locke's recommendations. Another joint meeting is planned for May 18 or May 19 to hear from County Commissioners; City of PT; PUD; Board of Health; Port of PT; the business community and stakeholders about the recommendations. The regularly scheduled County Board of Health meeting will take place on May 21. The Board of County Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, May 26 to present the final decision.

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

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	28
In-County Exposure	19
Presumed Out-of-County Exposure	09
Negative	945
Percent Positive	2.9%
Test Results Pending	06
Total Patients Tested	979
Total Patients Recovered*	26
Deaths	0

Last results received 5/8/2020. We are working with Jefferson Healthcare and other labs to provide the test result data. There are cases reported from all areas of Jefferson County, East of the Olympics. *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. Last Updated: 5/8/2020 at 12:55 p.m.

Confirmed Cases by Age

Age Group	No. of Positive
<19	0
20-29	2
30-39	5
40-49	4
50-59	2
60-69	10
70-79	4
80+	1

Female: 12 (43%)
Male: 16 (57%)

REMINDER: The May 11 Board of County Commissioners meeting will be broadcast on KPTZ 91.9 or you can go to www.co.jefferson.wa.us and click on *Videos of Meetings* on the lower left side of the screen. Then choose *Streaming Live*.

<h1>WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH</h1> <h2>Reopening Business and Modifying Physical Distancing Measures</h2>				
	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3	 Phase 4
High-Risk Populations*	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	All outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor group rec. sports activities (5-50 people) - Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (public pools, etc.) 	Resume all recreational activity
Gatherings (social, spiritual)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None - Drive in spiritual service with one household per vehicle 	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
Travel	Only essential travel	Limited non-essential travel within proximity of your home	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
Business/Employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meet agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Automobile sales - Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remaining manufacturing - New construction - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Hair and nail salons/Barbers - Housecleaning - Restaurants <50% capacity table size no larger than 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restaurants <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Bars at <25% capacity - Indoor gyms at <50% capacity - Movie theaters at <50% capacity - Government (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled) including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.