



# Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management



## Community Situation Report

### 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

March 24, 2020

#### CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Practice Social Distancing: Six feet distance
- Stay home if you are 60+ or have other health issues

### Gov. Inslee issues STAY AT HOME order for WA Residents

- This IS NOT the same as shelter in place. You may still go outside, go to the grocery store, etc.
- You should stay home, however, unless you have essential business.
- The order does include gatherings like weddings, funerals, spiritual and recreational gatherings.
- The Governor will provide a list of businesses that are considered essential - things like gas stations and grocery stores. We will provide an update once that is made available.
- PLEASE DO NOT HOARD SUPPLIES - the supply chain is still intact, and grocery stores are able to restock efficiently. There is no reason to start stockpiling excessive amounts of food and water. However, do make smart decisions when you go the store, so you can get everything essential in one trip.
- Restaurants may still offer take out.
- The order is effective immediately for private citizens and in 48 hours for businesses.
- Please DO NOT call 911 with questions relating to the stay-at-home order; emergency services will not be affected by the order, but 911 is, in all situations, for life-threatening emergencies only.

### From Jefferson County Sheriff Joe Nole

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 Governor Inslee issued a [STAY AT HOME /STAY HEALTHY order](#) for all persons in the State of Washington. Exemptions to this order are listed in the Governor's [Essential Critical Infrastructure Worker document](#). A link to this information is also available on the [Jefferson County Sheriff Website](#). Willful violation of this order is enforceable under [RCW 43.06.220\(5\)](#) and is a gross misdemeanor. The goal of the Sheriff's Office is to keep our community safe and we are requesting that citizens comply. Deputies will NOT be conducting random compliance checks. We would like to ensure you that this is **NOT** a SHELTER IN PLACE order, which would require you to stay home and not leave your house. Under the stay at home order you can leave your home to go to the grocery store, pharmacy, the park to take a walk, or conduct essential activities. As always, social distancing is a must. Please DO NOT call 911 to ask questions about this order as our dispatch center needs to be available for EMERGENCIES. These are unprecedented times and we must pull together to protect our loved ones, neighbors, and fellow community members.

Joe Nole  
Jefferson County Sheriff

\*Last results received 3/24/2020. We are working with Jefferson Healthcare and other labs to provide the test result data.

Total Positives (confirmed cases)	9
In-County Exposure	2
Presumed Out-of-County Exposure	7
Negative	220
Test Results Pending	176
Total Patients Tested	405

*" Stay Calm - Plan Ahead - Stay Safe "*

**For the latest press release from Dr. Tom Locke, JeffCo Health Officer**  
<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19>

### **Community Mask Plan**

Details for Mask making for the community and the hospital are still pending and should be confirmed in the next 24 to 48 hours. PLEASE DO NOT call the hospital for information or deliver any masks to Jefferson Healthcare. Information will be posted on this SitRep and on the Dept. of Emergency Management's webpage ([www.jeffcoecoc.org](http://www.jeffcoecoc.org)) when it is available.

### **COVID-19 Testing Protocols:**

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For State Public Health Lab testing, Jefferson County Health Officer, Dr. Tom Locke, is required to approve testing requests following strict CDC Guidelines. However, providers can now make independent decisions about patients they believe need to be tested and Dr. Locke's authorization is not needed. **As of March 24, 2020, Dr. Locke said, "There are a lot of tests are pending. The majority of tests have come back negative."**

### **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.

- Local 2020: <https://l2020.org/covid-19/>

### **If you need help or want to volunteer:**

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