

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I'm Jim Burke, with local news and commentary for Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

A tree fell across a transmission line and 7,800 Jefferson PUD electricity customers from Kala Point up through Port Townsend lost power around 6:15pm last night and were without power for about two and a half hours. At 8:55pm, the PUD announced via Twitter that they had restored power to most of Port Townsend, but were still working on removing the tree and to restore power to about 385 customers still without power in Kala Point and the area by Route 20. By 9:15 PUD reported that only 17 customers were still without power and they were still working on that tree. As of this morning, the outage map of Jefferson PUD indicated that all electrical customers have power restored.

The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) wants residents to know the facts about internet fireworks sales. Presale of consumer fireworks may occur online if these guidelines are followed:

- The fireworks may only be delivered to the consumer at a licensed and permitted fireworks stand during the legally authorized time periods.
- The fireworks for sale are legally allowed to be purchased in Washington. Sale, possession, and discharge are allowed in the jurisdiction where the sale is occurring.
- All advertisements for the sale of fireworks will contain the license number with its expiration date of the purveyor.

The purchase or receipt of fireworks must be through a Washington licensed fireworks retailer or wholesaler.

Fireworks cannot be legally purchased over the internet and shipped to a private residence or picked up anywhere other than a licensed and permitted fireworks stand. And, on that note, Washington State Patrol reports that sale of consumer fireworks begins June 28, 2022, at 12pm and ends on July 5, 2022, at 9pm. The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office issued licenses for 538 retail fireworks stands in 2022.

The SFMO encourages those who purchase fireworks this year to enjoy them safely, and gather in compliance with public health guidelines within their individual counties. A number of cities and counties have restricted or banned the sale and discharge of fireworks, while others have modified the types of fireworks that can be purchased. Always be sure to check with your local jurisdiction before purchasing or discharging fireworks.

For more information about the sale and use of fireworks in your area, please contact your local fire authority or the SFMO at 360-596-3929 or visit <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks>.

Yesterday was the Board of County Commissioners Meeting and Dr. Berry said that the counties are moving to a once-a-week schedule for updates on the numbers, and those updates will occur Mondays by noon, except weeks like next week, where Independence Day is on Monday, so those numbers, and her reports to the Board of County Commissioners will happen Tuesday morning.

In Jefferson County the two week case rate is 976 per hundred thousand. There are 181 cases in isolation. No one is currently hospitalized. Total Cases: 4,657. 30 people have died due to COVID in Jefferson County since the pandemic began.

In Clallam County the case rate is 645 per hundred thousand. There have been a total of 13,544 cases since the pandemic began. Six people are currently hospitalized, and there has been a total of 116 deaths due to COVID in Clallam County since the pandemic began.

The risk of COVID-19 transmission in public, indoor spaces is high. Wearing a well-fitting N-95 mask or similar is still your best protection from infection, even if you are vaccinated.

For vaccines In Clallam County for young children call the number for Clallam County Public Health (360-417-2303).

Jefferson County Public Health will offer COVID-19 vaccinations to children aged 6 months and older beginning the first week of July. Parents and guardians may make an appointment for their child by calling 360-385-9400.

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccinations for children by visiting the Washington State Department of Health's website (<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-216-VaccinationRequirementFAQChildCare.pdf>).

Jefferson Healthcare received the first shipment of Pfizer's "baby" pediatric COVID vaccine for patients 6 months to 4 years old. Caregivers with Jefferson Healthcare patients may call or text Sheridan Clinic Primary Care (360-379-8031) or Townsend Clinic Primary Care (360-385-5388) to schedule vaccine visits for children 6 months to 4 years old.

Children are required to be accompanied by their legal guardian or have the original Patient Acknowledgement form signed by a legal guardian. No photographs, copies, or over-the-phone verbal consent can be accepted. Please download and complete acknowledgment forms from <http://jeffersonhealthcare.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

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