

Good afternoon you're tuned into KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I'm Simon Jaynes with local news for November 4, 2021.

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It was announced yesterday that two vaccination clinics for children ages 5-11 will be held in the coming weeks. One on Saturday, November 13 at Blue Heron Middle School from 9am to 12noon. And one on November 20 at Chimacum High School from 9am to 12noon. These clinics are being operated by Jefferson County Public Health and the Department of Emergency Management. An appointment is required, and you can find a link to make one at the department of public health's web page (<https://prepmo.doh.wa.gov/appointment/en/reg/2512296074>). The clinic will be staffed by nurses with pediatric experience, and they ask that parents address their child's concerns about receiving the shot in advance. If your child is afraid the shot might hurt, tell them you will be right there so they can squeeze your hand and it will be finished before they can count to 3. Let them know that getting vaccinated helps them to stay healthy and it also helps others around them stay healthy. It is important to remember that the clinic can only provide vaccines to children ages 5-11 and children must meet age requirements the day of the clinic. The vaccine dosage for this age range is one third the dosage required for older children and adults. The department of public health will host another clinic on December 4 to begin administering second doses.

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The health department added additional hours to their Moderna booster shot clinic coming up this Saturday, November 6. There will now be the opportunity to sign up for a booster shot appointment from 9am to noon at the Chimacum School, in addition to the 1pm to 4pm appointment slots the health department had already planned. There will also be a Moderna booster shot clinic on Saturday, November 13, from 1pm to 4pm at Blue Heron Middle School in Port Townsend. Booster shots are only available for people 65 years of age and older and those aged 18 to 64 who are at high risk of severe COVID-19. Appointments are required for these three clinics. You can schedule your appointment by going to the Jefferson County Public Health website, or calling the Department of Emergency Management's vaccine hotline at 360-344-9791. You will need to bring your vaccine card to your scheduled appointment.

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Jefferson County Public Health reported 5 new cases of COVID-19 yesterday, this brings our total case count, since the beginning of the pandemic, up to 1,174. There are currently 28 active cases in isolation and our two-week case rate is 251 per 100,000. The department of public health reports that 71% of Jefferson County residents are fully vaccinated.

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Our local Climate Action Committee, an advisory body to the Port Townsend City Council, will present top greenhouse gas reduction opportunities to the public in an online meeting today from 4-5:30pm at 540 Water Street. Topics will include, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, fleet conversion, access and affordability of EVs, as well as the recent IPCC climate change report. Speakers will include Port Townsend Public Works Director Steve King; Chair of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners Kate Dean; and Cindy Jayne, Chair of the Climate Action Committee. You can find details of how to join the meeting at the Climate Action Committee's webpage (<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/637/Climate-Action-Committee>).

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In other upcoming events, the Jefferson County Historical Society is hosting Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture's traveling BurkeMobile Dig In program at the Jefferson Museum of Art and History on Saturday November 13. Its an event for dinosaur and fossil lovers of all ages featuring displays of fossils and cast replicas from the Paleozoic ,Mesozoic, and Cenozoic Eras. There will also be rarely displayed fossils from the JCHS collection on hand. Program activities will be stationed throughout the Museum from 11am to 2pm. No registration is required; indoor mask mandates as well as capacity limits in spaces will be implemented.

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In local prep sports, the East Jefferson Rivals Football team is headed to postseason play on the heels of a league championship victory. The rivals beat the Klahowya Eagles last Thursday to clinch an undefeated record in the Nisqually league. They are awaiting a seeding decision to find out their first playoff match up next week. East Jefferson is also sending both its Boys and Girls entire Cross-Country teams to the State Meet in Pasco Washington on Saturday.

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One travel notice to keep in mind: The Hood Canal Bridge will be closed for short periods of time between 10pm Friday, Nov. 5 and 12:01am Saturday, Nov. 6, the Washington State Department of Transportation has announced. Crews will repeatedly open and close the draw span to traffic during the two-hour timeframe, officials said, and the bridge will open to vehicle traffic approximately every 30 minutes. uring the closures, maintenance crews for the Hood Canal Bridge will conduct annual training related to winter storms.

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And that's it for today's local news. KPTZ 91.9 FM brings you local news at noon Monday through Saturday and at 5pm Monday through Thursday. You can contact us through [news@kptz.org](mailto:news@kptz.org). I'm Simon Jaynes. Thanks for listening and have a great day.