

Safety Committee Report

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There is a new variant of the Covid virus that is causing problems in Europe and China. Following previous trends, what happens there will happen here within a couple weeks. Additionally, while the mask mandates have been lifted in Washington, Clallam County has a vaccination rate of only 69% and Jefferson is at 76% and neither is in the lowest case rate according to the state's website. Please keep this in mind when deciding where and when to wear a mask, especially if you have any kind of health issues.

The CDC says the effectiveness of Covid vaccines decreases over time. The FDA is considering the requests by vaccine manufacturers to approve a fourth booster, which would begin in the fall. Expect the vaccine will become a seasonal shot like the one for flu as the Covid virus continues to mutate and produce new strains.

The federal government has issued strong warnings about Russian cyber attacks as retaliation for our support of Ukraine and sanctions placed on Russia. If you are unfamiliar with cyber attacks, they can disrupt any computer system from banking to electrical grids, all of which could cause major disruptions to your everyday life. Please reread your DBR Safety Manual. The advice to prepare for a natural disaster or a cyber attack that might disrupt the supply chain, your ability to use your ATM card or have power is basically the same. You should have a supply of food and water, keep cash on hand, keep your gas tank full and have back ups for heat and lights.

Read more about cyber attacks at: [Cybersecurity | Ready.gov](#)

With summer coming on and a severe drought expected in the west, please have your Go Bag ready in case of a wildfire evacuation. This is another reason to keep your vehicle's gas tank full and have a plan for your pets. Keep all the N-95 masks you've been collecting in case of smoke this summer.