

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200426.1	DATE: 4/26/2020	TIME: 15:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 8	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

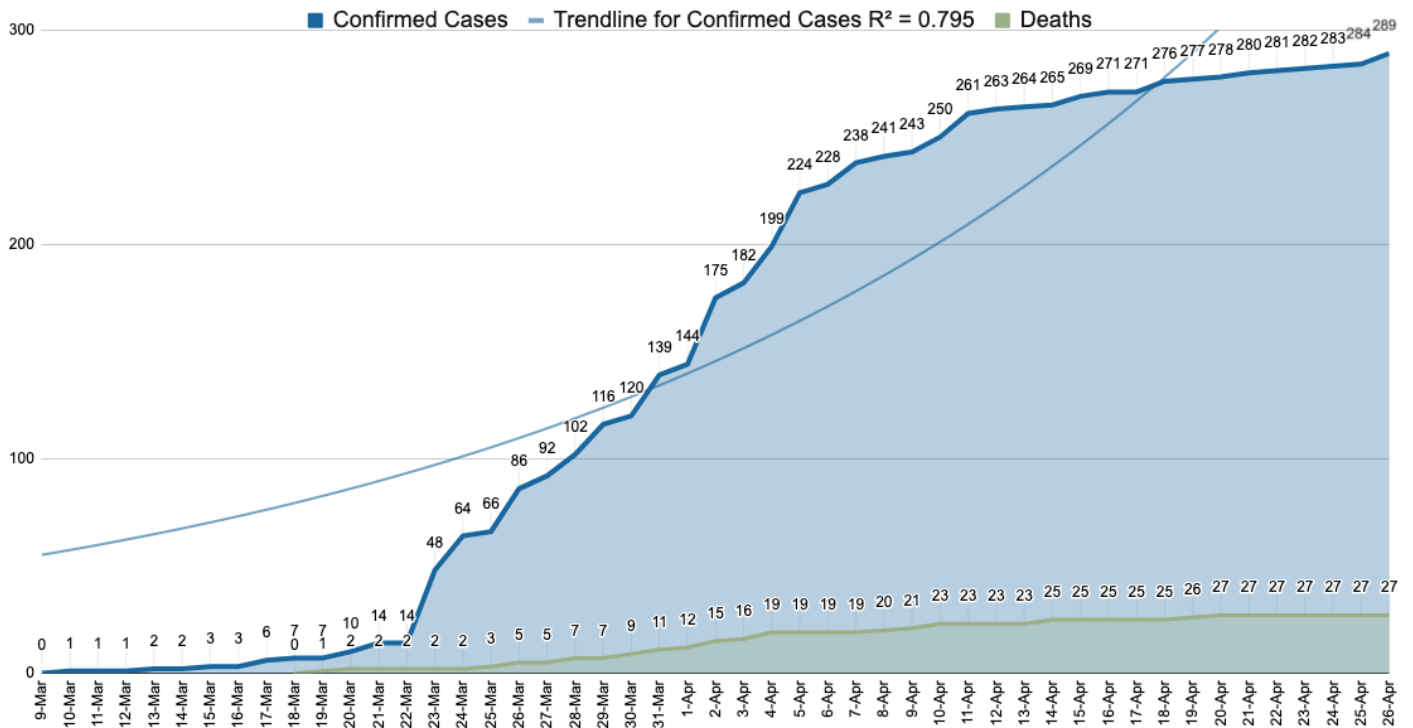
ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 7am – 7pm
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GENERAL SITUATION

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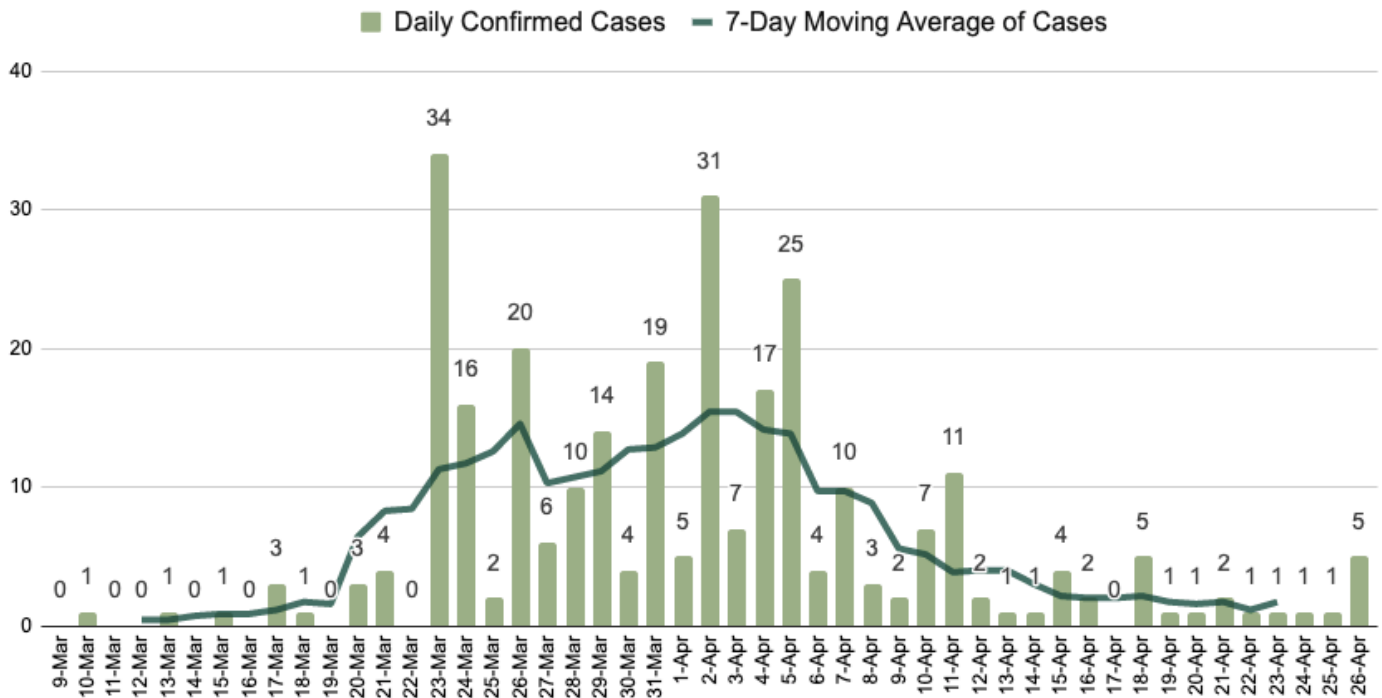
WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/26/2020	289	27
4/25/2020	284	27
4/24/2020	283	27
4/23/2020	282	27
4/22/2020	281	27

COVID-19 Daily Confirmed Cases with 7-Day Moving Average, Whatcom County



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

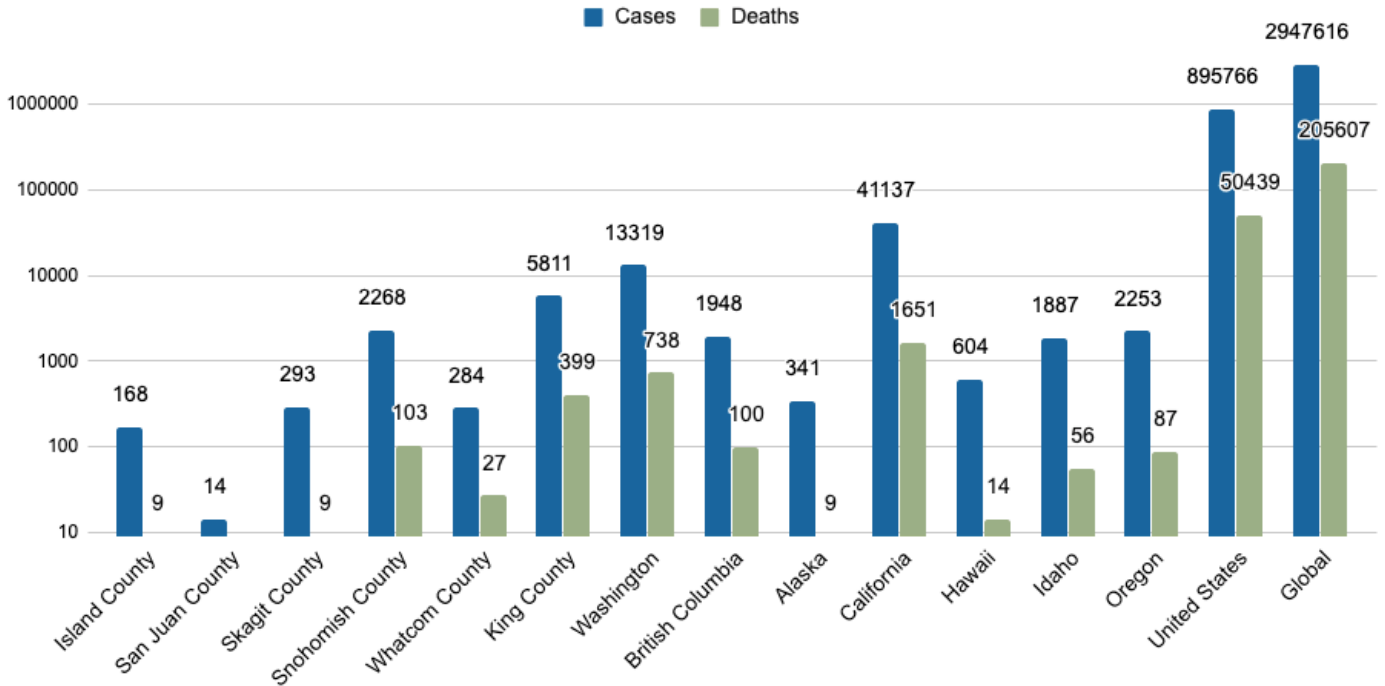
INTELLIGENCE REPORT

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	4/26/20	4/25/20	4/24/20	4/23/20	4/22/20
Total Beds	N/A	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	N/A	149	155	153	144
Total Beds Available	N/A	83	77	79	88
Total Ventilators Available	N/A	43	43	43	43

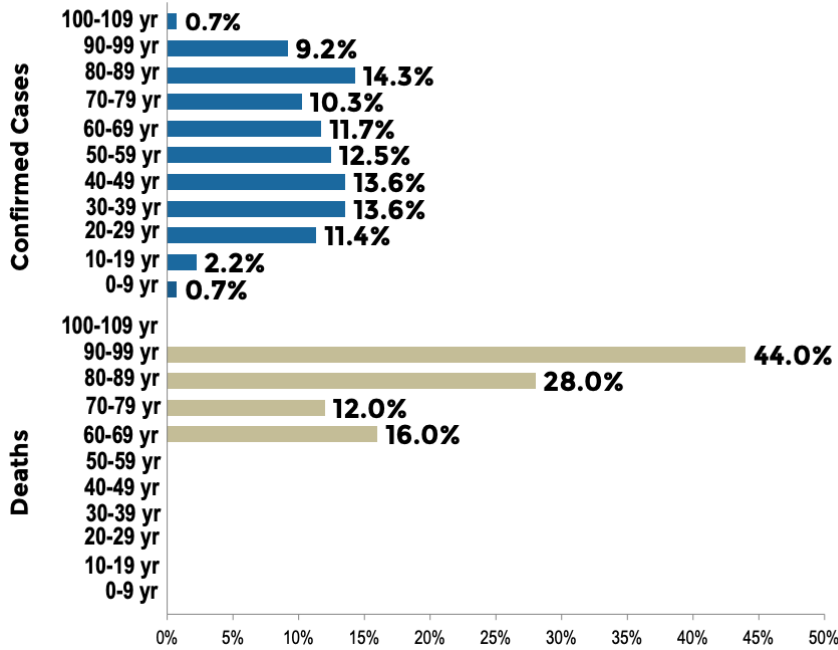
*Note: Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

**Source: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Washington State Hospital Association

Regional COVID-19 Cases and Deaths (4/25/20)



Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category



*Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>

COVID-19 in Washington State Number of Individuals Tested by Specimen Collection Date

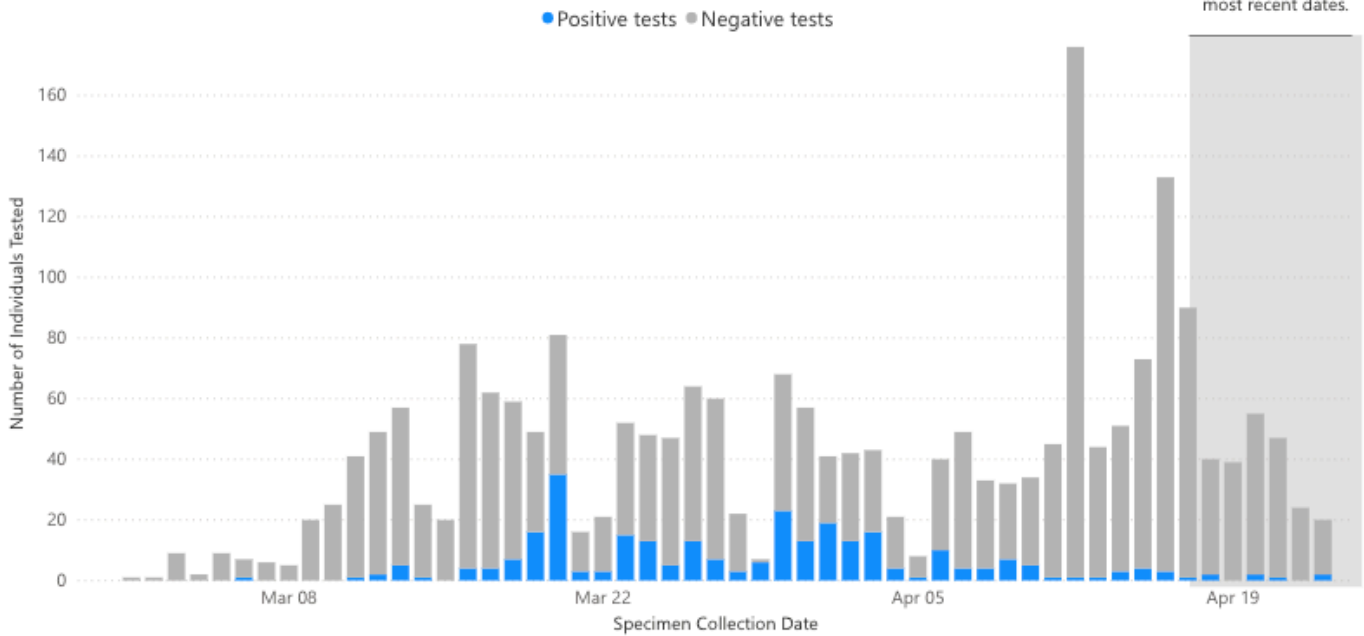
Data as of April 24, 2020 11:59PM PT

Percent positive tests 12.6%

Counties

Whatcom County

Data may be incomplete for the most recent dates.



*Graph last updated April 26, 2020.

**Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>

COVID-19 in Washington State

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Illnesses that began in the last 4 to 7 days may not yet be reported.

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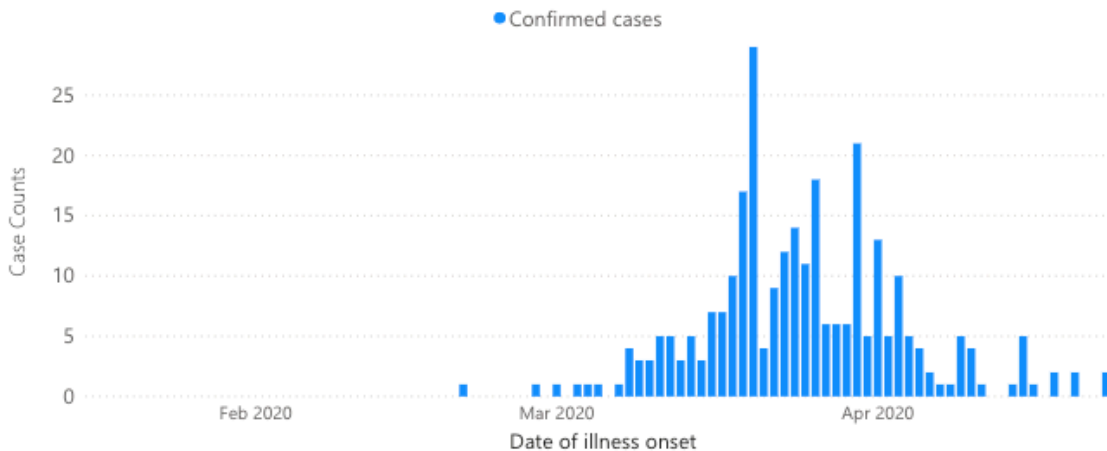
Confirmed Cases

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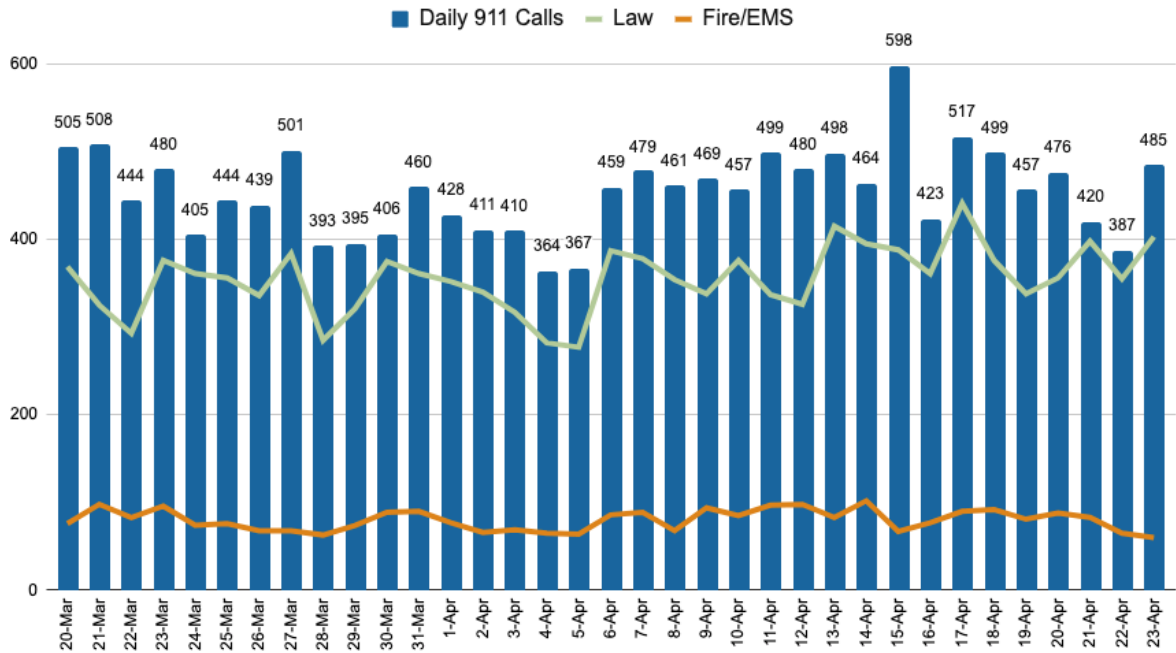
Downloadable Table

Counties with greater than 10 cases / deaths

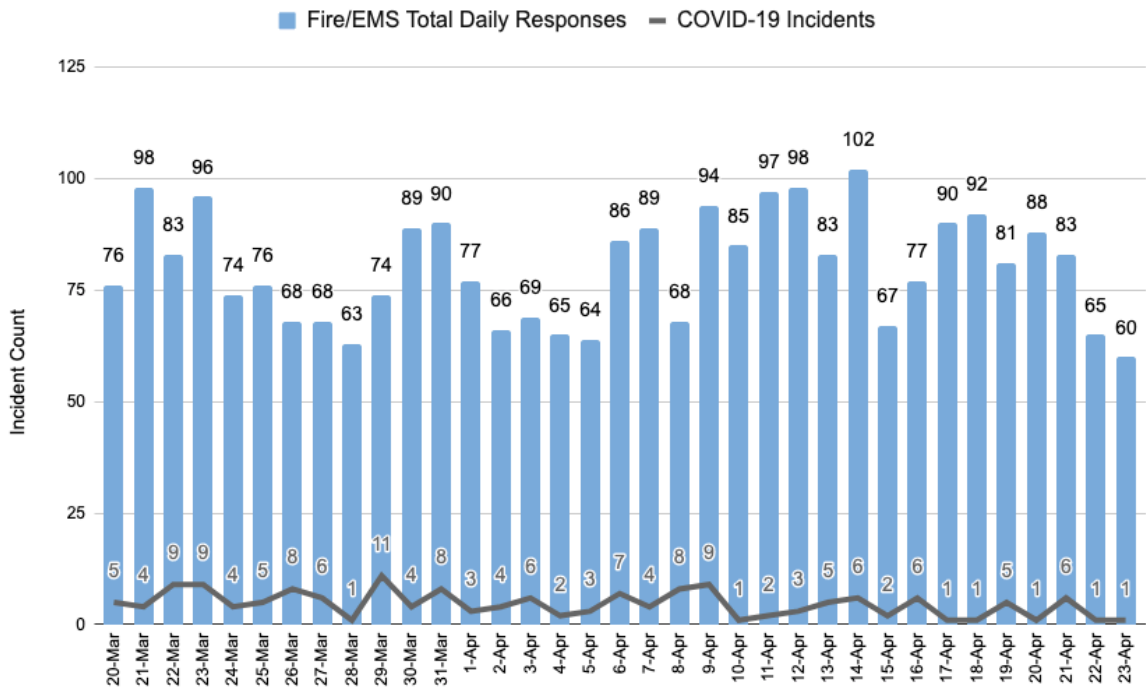
Whatcom County



Daily 911 Call Totals with Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS Response Totals, Whatcom County



Total Daily EMS Response Calls and Suspected COVID-19 Incidents, Whatcom County



*Note: A single incident can generate multiple 911 calls and incidents can occur without a 911 call.

**Source: Whatcom County EMS

Data last updated on April 24, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS

Incident Objective 6: Keep the public, stakeholders, and the media informed of response activities

The Whatcom Unified Command **Joint Information Center (JIC)** updates and maintains the Whatcom COVID-19 website as the central repository for the most up to date information regarding COVID-19 for Whatcom County residents. Updates are continually made to report on current health data, government recommendations and orders, and media coverage. All information has been verified to come from reputable sources. The JIC coordinates with partner agencies throughout the State to maintain consistency when reporting information.

Local Information (Coordinated through the JIC):

- WUC Whatcom COVID-19 website: <https://whatcomcovid.com/>
- Whatcom County Health Department website: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid>
- Whatcom County News Flash: www.co.whatcom.wa.us
- [WUC Facebook](#)
- [WUC Twitter](#)
- [Whatcom County Health Department Facebook](#)

State and Federal Information

- Governor Inslee's Proclamations: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>
- President Trump extended the federal guidelines for social distancing through 4/30/20
- Washington State Department of Health provides guidance on wearing cloth face coverings <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf>

JIC Updates

- WCHD Website (www.whatcomcounty.us/covid)
 - Case updates (including newsflashes)
 - Updated FAQ Section
- Whatcom Unified Command website (www.whatcomcovid.com)
 - Status report current as of April 25
 - Responses to Contact Us submissions
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Make sure spring cleaning is safe
 - Face masks
 - Case Count Update
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Make sure spring cleaning is safe
- Other:
 - Ongoing conversations with media
 - Prepare PSA with local experts to help set expectations for May

Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: "[Child vaccinations drop at a dangerous rate during coronavirus pandemic, doctors say](#)" (April 25, 2020)

- Bellingham Herald: "[Bellingham crime spree allegedly includes theft of material for coronavirus masks](#)" (April 26, 2020)
- My Northwest: "[Thousands to rally online in support of WA stay-at-home order](#)" (April 25, 2020)
- Skagit Herald: "[COVID-19 pandemic has put dairy farmers in a tight spot](#)" (April 25, 2020)

State and Federal Headlines:

- Tacoma News Tribune: "[‘I don’t know where they are.’ Tacoma teachers struggle to reach kids amid coronavirus closure](#)" (April 25, 2020)
- The New Yorker: "[Seattle’s Leaders Let Scientists Take the Lead. New York’s Did Not](#)" (April 26, 2020)
- New York Times: "[U.S. testing needs ‘a huge technology breakthrough.’](#)" (April 26, 2020)
- CNN: "[Hospital chaplains are bridging the gap between patients and grieving families who can't stay by their bedside during the coronavirus pandemic](#)" (April 26, 2020)

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives
- Re-organize the health department website to improve accessibility and connect users with current resources.
- We continue to work with Liaison to determine local COVID-19 call center needs and the best tool to address local phone inquiries.
- Continue to reinforce the importance of staying home, and staying healthy for our community.
- Work with Liaison to develop a plan for distribution of communication materials for community groups.
- We are working on a more robust, strategic communications plan incorporating an equity focus throughout our messaging.
- Collect, summarize, and publish information about PPE distributed by WUC
- Develop materials to explain planning process and communicate context of preparations
- Greater outreach to farming communities
- Help set general expectations for May
- Organize and expand mental health resources
- Prepare for Monday press briefing with WCHD leaders

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

1. Prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19
 - a. Provide essential medical screening and care
 - b. Establish isolation facilities to meet county-wide demand
 - c. County Health Officer to provide data-driven decisions on public health strategies
2. Provide for the most vulnerable members of the community
3. Ensure adequacy of First Responder personnel resources
 - a. Provide resources and supplies to healthcare facilities and first responders as requested
4. Maintain Essential Services
 - a. Identify Critical Functions/Services (e.g., utilities, continuity of essential government services, public transportation etc.)
 - b. Maintain Childcare for Essential Personnel
 - c. Monitor Health of Essential Personnel
 - d. Minimize Staffing in EOC
 - e. Establish Surge Capacity Capability

5. Monitor and mitigate economic impacts on the community
 - a. Assess agricultural, aquacultural, fishery and farming impacts
 - b. Monitor and assess impacts to border restrictions
 - c. Monitor and assess impacts on local government ensuring compliance with state and FEMA guidance
6. Keep the public, stakeholders, and the media informed of response activities
7. Manage a coordinated interagency response effort that reflects the makeup of Unified Command

SOURCES & RELEVANT SITES

IAP Software
 WADOH Daily Epi Report
 WADOH Map: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/3614241b1c2b4e519ae1cf52e2c3d560>
 Whatcom County Health Department <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/3329/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19#case>
 Whatcom County EMS
 Washington State Hospital Association- Hospital Supply Tracker
 Whatcom County Health Department Situation Reports
 Washington: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>
 British Columbia: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>
 Alaska: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/monitoring.aspx>
 California: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>
 Hawaii: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/>
 Idaho: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>
 Oregon: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>
 CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>
 Global: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

SECTION UPDATES

OPERATIONS

1. Maintained support for their ongoing operational goals and activities.

LOGISTICS

1. Continued support for cloth mask donation, sanitizing, and distribution.
2. Continued support for Byron Avenue IQ facility.
3. Continued support of activities at the Meridian Street Donation Center.

PLANNING

1. Hosted situation status and Unified Command briefing meetings.

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