

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 9	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

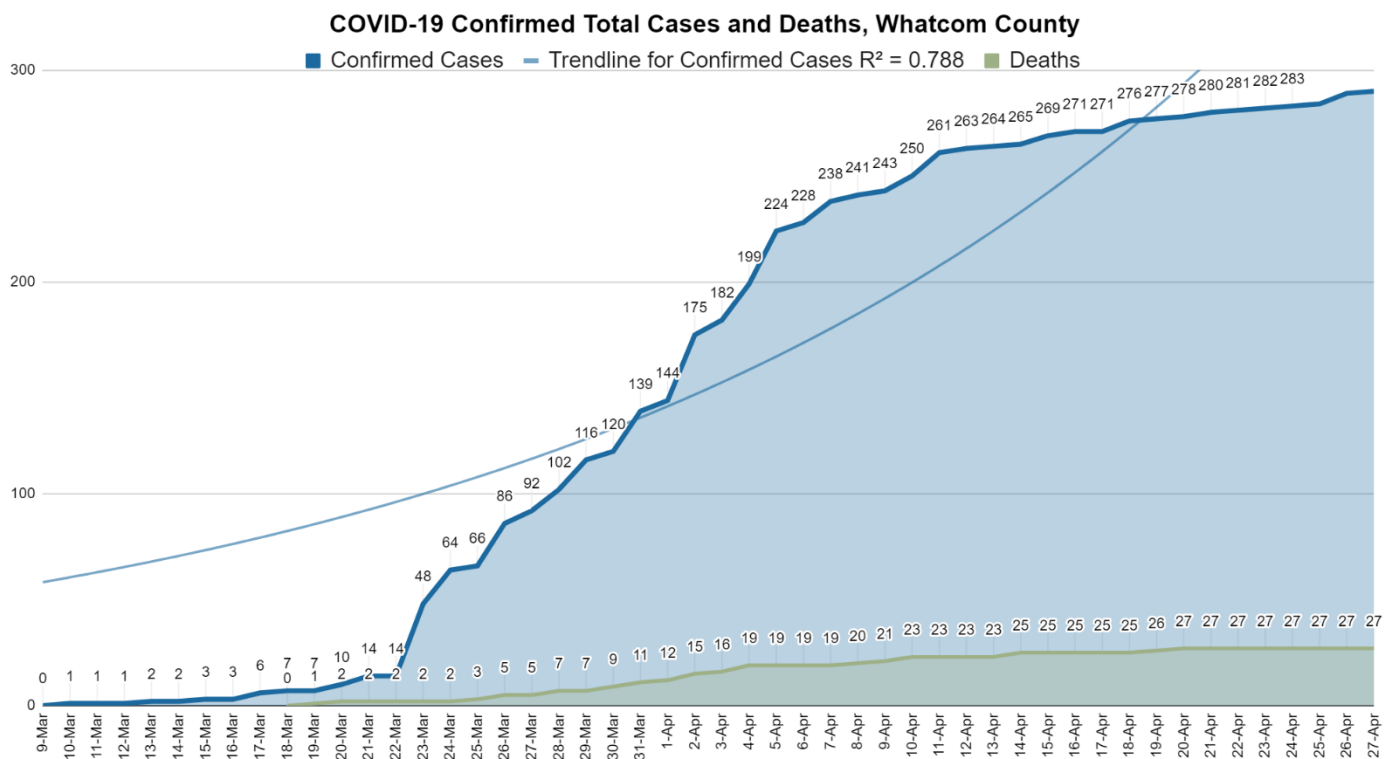
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 8am – 5pm
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GENERAL SITUATION

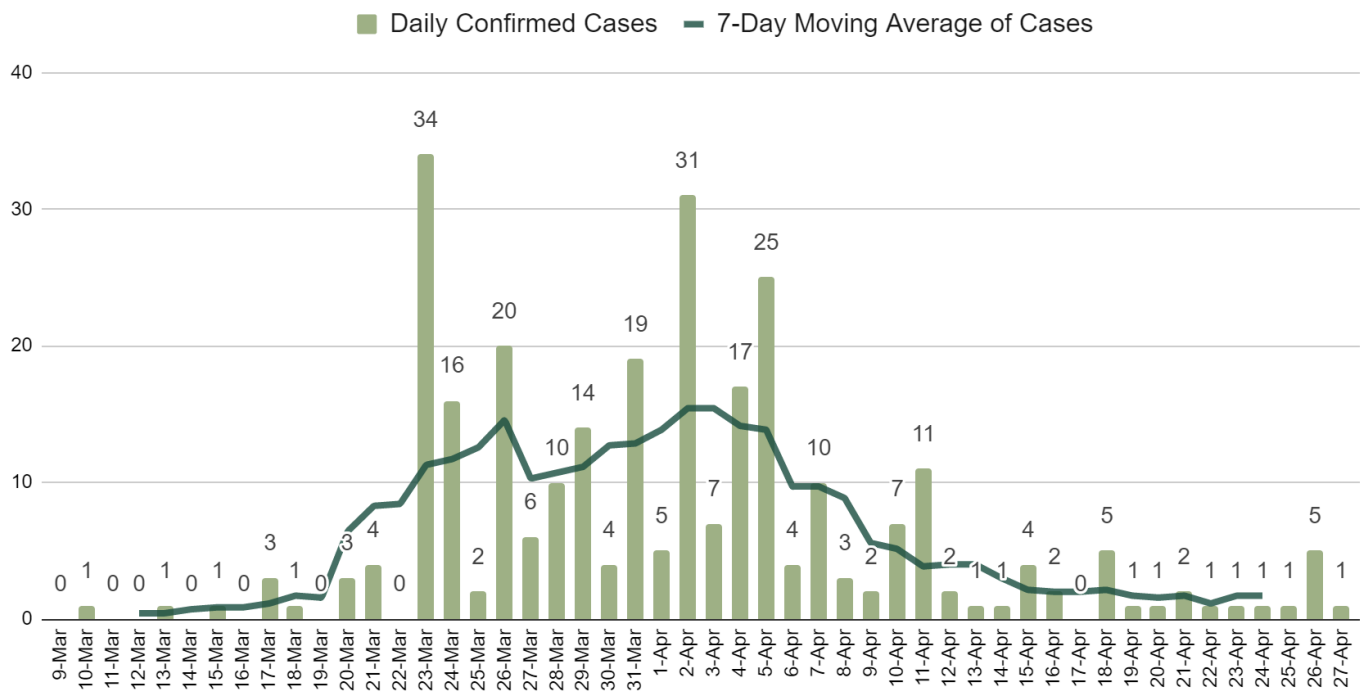
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WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

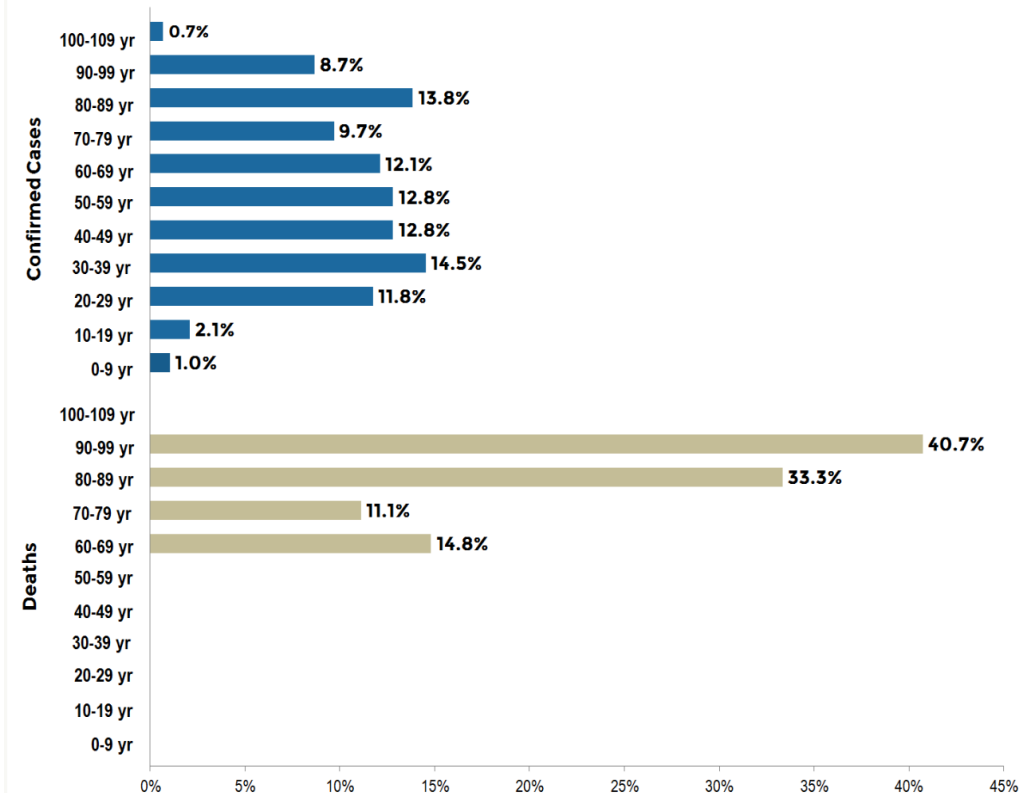


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/27/2020	290	27
4/26/2020	289	27
4/25/2020	284	27
4/24/2020	283	27
4/23/2020	282	27

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



Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

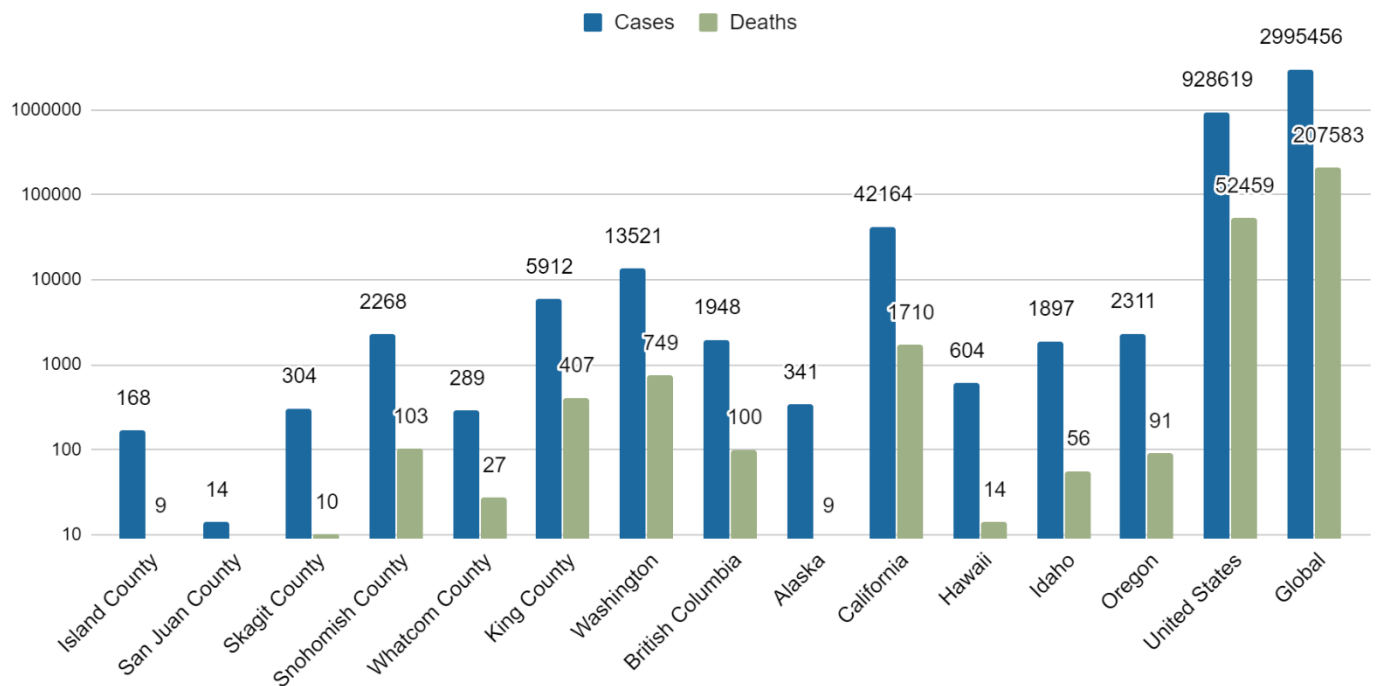
PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	4/27/20	4/26/20	4/25/20	4/24/20	4/23/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	149	149	149	155	153
Total Beds Available	83	83	83	77	79
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

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

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

[COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region](#), Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia (as of April 26 2020)

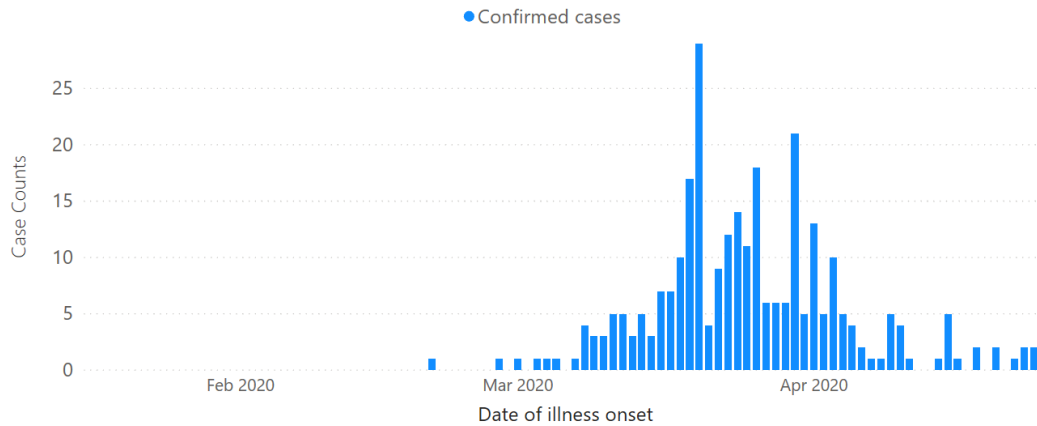
Regional COVID-19 Cases and Deaths (4/26/20)



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

COVID-19 in Washington State

Data as of April 25, 2020 11:59PM PT



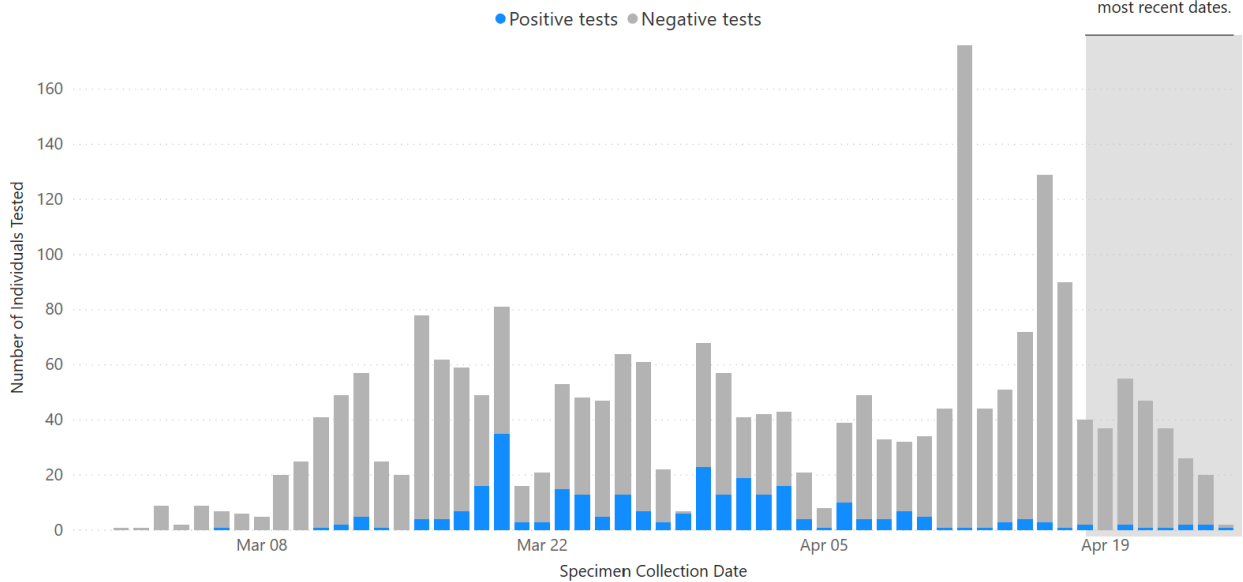
123 of 13,521 confirmed cases do not have an assigned county

COVID-19 data are reported as timely, accurately and completely as we have available. Data are updated as we receive information that is more complete and will change over time as we learn more.

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

Data as of April 25, 2020 11:59PM PT

Percent positive tests 12.6%

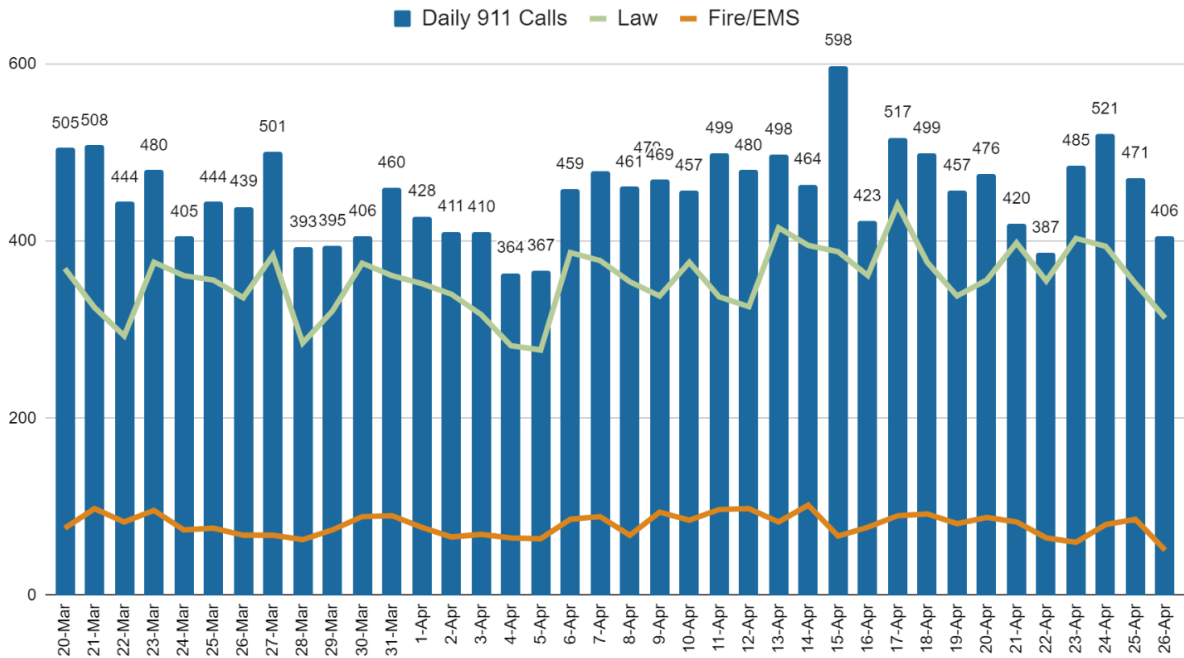


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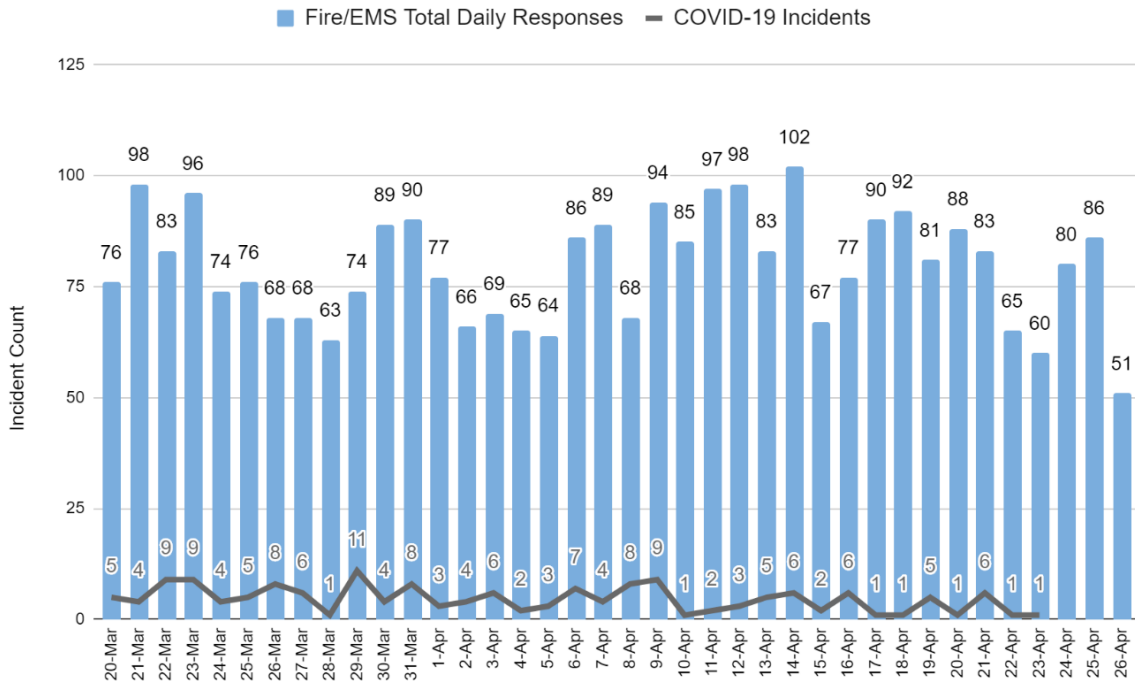
*Graph last updated April 25, 2020.

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

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

***April 24-26 COVID-19 incident data will be included when available.

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 newsflash and updated charts)
 - Minor edits on the FAQ page.
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Status report current as of April 26
 - Responses to Contact Us submissions
 - Minor edits to improve formatting and update information
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Continue Social Distancing and Wash Hands
 - Case Count Update
 - Child Abuse Prevention
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Rent and Bill Help
- Other:
 - Prepared for and hosted WCHD COVID-19 Media Briefing on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
 - Supporting outreach about the new COVID-19 Business Support Task Force
 - Ongoing conversations with media
 - Prepare PSA with local experts to help set expectations for May

Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: "[Miracle Food Network feeds hundreds in Whatcom County daily with repackaged foods](#)" (April 27, 2020)

- Skagit Valley Herald: "Students adjusting to a new way of life" (April 27, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "Kids are ending up in intensive care for COVID-related syndrome, British doctors say" (April 27, 2020)

State and Federal Headlines:

- Seattle Times: "Inslee to slowly reopen Washington state boating, fishing closed under coronavirus emergency order" (April 27, 2020)
- Seattle Times: "COVID-19 cases aboard the Everett-based USS Kidd rise to 47" (April 27, 2020)
- WA Governor's Office: "Inslee announces Colorado & Nevada will join Washington, Oregon & California in Western States Pact" (April 27, 2020)
- The Conversation: "5 lessons from the coronavirus about inequality in America" (April 27, 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: Operational Period 9

1. Develop operational and strategic plans based on best available epidemiological and economic assessments.
2. Prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
3. Provide for the most vulnerable members of the community.
4. Ensure adequacy of First Responder/Healthcare personnel resources.
5. Enable continuity of Essential Services.
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

LOGISTICS

1. Finalizing pamphlet of proper handling and storage measures to prolong use of PPE for recipients of shipments from Whatcom Unified.

OPERATIONS

1. Maintained support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

PLANNING

1. Finalizing transition of new Planning Section Chief for the new operational schedule.

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 Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:
 Incident Command

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 04/27/20

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