

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200428.1	DATE: 4/28/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 9	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

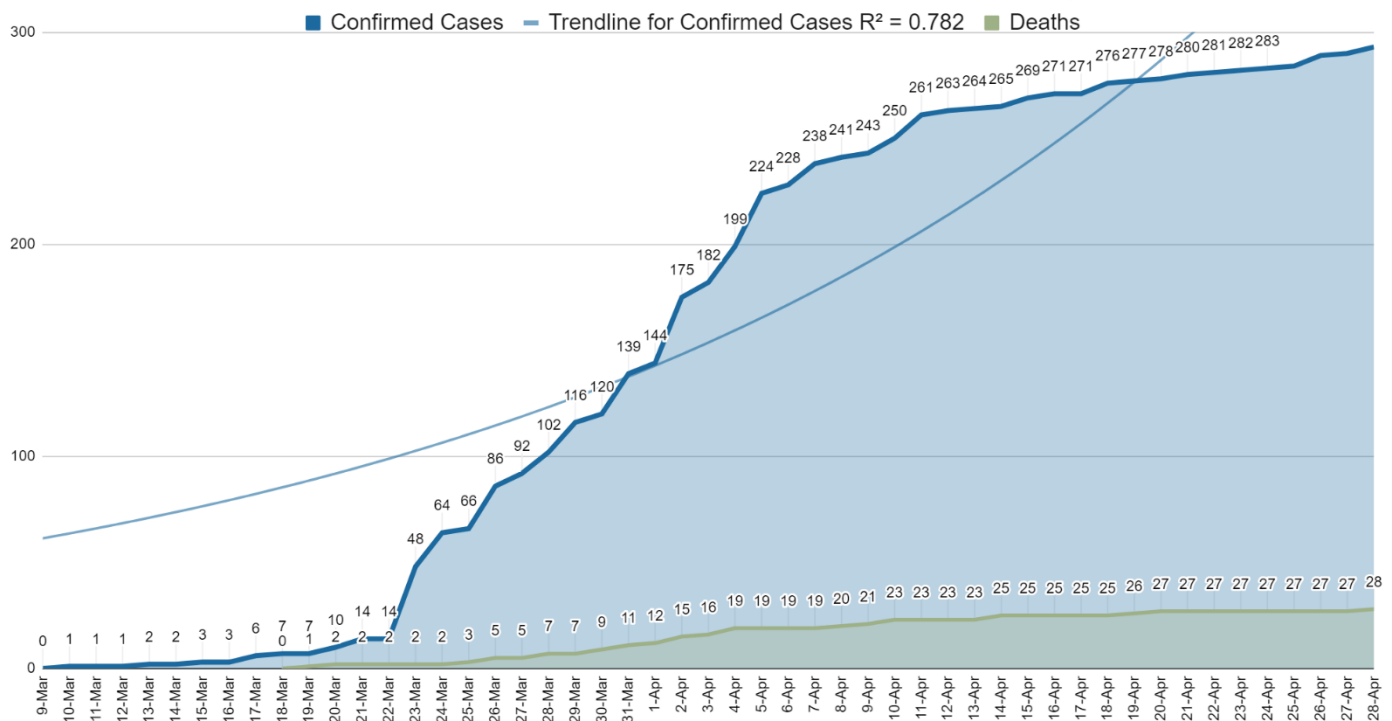
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GENERAL SITUATION

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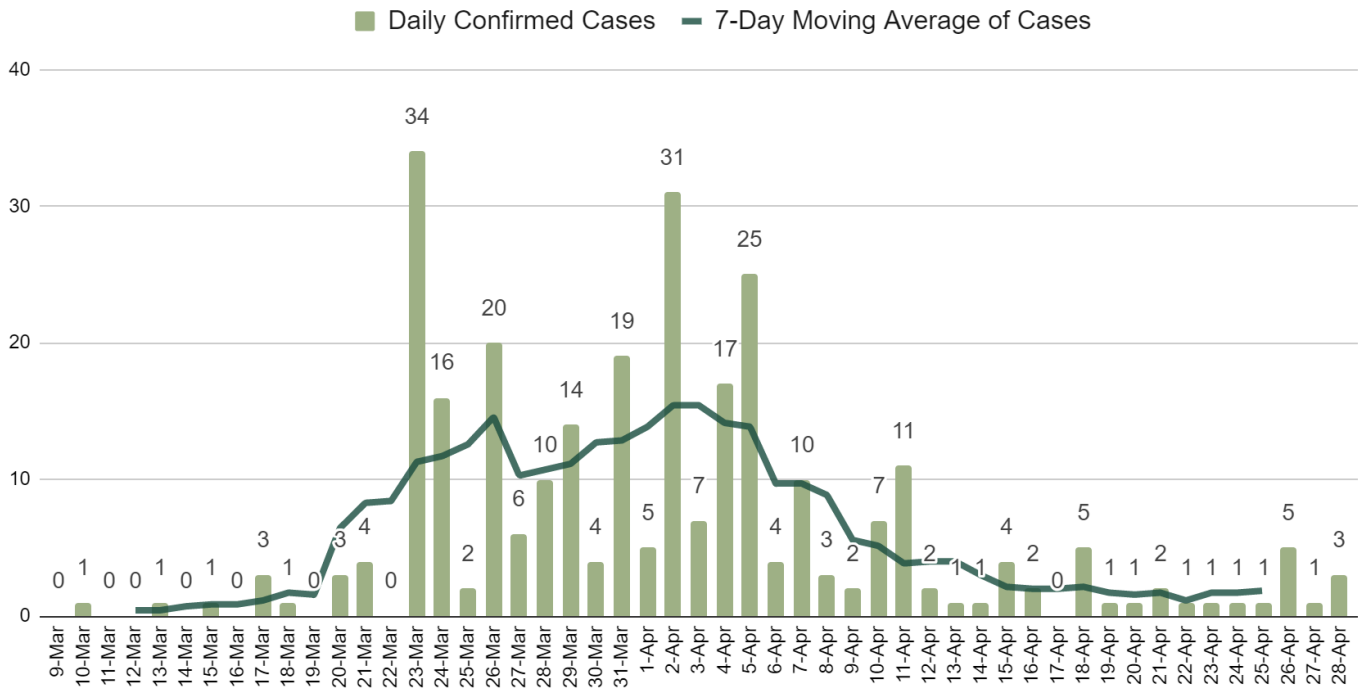
WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County

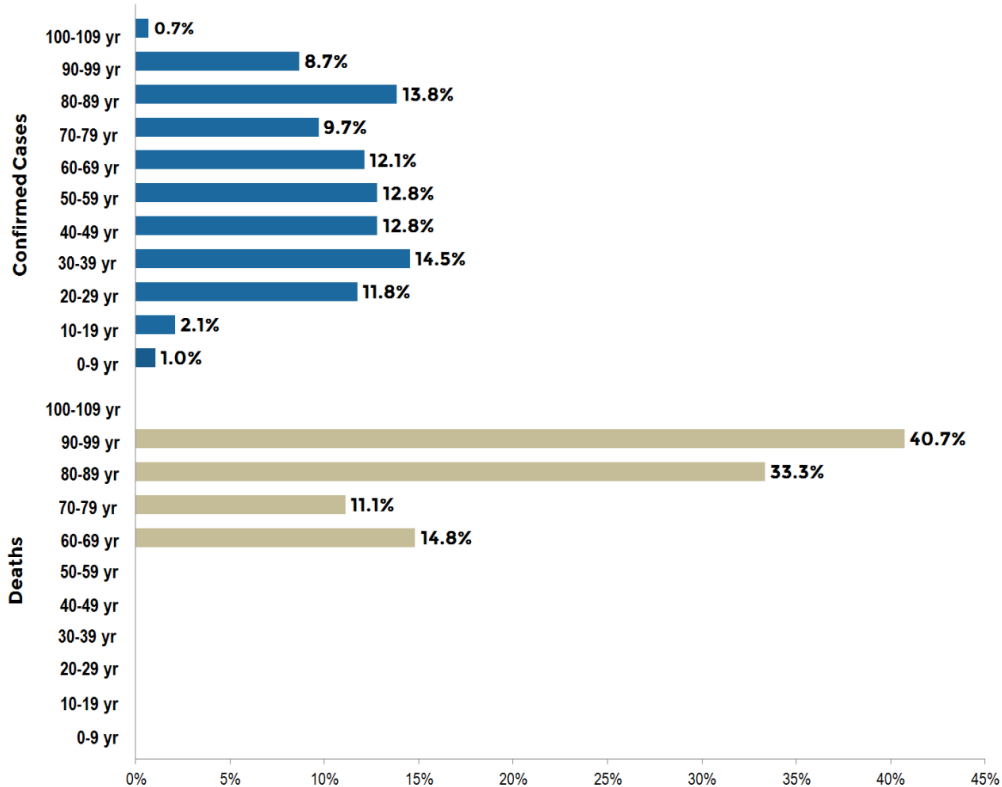


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/28/2020	293	28
4/27/2020	290	27
4/26/2020	289	27
4/25/2020	284	27
4/24/2020	283	27

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



Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

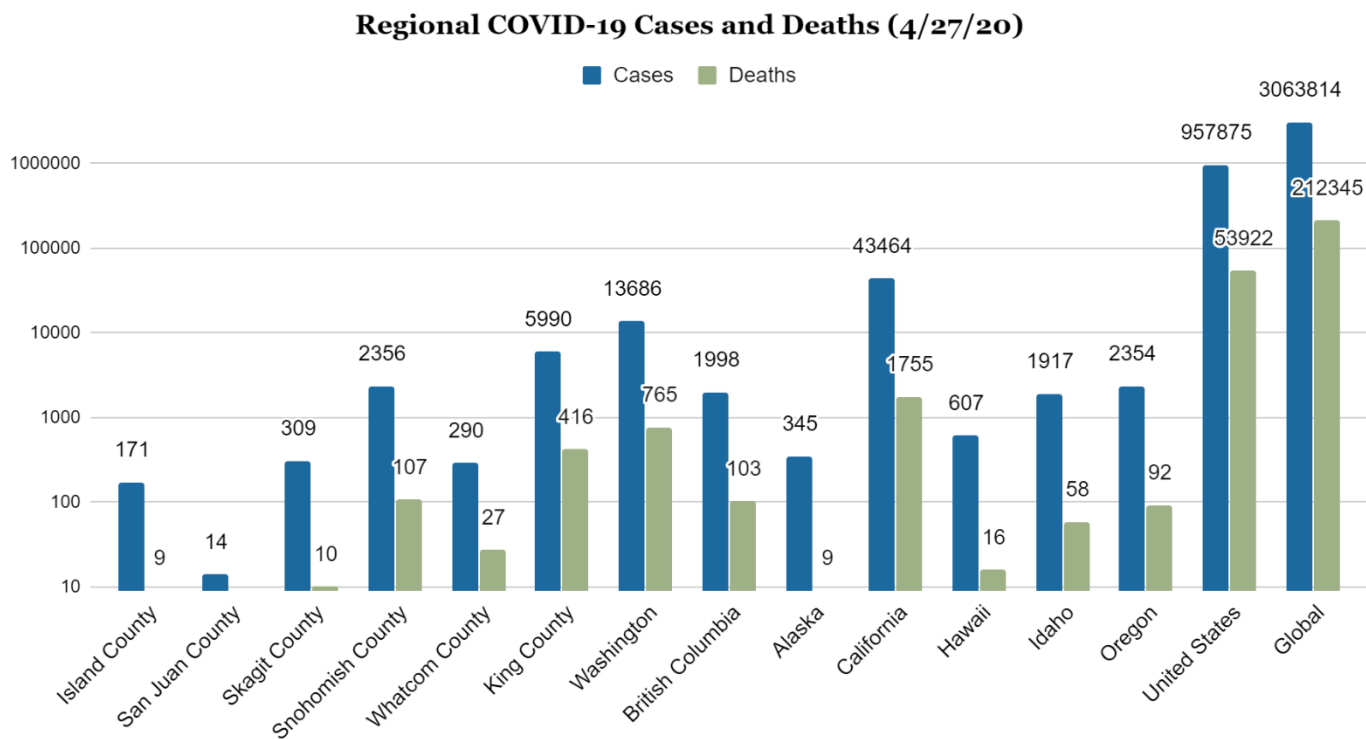
INTELLIGENCE REPORT

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	4/28/20	4/27/20	4/26/20	4/25/20	4/24/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	151	149	149	149	155
Total Beds Available	81	83	83	83	77
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 2, 2020)



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

COVID-19 in Washington State

Data as of April 26, 2020 11:59PM PT

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

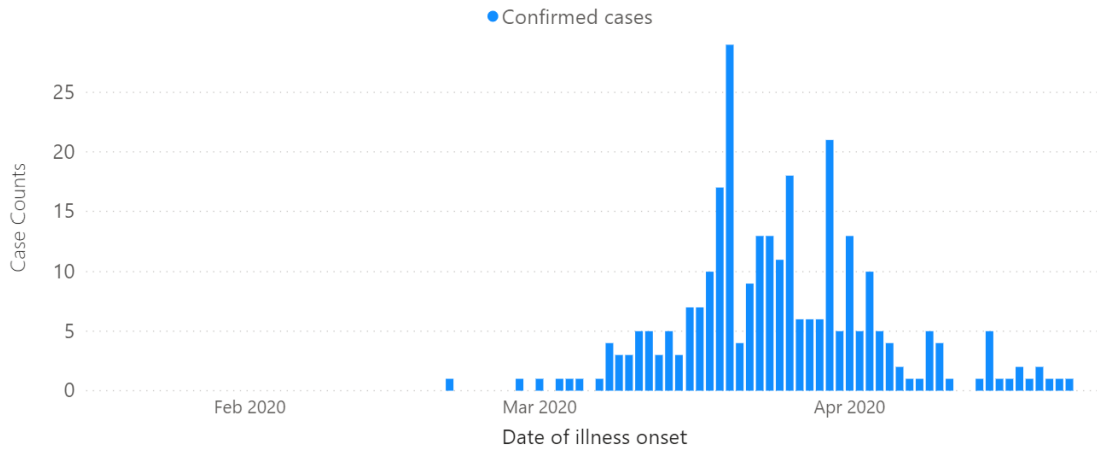
Confirmed Cases

Deaths

Downloadable Table

Counties with greater than 10 cases / deaths

Whatcom County



103 of 13,686 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

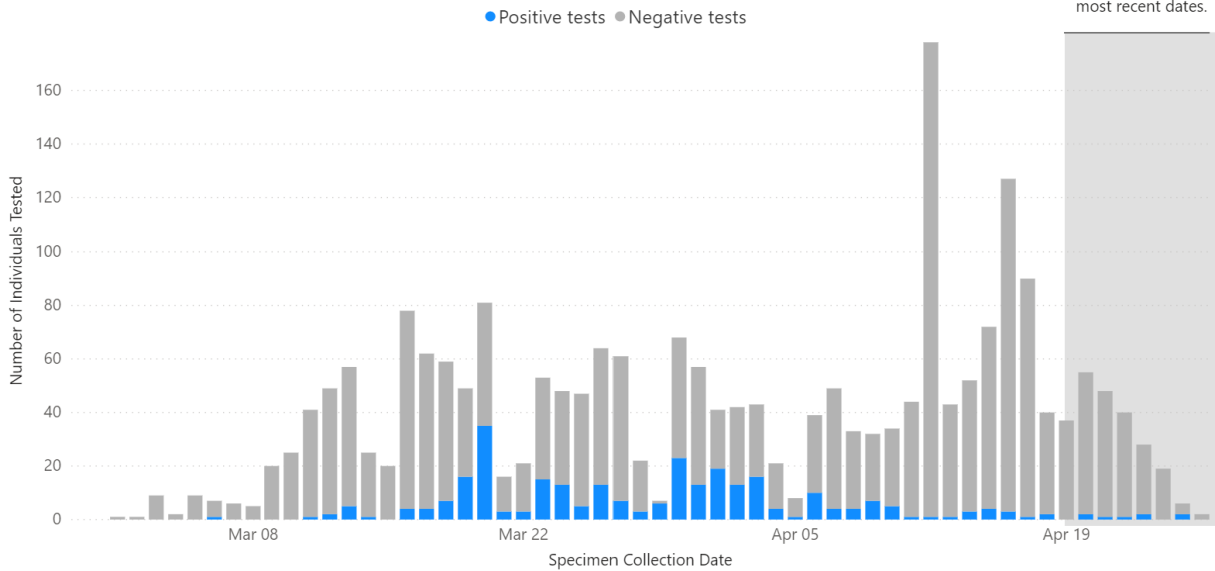
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Percent positive tests 12.5%

Counties

Whatcom County

Data may be incomplete for the most recent dates.

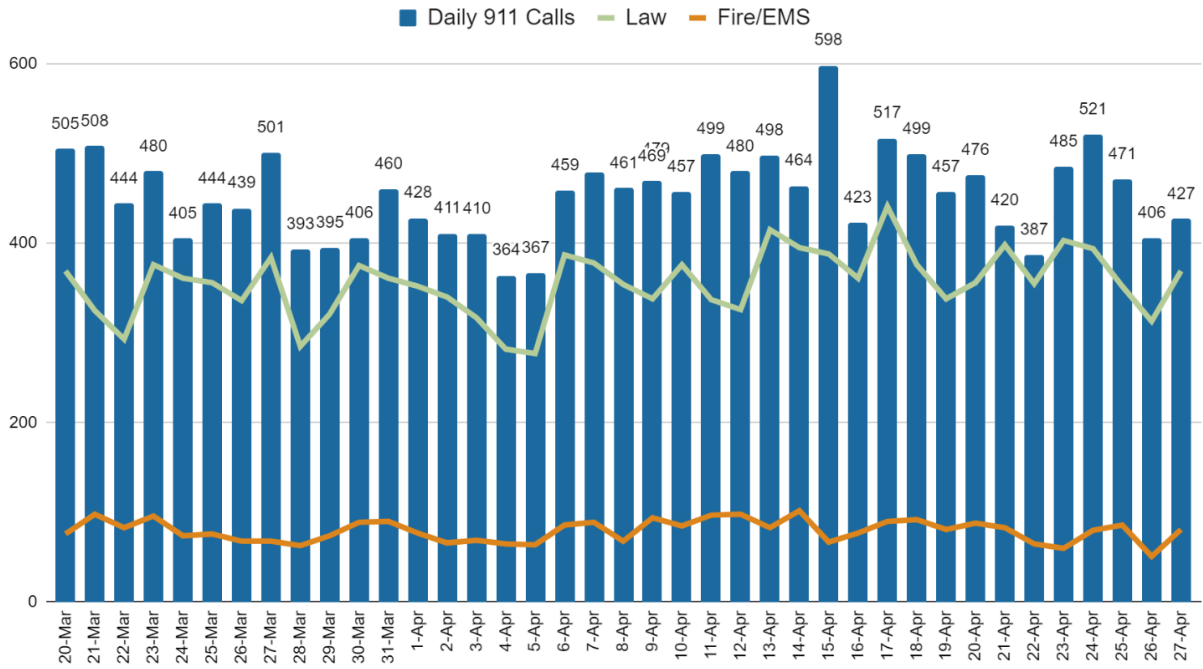


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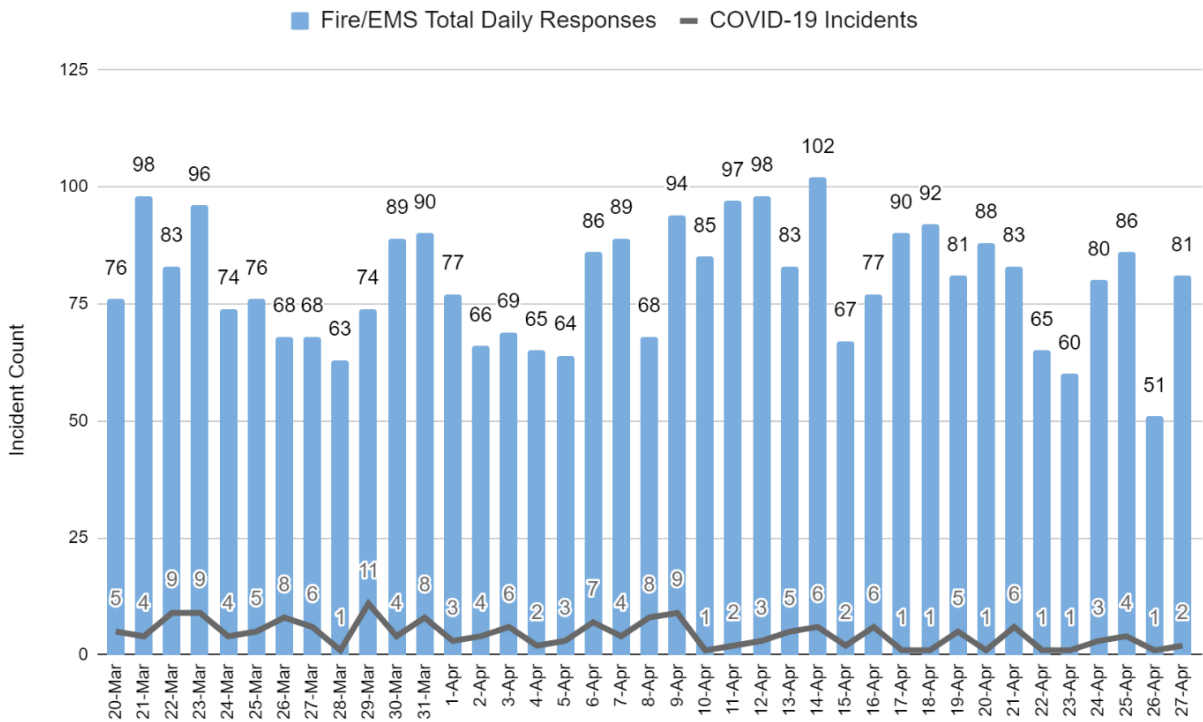
*Graph last updated April 26, 2020.

**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

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 update (including newsflash with explanation less frequent report updates)
 - Updated FAQ Section
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Status report current as of April 27
 - Responses to Contact Us submissions
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Infodemic
 - Case Count Update with explanation of reduced reporting frequency
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - COVID-19 PHAB Business Support Task Force
 - Mental Health Resources (4/27 pm)
- Other:
 - Ongoing conversations with media

Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: "[Whatcom County residents seem to tire of stay-at-home order to fight coronavirus](#)" (April 27, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "[Budget cuts possible from coronavirus pandemic measures, Bellingham mayor says](#)" (April 27, 2020)
- My Northwest: "[Is herd immunity an effective tool against coronavirus?](#)" (April 27, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald "[Business leaders, workers sought for Whatcom County coronavirus business task force](#)" (April 28, 2020)

State and Federal Headlines:

- My Northwest: "[How Pierce County's 'nimbleness' has kept it functioning during shutdown](#)" (April 27, 2020)
- Seattle Times: "[Inslee: Washington state parks, recreational fishing, golf courses to reopen May 5, amid coronavirus outbreak](#)" (April 27, 2020)
- Seattle Times: "[CDC confirms six new coronavirus symptoms that are showing up in patients over and over](#)" (April 27, 2020)
- Fox News: "[Trump to invoke Defense Protection Act to keep meat-processing plants open amid fears of supply shortage](#)" (April 28, 2020)
- Medscape: "[Will COVID-19 finally trigger action on health disparities?](#)" (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 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.
- Help set general expectations for May, provide ongoing updates from governor.
- Clarify revisions to testing availability and testing strategies.

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://hawaii-covid19.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. Focused on Tier 1 and long-term care facility request fulfillment.
2. Expanding sourcing options for PPE.

OPERATIONS

1. Maintained support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

PLANNING

1. Initiated planning for the next operational period.

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Situation Unit	Incident Command	04/28/20	16:00