

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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

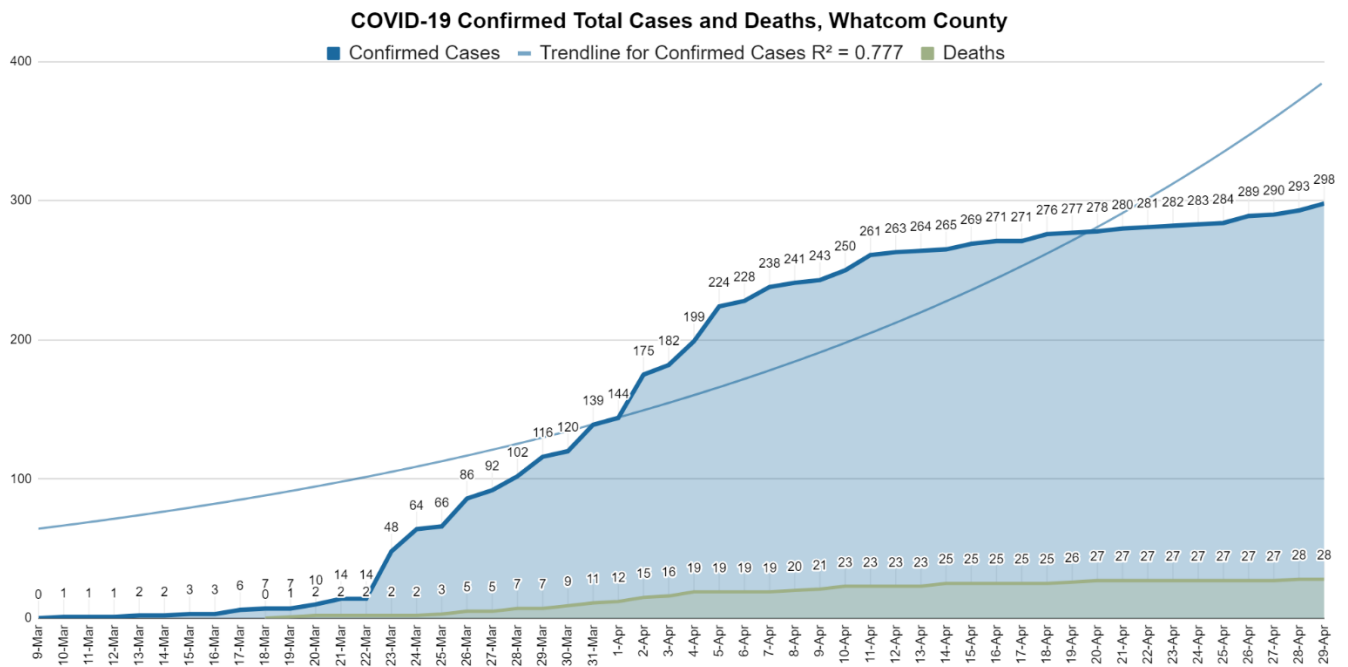
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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

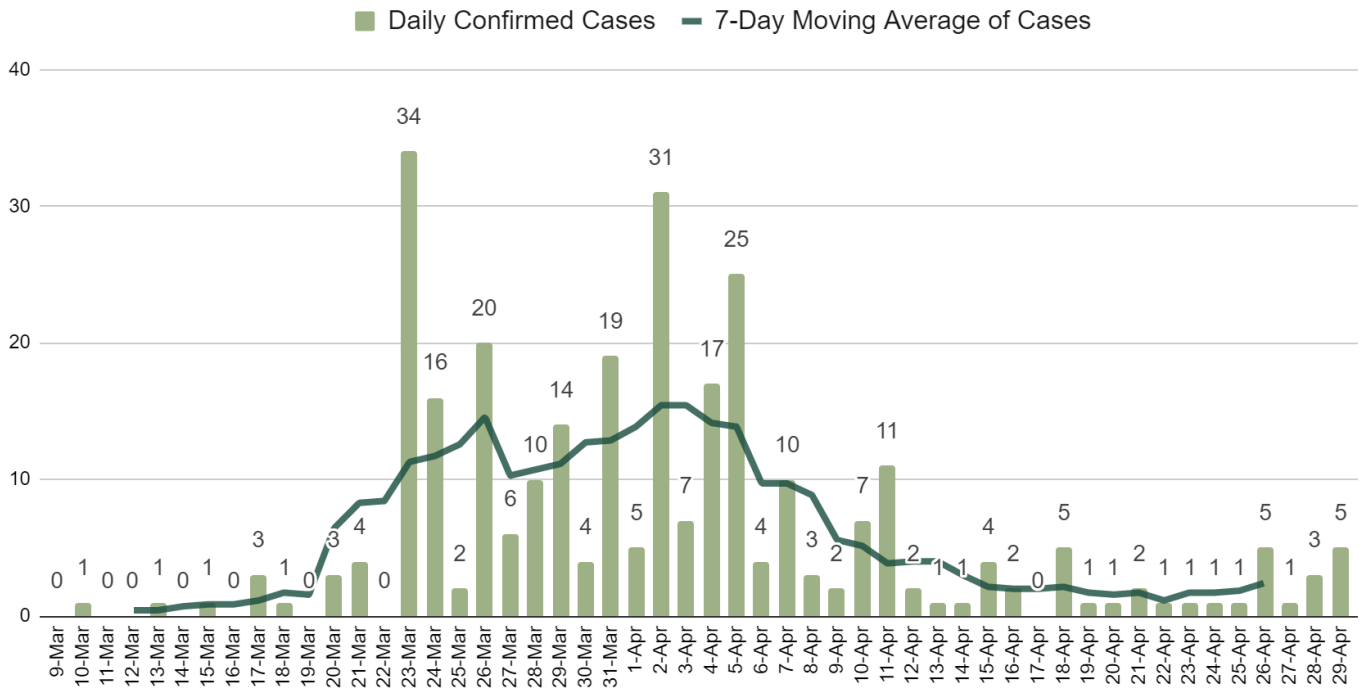
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WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

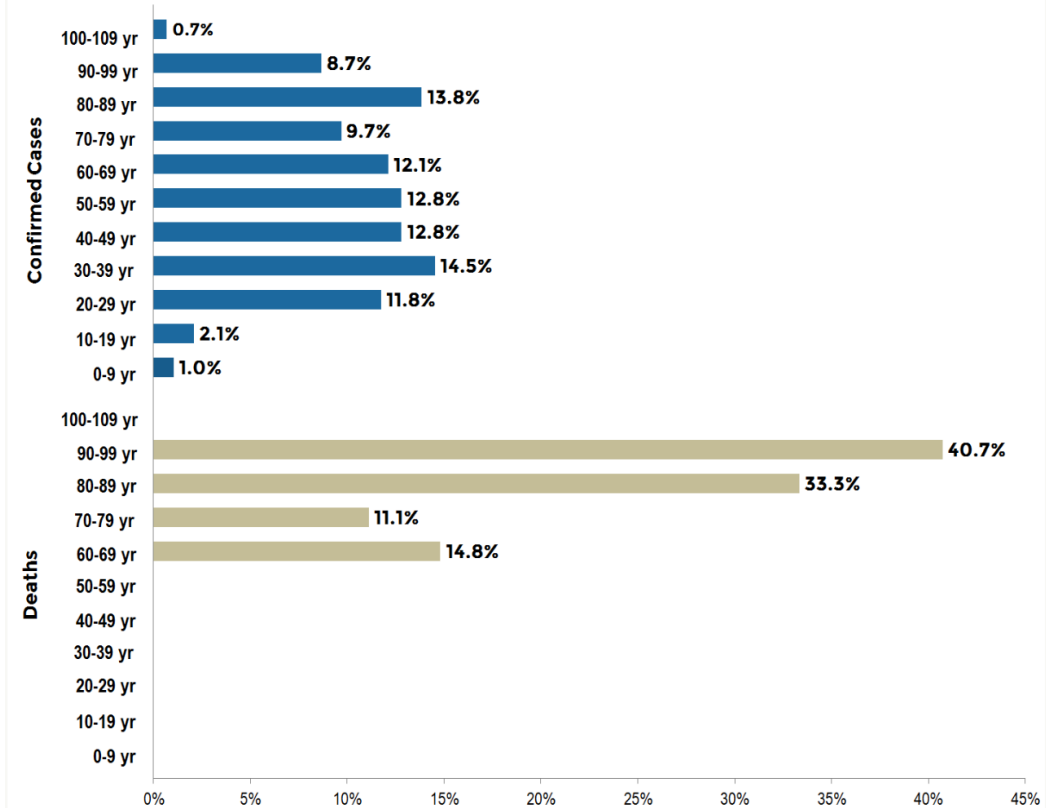


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/29/2020	298	28
4/28/2020	293	28
4/27/2020	290	27
4/26/2020	289	27
4/25/2020	284	27

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

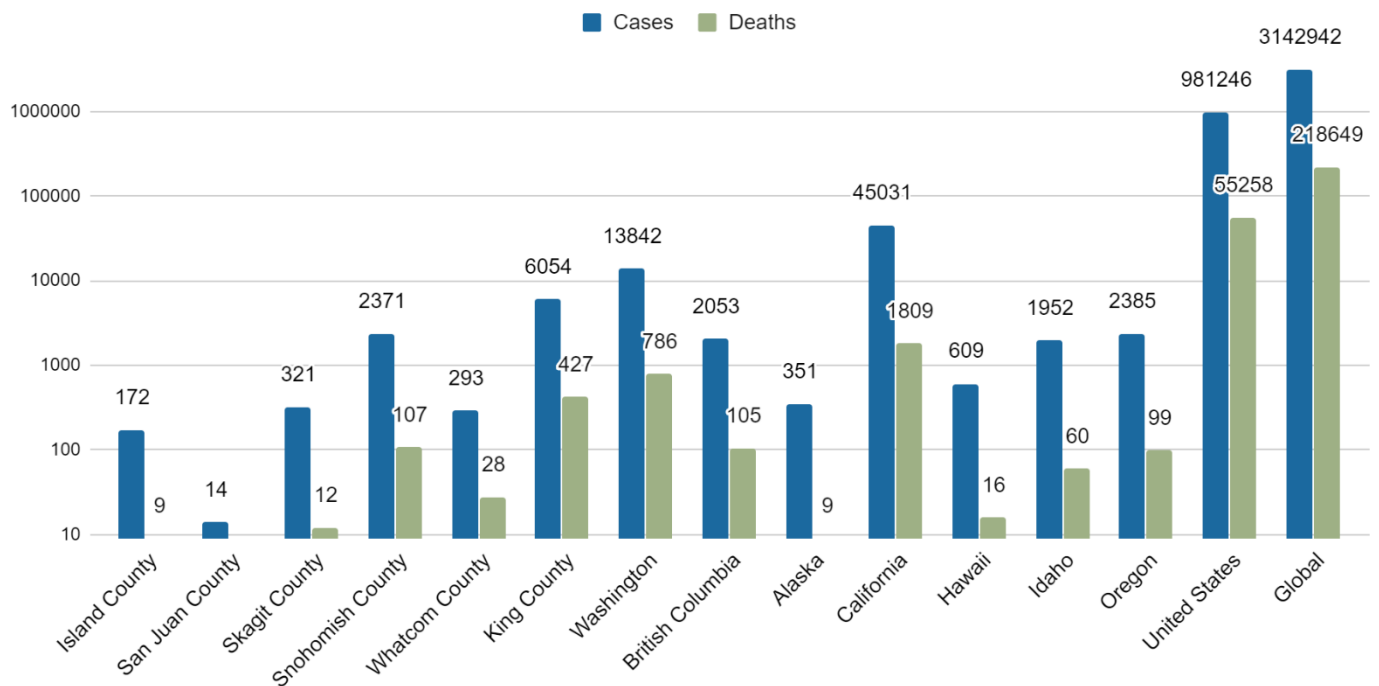
PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	4/29/20	4/28/20	4/27/20	4/26/20	4/25/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	160	151	149	149	149
Total Beds Available	72	81	83	83	83
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

*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)

Regional COVID-19 Cases and Deaths (4/28/20)



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

COVID-19 in Washington State

Data as of April 27, 2020 11:59PM PT

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

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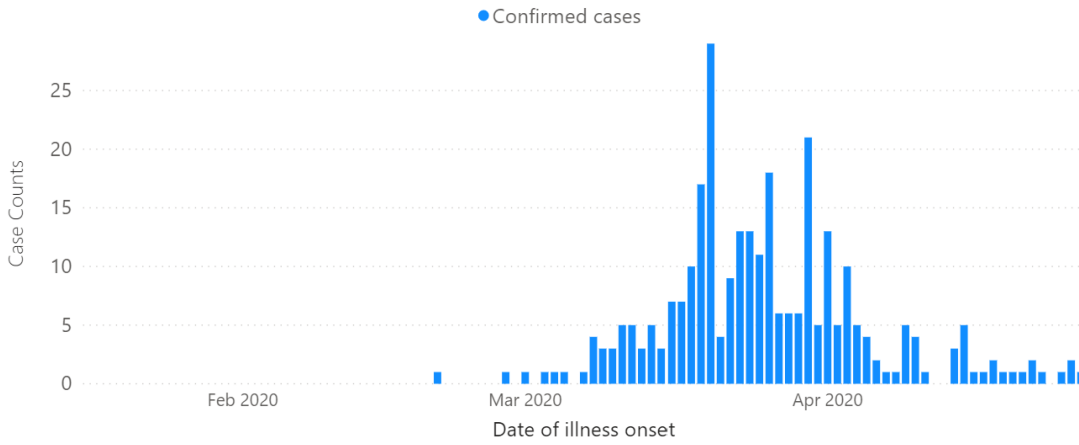
Confirmed Cases

Deaths

Downloadable Table

Counties with greater than 10 cases / deaths

Whatcom County



79 of 13,842 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

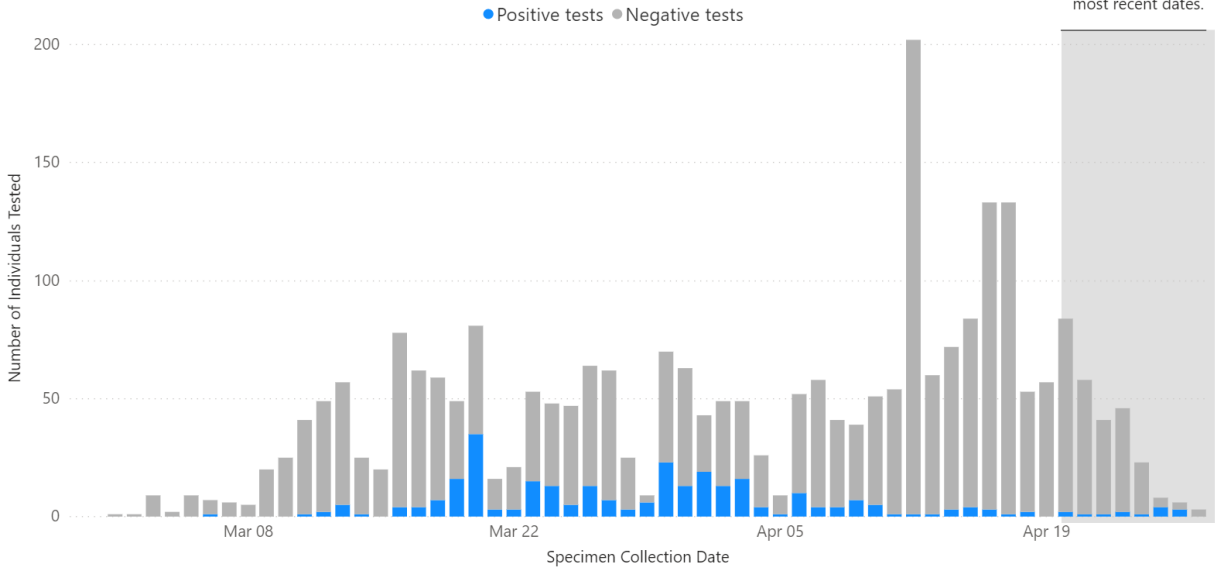
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Percent positive tests 11.2%

Counties

Whatcom County

Data may be incomplete for the most recent dates.

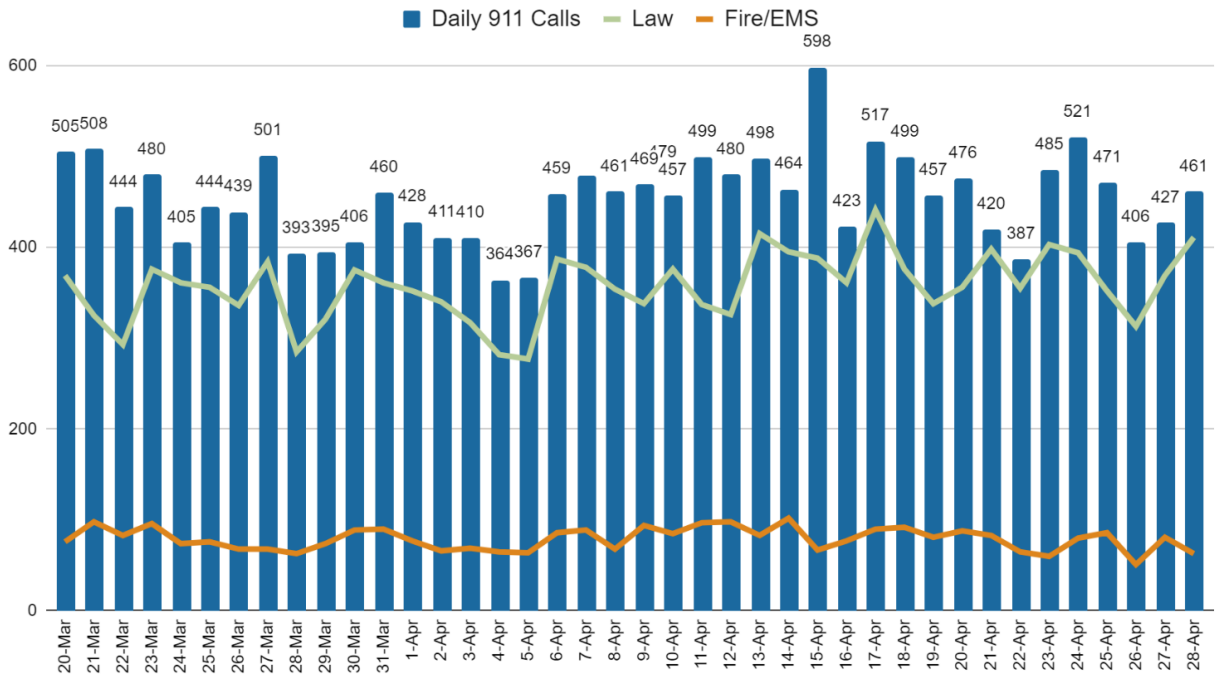


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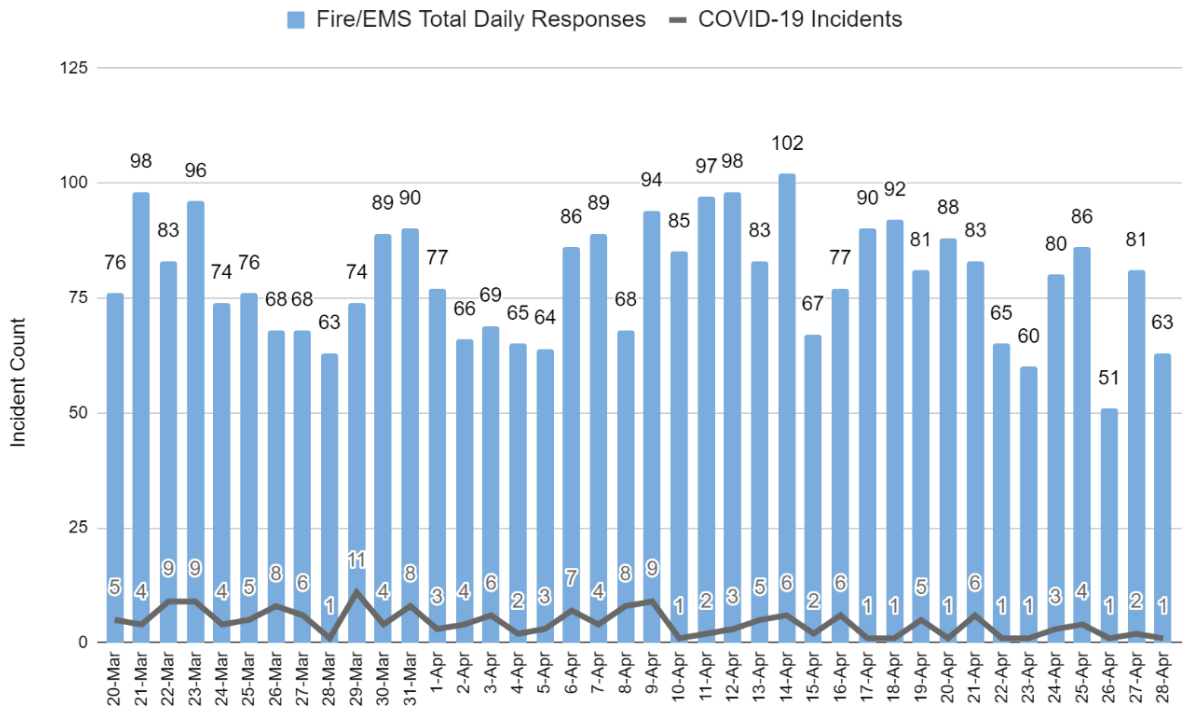
*Graph last updated April 27, 2020.

**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
 - Updated Testing section (pending)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Status report current as of April 28
 - Updates to the childcare application
 - Responses to Contact Us submissions
 - Draft press release on findings of the economic impact survey results.
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - COVID-19 Business Support Task Force Recruitment
 - Tips for Safe Grocery Shopping
 - Don't postpone vaccines or check-ups at the doctor's office (4/28 pm)
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - COVID-19 PHAB Business Support Task Force
- Other:
 - Ongoing conversations with media

Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: "[People with mild COVID-19 symptoms can get tested in Skagit without a doctor's order](#)" (April 29, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "[Costco to require customers to wear face masks in some stores, including Bellingham](#)" (April 29, 2020)

- My Northwest: "[Dr. Jeff Duchin: Virus rebound could be 'two to three times as bad' if WA reopens too early](#)" (April 29, 2020)

State and Federal Headlines:

- The Guardian: "[Coronavirus mask guidance is endangering US health workers, experts say](#)" (April 29, 2020)
- NPR: "[Small Businesses Say Rescue Loans Come With Too Many Strings Attached](#)" (April 29, 2020)
- Reuters: "[U.S. coronavirus death toll exceeds American killed in Vietnam War as cases top 1 million](#)" (April 29, 2020)
- ABC News: "[US first-quarter GDP contracts 4.8% in coronavirus crisis, ending record expansion](#)" (April 29, 2020)
- CNET: "[Apple, Google announce new privacy features for coronavirus tracking tech](#)" (April 29, 2020)

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives
- 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.
- Communicate changes in Stay Home, Stay Healthy order as they are made public.
- Keep public informed of opportunities to contribute and participate in re-opening businesses through the PHAB's Business Support Task Force.

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. Continuing to expand sourcing options for PPE.

OPERATIONS

1. Maintained support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

PLANNING

1. Continued planning for the next operational period.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:

Incident Command

DATE:

04/29/20

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