

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



<b>REPORT #:</b> 20200501.1	<b>DATE:</b> 5/01/2020	<b>TIME:</b> 16:00
<b>INCIDENT NAME:</b> COVID-2019	<b>OPERATIONAL PERIOD:</b> 9	<b>MISSION NUMBER:</b> 20-0265

## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

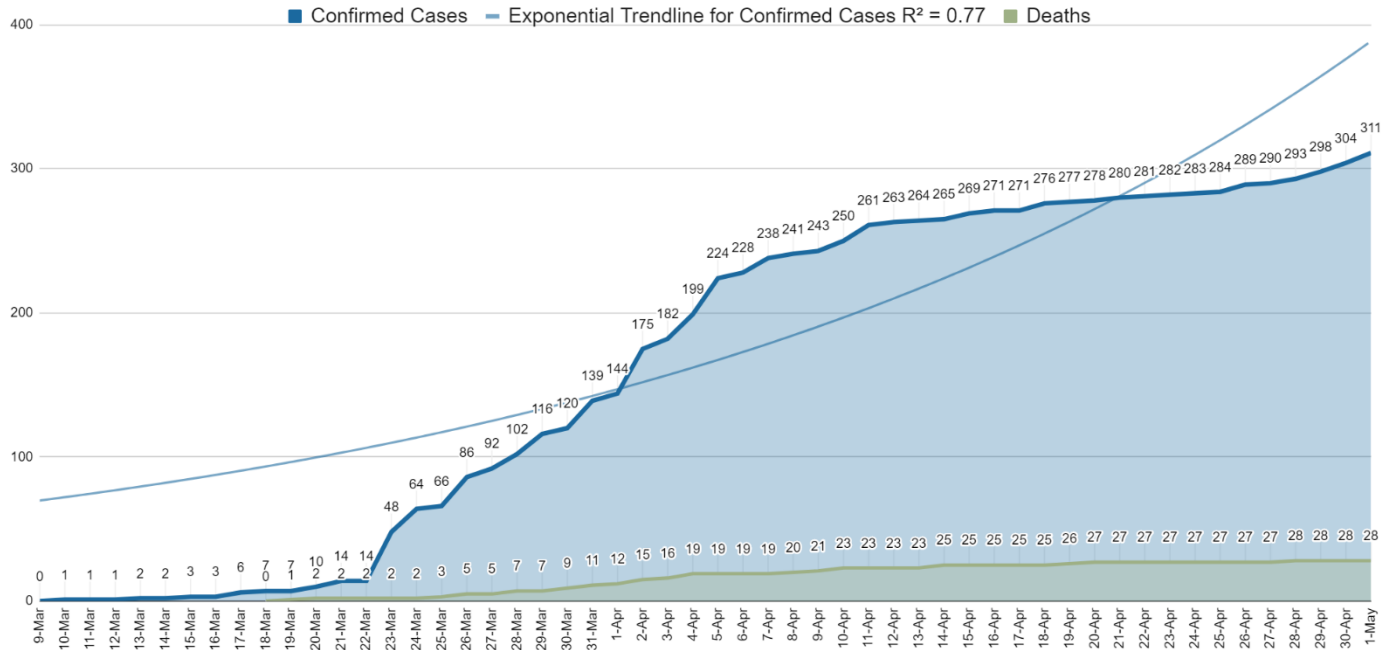
<b>ACTIVATION:</b> Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	<b>ACTIVATION STATUS:</b> Partial	<b>HOURS OF OPERATION:</b> 8am – 5pm
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## GENERAL SITUATION

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### WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County

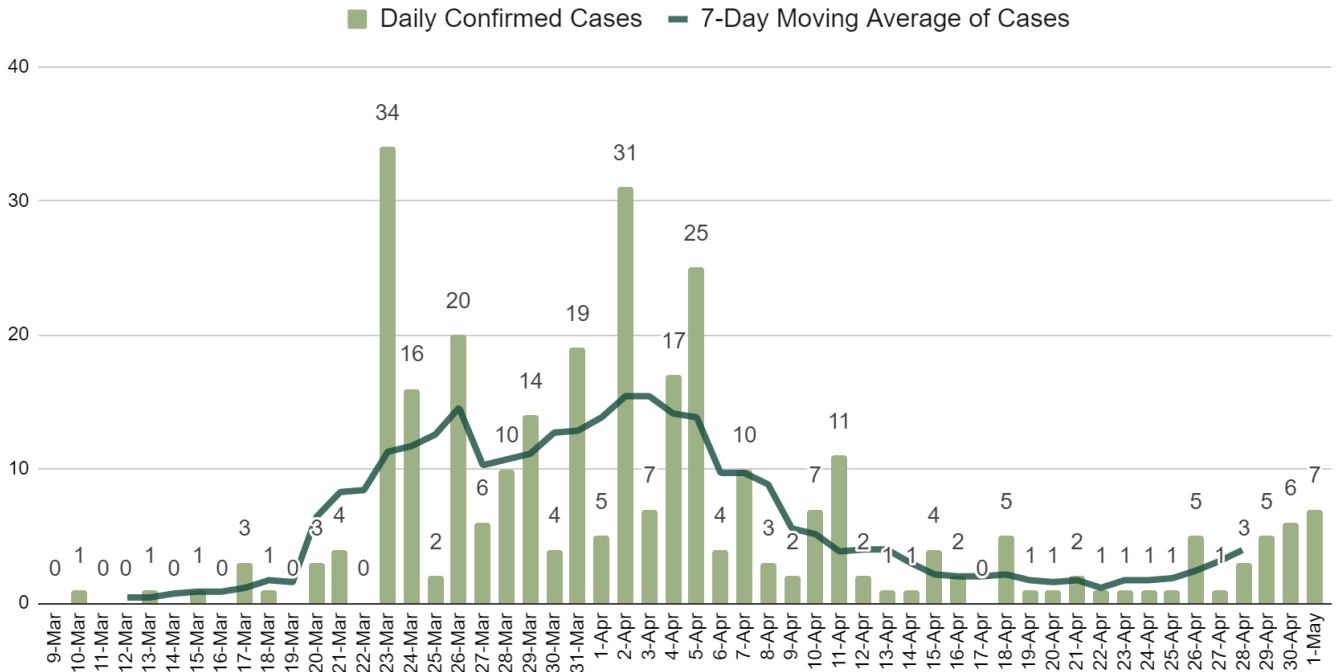


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
<b>5/1/2020</b>	311	28
<b>4/30/2020</b>	304	28
<b>4/29/2020</b>	298	28
<b>4/28/2020</b>	293	28
<b>4/27/2020</b>	290	27

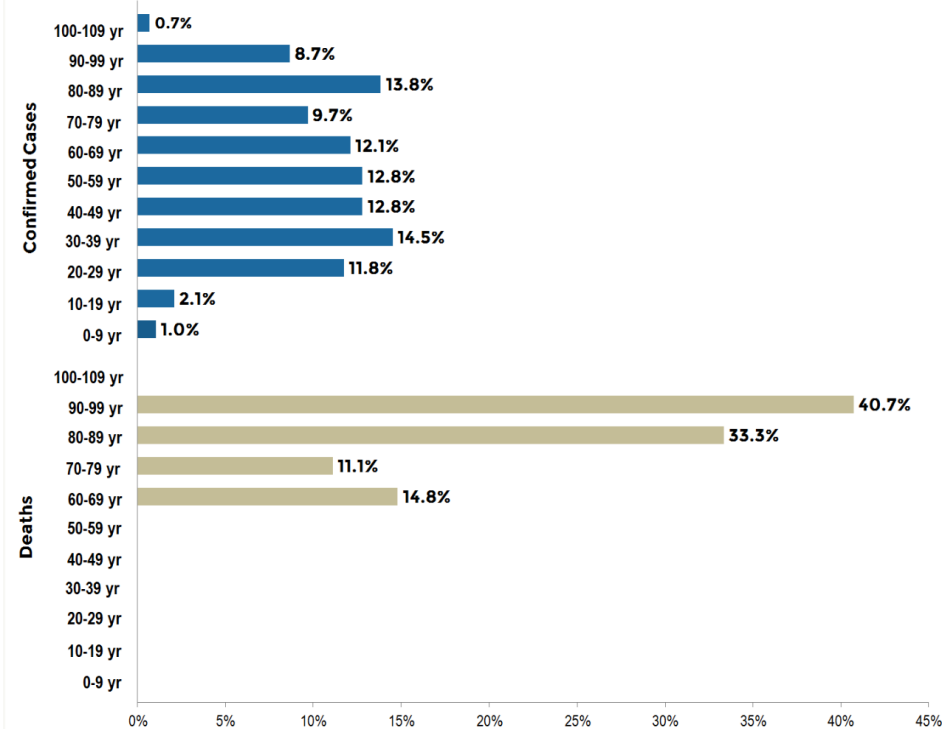
\*Data as of 11:55 a.m. 5/1/20

\*\*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

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



## Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category



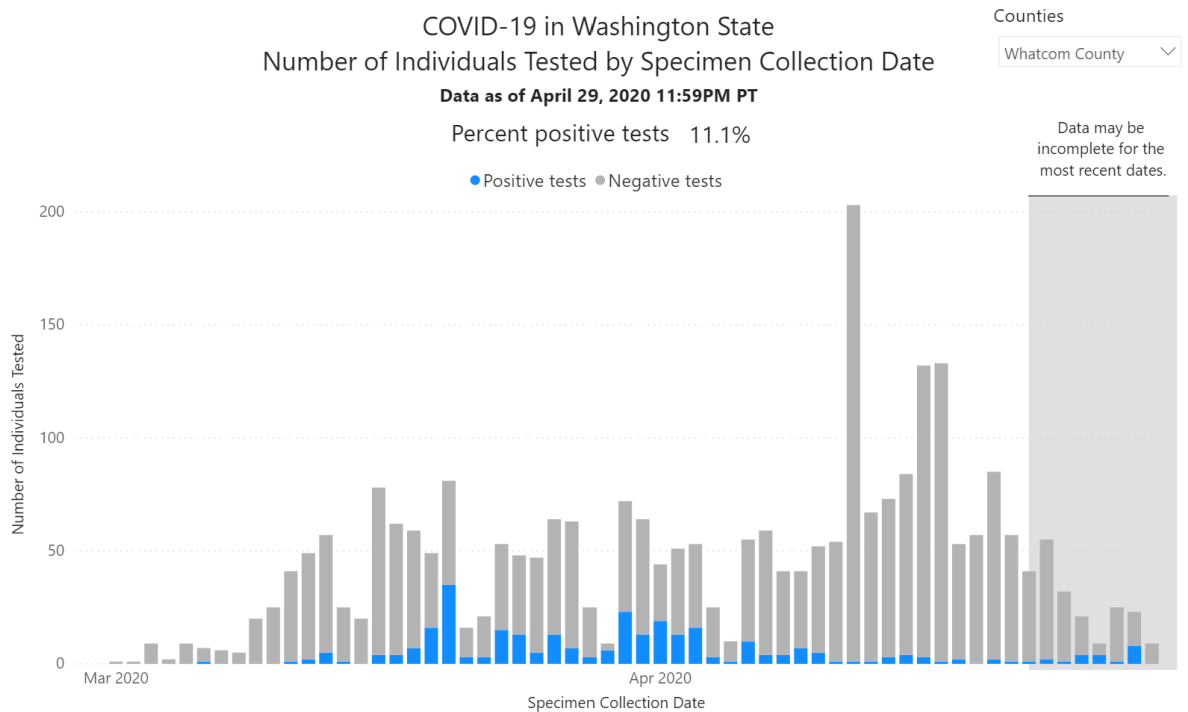
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# INTELLIGENCE REPORT

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	5/01/20	4/30/20	4/29/20	4/28/20	4/27/20	4/26/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	N/A	N/A	160	151	149	149
Total Beds Available	N/A	N/A	72	81	83	83
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43	43

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

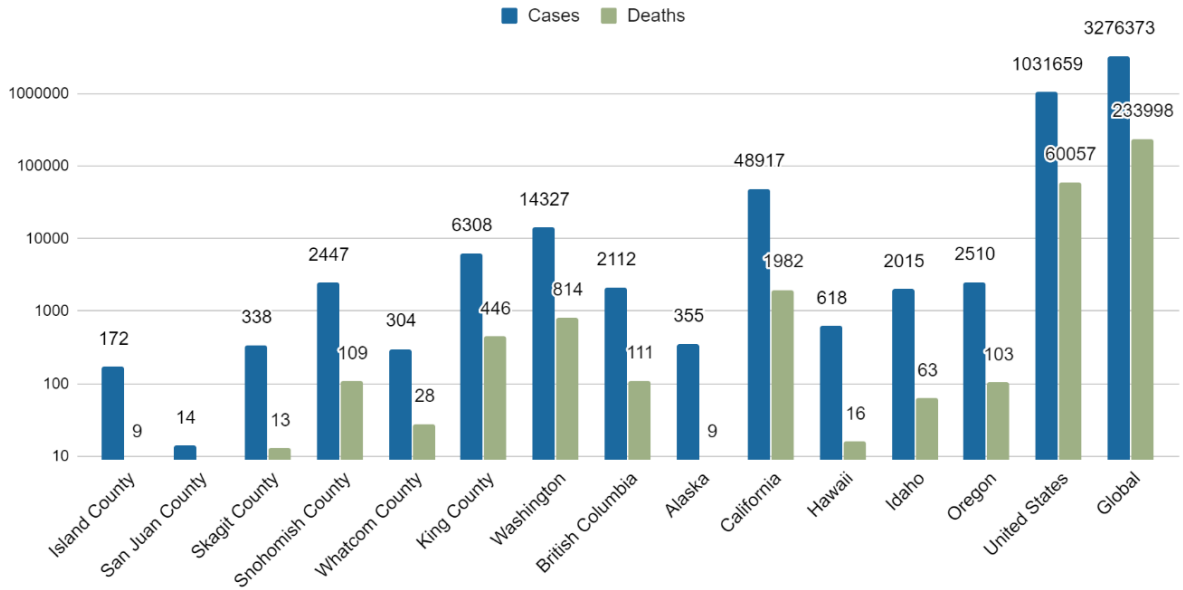
\*\*Source: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Washington State Hospital Association



COVID-19 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.

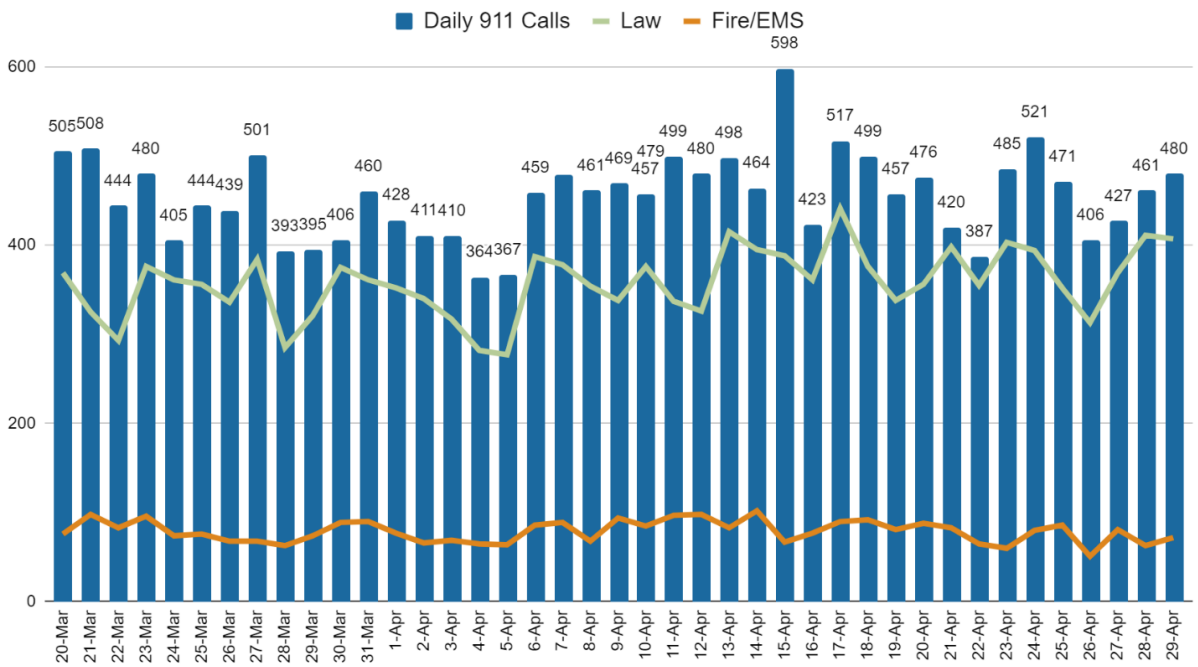
\*Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>

### Regional COVID-19 Cases and Deaths (4/30/20)

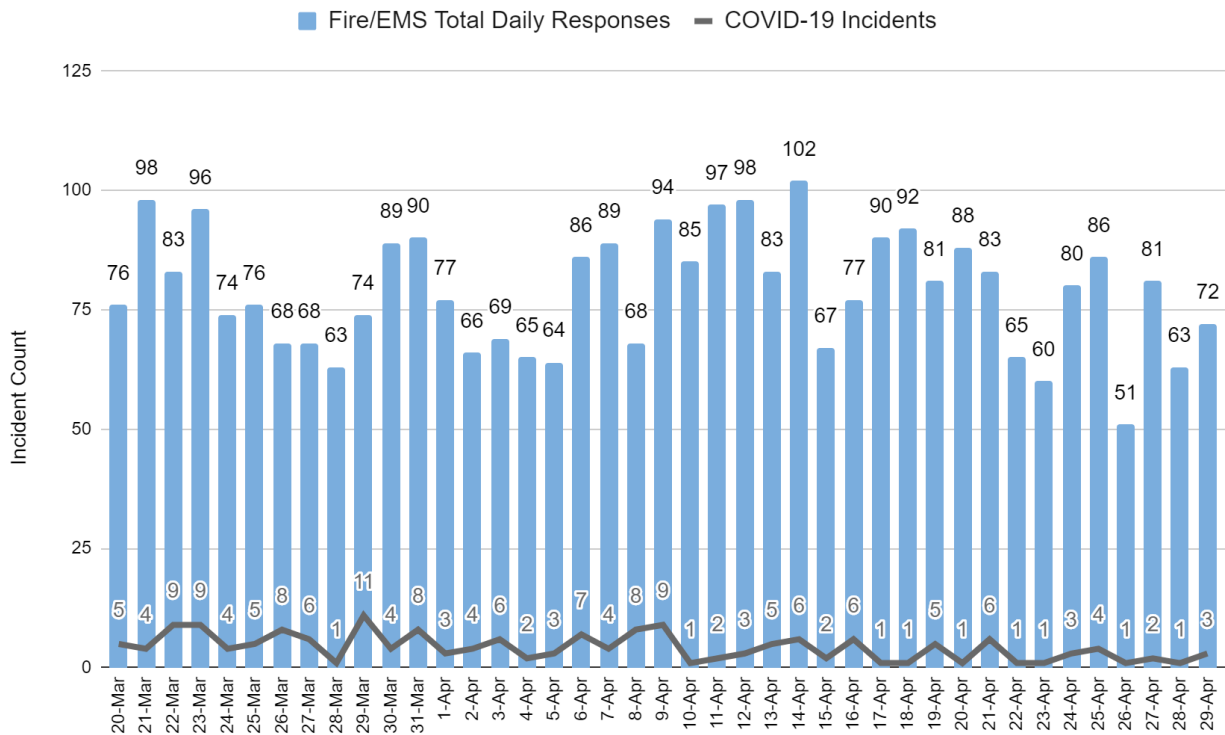


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### Daily 911 Call Totals with Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS Response Totals, Whatcom County



## 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 4/30/20

## 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](http://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](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid)
  - Added face covering tips sheets (English, Spanish, Russian) to the FAQs
  - Other updates coming soon: revised information on testing, links to resources for new parents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
  - Status report current as of April 29
  - Responses to Contact Us submissions
  - Press release on findings of the economic impact survey results (schedule for release April 30)
  - Updates to the volunteering page coming soon: adding current opportunities and updating instructions
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - 100 Day Milestone
    - Antibody FAQs (planned)
  - WUC Facebook Updates
    - 100 Day Milestone
    - Other:
- Ongoing conversations with media

### Local and State headlines

- Bellingham Herald: "[Nearly 75% of Whatcom's coronavirus-related deaths are from nursing homes, data shows](#)" (5/1/20)
- Bellingham Herald: "[Coronavirus updates: Unemployment causing uptick in demand for food assistance](#)" (5/1/20)
- My Northwest: "[Much needed COVID-19 test supplies on the way to Washington state](#)" (5/1/20)
- KGMI: "[Health Department encouraging those with COVID-19 symptoms to get tested](#)" (05/01/20)

### National headlines

- Go Skagit: "[Groups take sides over farmworker safety rules](#)" (05/01/20)
- CNN: "[CDC's draft guidance for reopening amid coronavirus includes spaced-out seating in schools, disposable menus in restaurants](#)" (4/30/20)
- NPR: "[Protesters Swarm Michigan Capital Amid Showdown Over Governor's Emergency Powers](#)"
- USA Today: "[Coronavirus may last 2 years, study warns. And its second wave could be worse.](#)" (5/1/20)
- Newsweek: "[Trump's 30-day plan to slow coronavirus spread is ending - here's where America stands](#)" (4/30/20)
- NPR: "[More Than 1 Million People Have Recovered From COVID-19 Worldwide](#)" (5/1/20)

### 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.
- Communicate about importance and reliability of antibody testing.

## 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. Maintaining support of the food security program in providing services and personnel equipment to support the operation.

### OPERATIONS

1. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

**PLANNING**

1. Maintaining support for ongoing planning goals and activities.

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Situation Unit

**REPORT APPROVED BY:**  
Incident Command

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