

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



<b>REPORT #:</b> 20200504.1	<b>DATE:</b> 5/04/2020	<b>TIME:</b> 16:00
<b>INCIDENT NAME:</b> COVID-2019	<b>OPERATIONAL PERIOD:</b> 10	<b>MISSION NUMBER:</b> 20-0265

## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

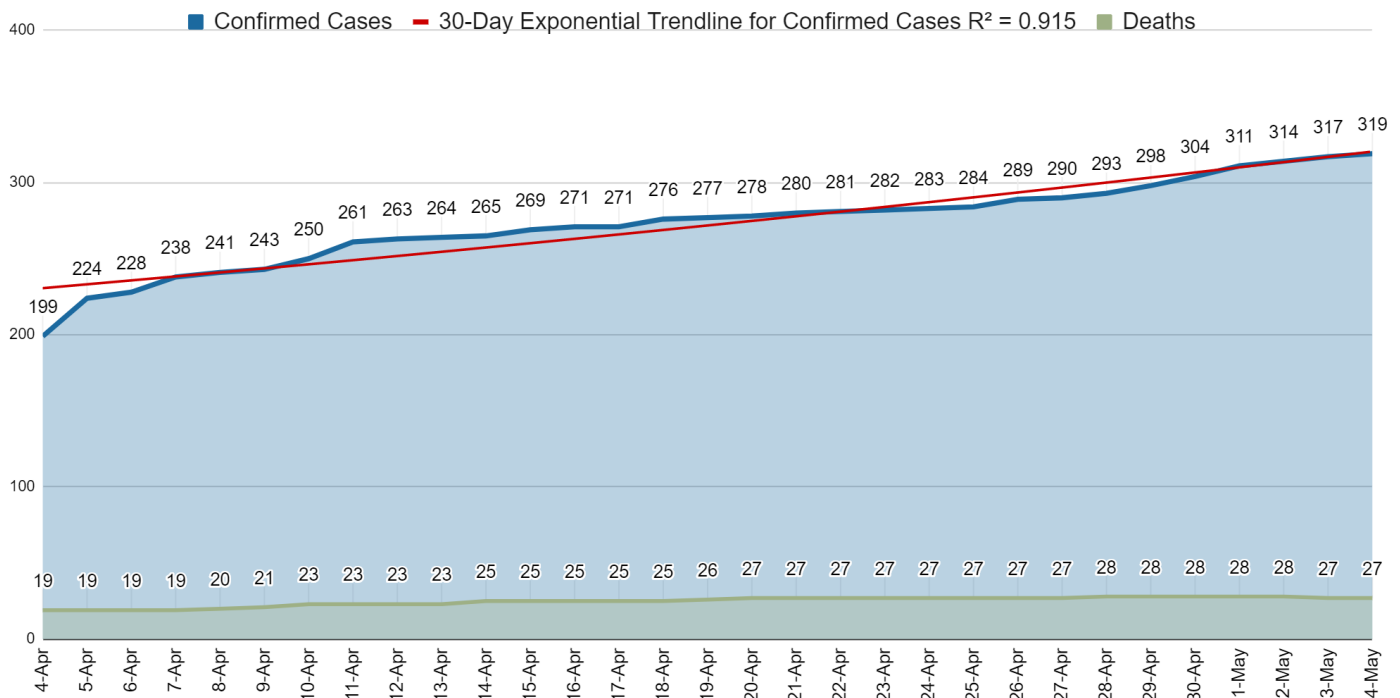
<b>ACTIVATION:</b> Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	<b>ACTIVATION STATUS:</b> Partial	<b>HOURS OF OPERATION:</b> 8am – 5pm
--	--------------------------------------	---

## GENERAL SITUATION

ICS 202

### WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

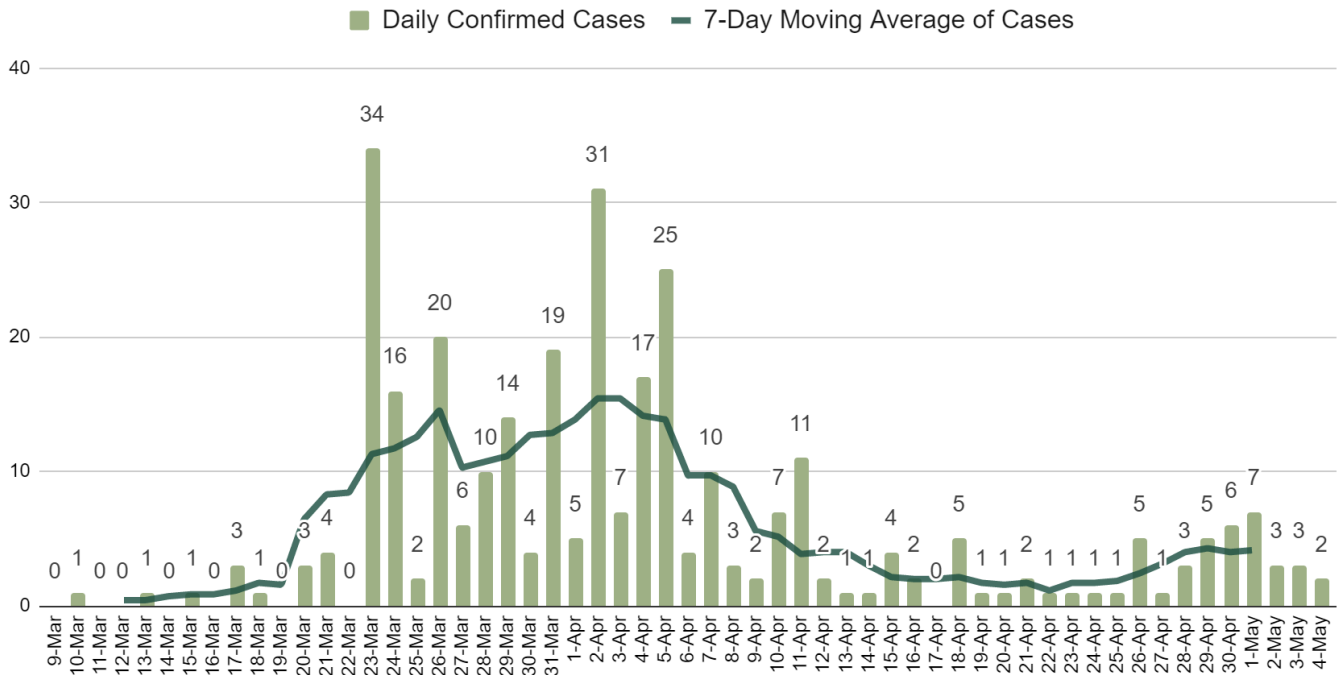
30-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



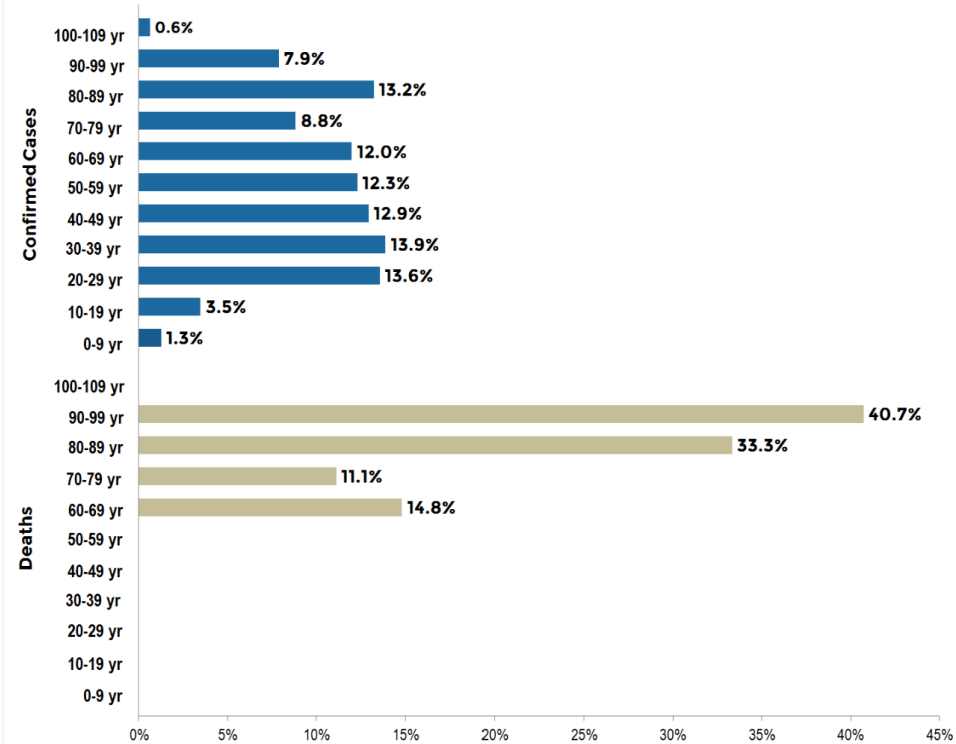
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/04/2020	319	27
05/03/2020	317	27*
05/02/2020	314	28
05/01/2020	311	28
04/30/2020	304	28

\*Originally reported at 28; cause of death confirmed to not be COVID-19 related.

## 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	05/04/20	05/03/20	05/02/20	05/01/20	04/30/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Beds Available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

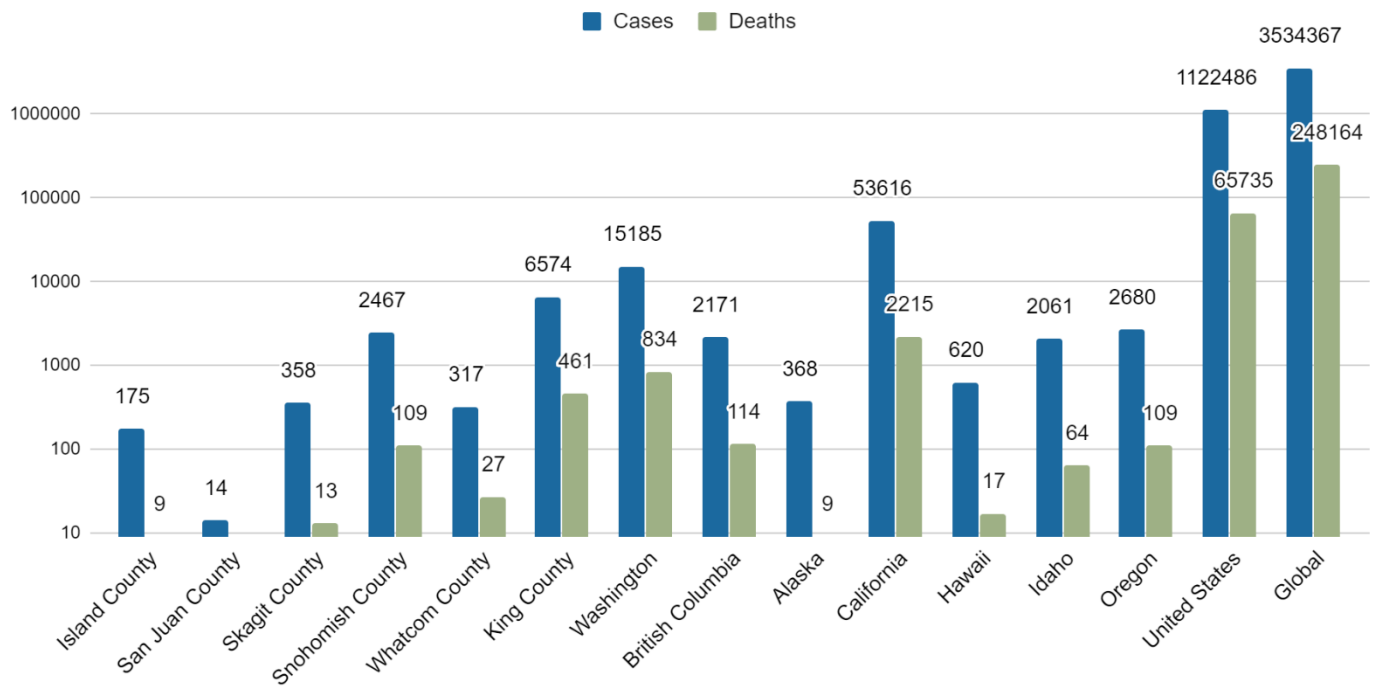
\*Note: Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

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

\*\*\*Situation Unit working with Peace Health liaison to confirm N/A data.

[COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region, Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia \(as of May 4, 2020\)](#)

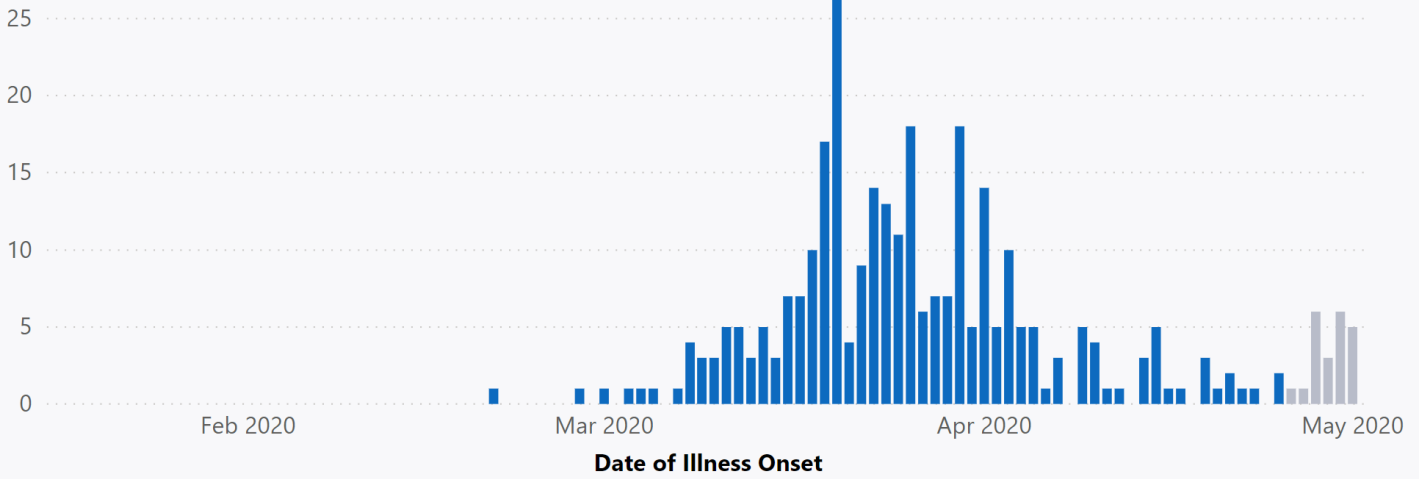
## Regional COVID-19 Cases and Deaths (5/4/20)



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

**Confirmed Case Counts**

Data Incomplete

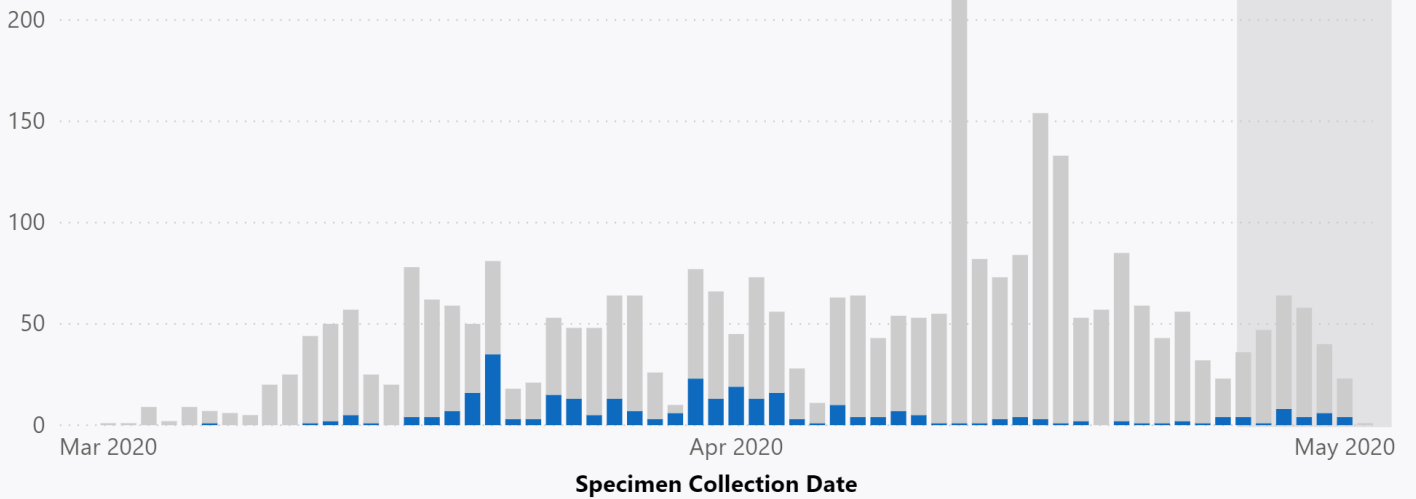


**Number of Individuals Tested**

10.3% of individuals tested positive

Data may be incomplete for the most recent dates.

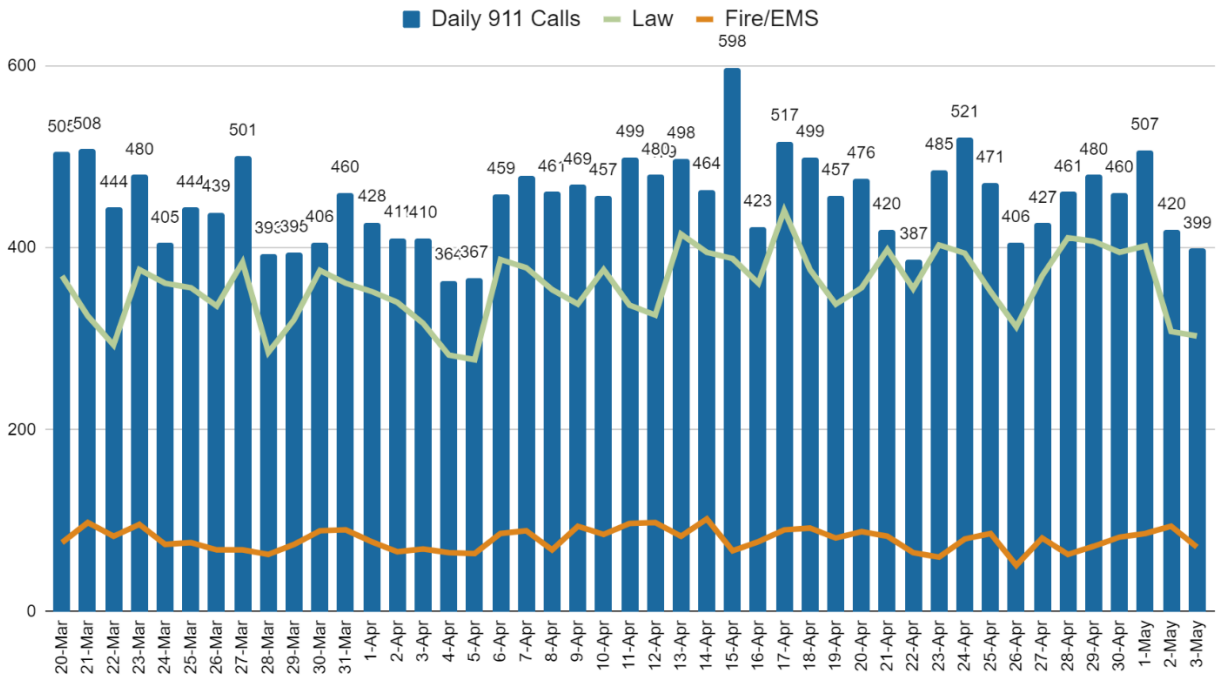
● Positive ● Negative



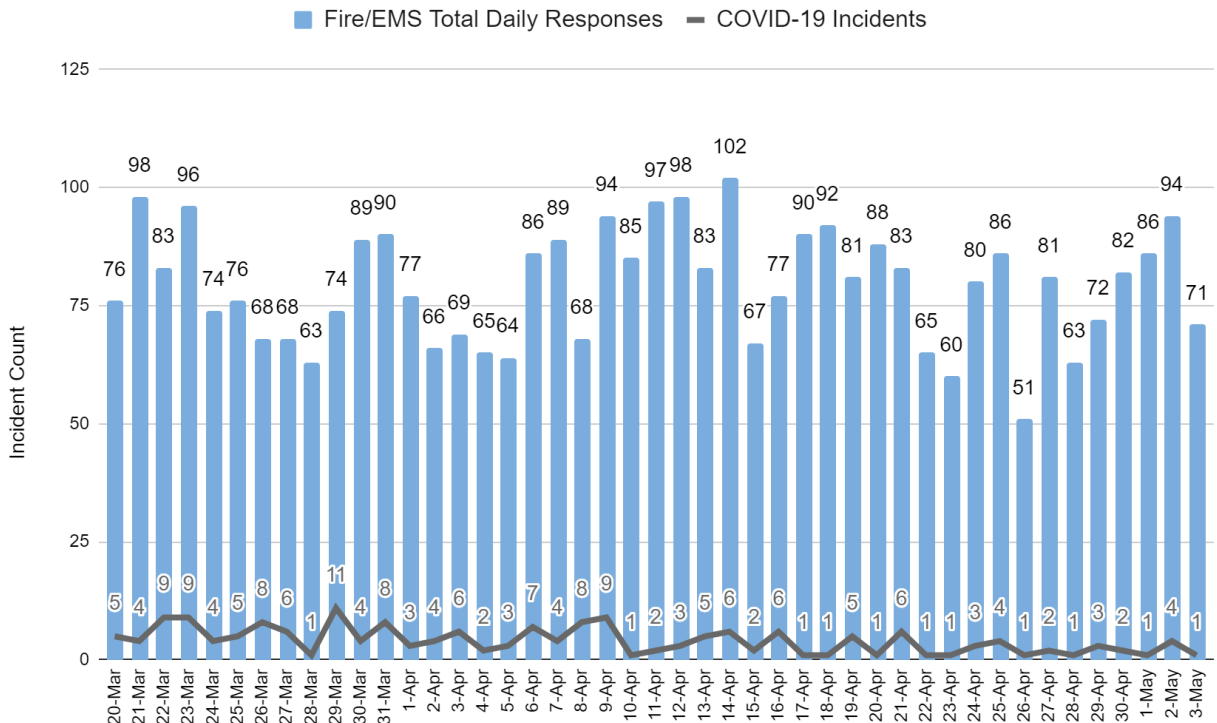
\*Graph last updated May 2, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.

\*\*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](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)
  - Maintained daily case data and updated the COVID-19 data charts for Whatcom County for the week of April 26 - May 2
  - Updated information on the new Public Health Advisory Board's COVID-19 Employer Task Force
  - Added FAQs for returning to work after being sick with or exposed to COVID-19
  - Sent Public Health News Flashes on:
    - Washington's Phased Approach and More Access to Outdoor Recreation
    - Weekly COVID-19 data update
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
  - Latest Update post: Washington's Phased Approach and More Access to Outdoor Recreation, sent to subscribers
  - Responded to inquiries submitted to the website
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - Weekly COVID Data Update
    - Don't put off check-ups
  - WUC Facebook Updates
    - Weekly COVID Data Update
- Other
  - Prepared talking points for easing up from Stay Home, Stay Healthy Q & A recordings
- Ongoing conversations with media
  - Sent Media Advisory invitation and prepared messaging for the Whatcom County Health Department's Monday, May 4 COVID-19 Media Briefing

### Local and State headlines

- Bellingham Herald: "[Losing their jobs in Whatcom to coronavirus was tough, getting benefits was tougher](#)" (5/4/20)
- Seattle Times: "[Makah tribe fights coronavirus with self-reliance and extreme isolation](#)" (5/3/20)
- My Northwest: "[Snohomish County sheriff who blasted stay-at-home order faces recall fight](#)" (5/4/20)

### National headlines

- Washington Post: "[The coronavirus pandemic is pushing America into a mental health crisis](#)" (5/4/20)
- New York Times: "[The Trump administration projects about 3,000 daily deaths by early June](#)" (5/4/20)
- New York Times: "[Masks Become a Flash Point in the Virus Culture Wars](#)" (5/3/20)
- WBTV: "[Lowe's is the latest retailer requiring workers to wear masks during coronavirus](#)" (5/4/20)

### 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.
- Working on a more robust, strategic communications plan incorporating an equity focus throughout our messaging.
- Collect, summarize, and publish information about PPE and/or masks 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 10

1. Anticipate and develop plans to address potential second peak of COVID-19 infections.
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 and equipment/supplies.
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://hawaiicovid19.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

2. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

### PLANNING

3. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

<b>REPORT PREPARED BY:</b> Situation Unit	<b>REPORT APPROVED BY:</b> Incident Command	<b>DATE:</b> 05/04/20	<b>TIME:</b> 16:00
--	--	--------------------------	-----------------------