

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200515.1	DATE: 5/15/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 11	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

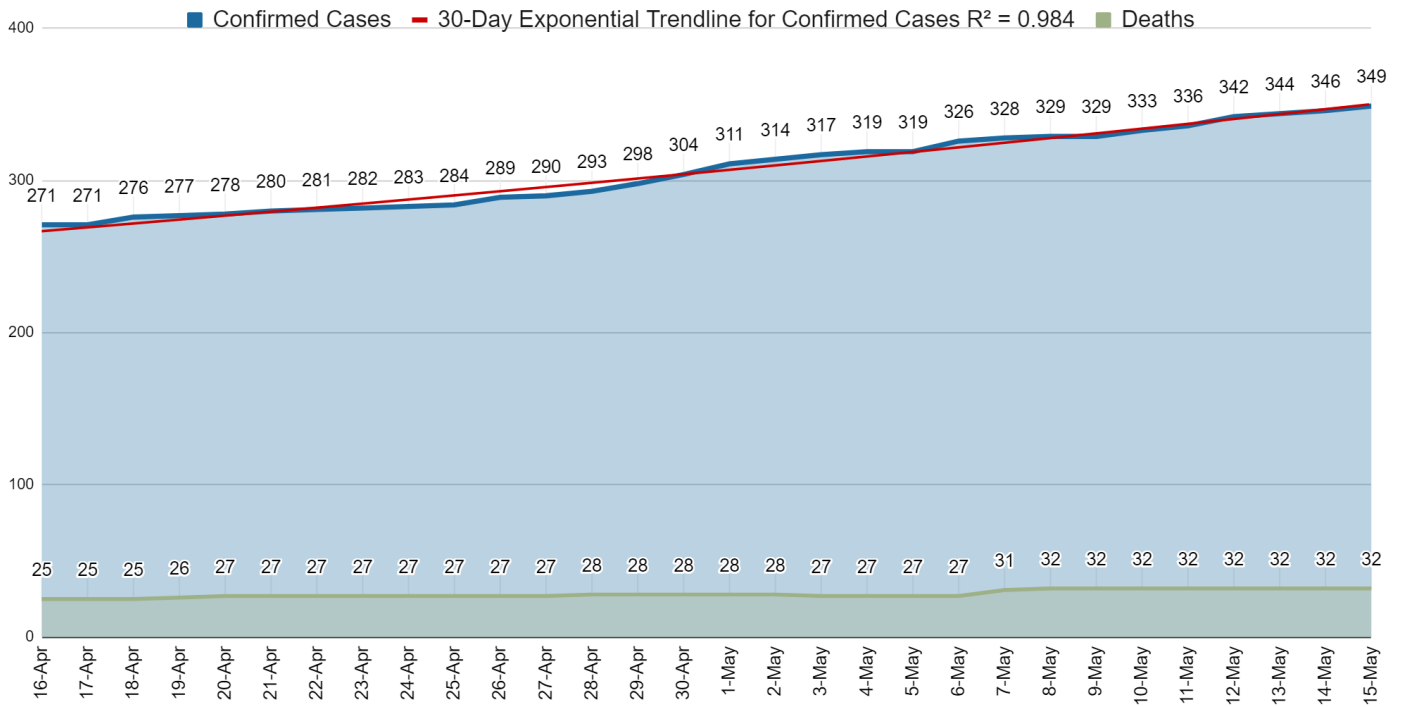
ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 8am – 5pm
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GENERAL SITUATION

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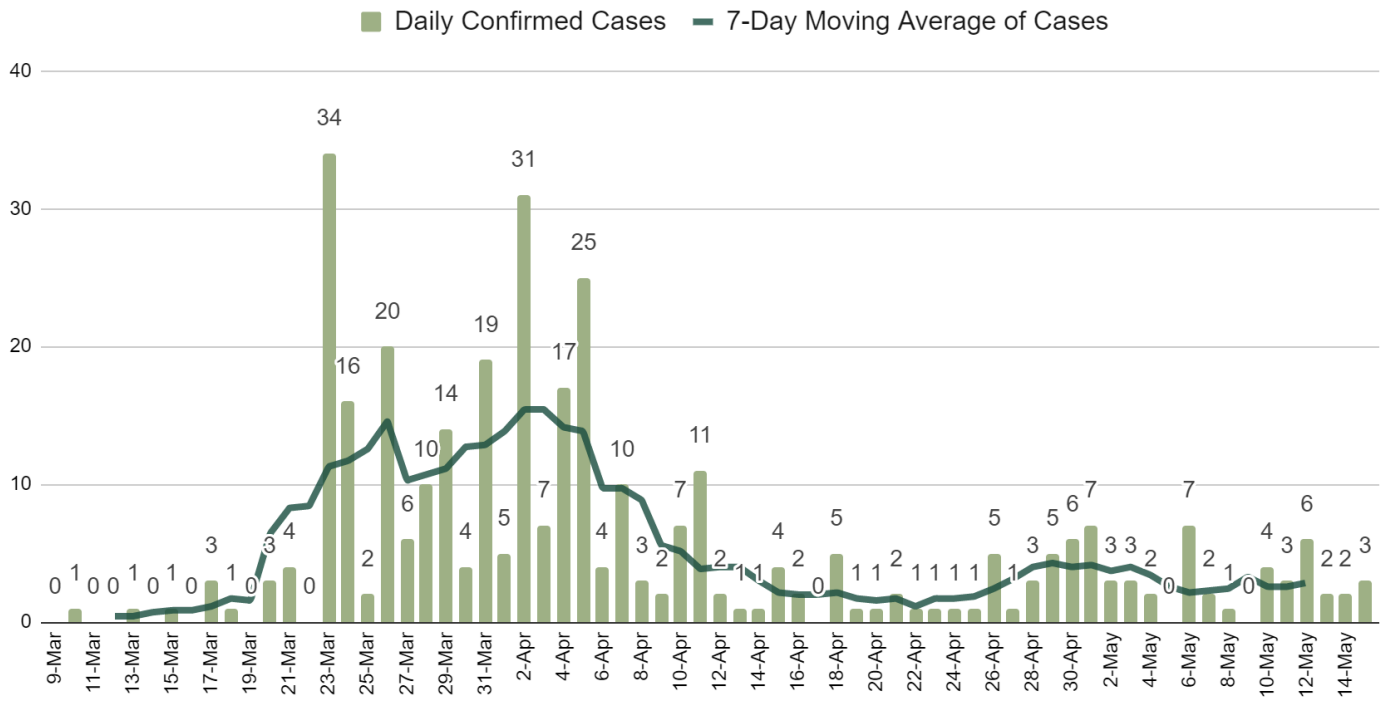
WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

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



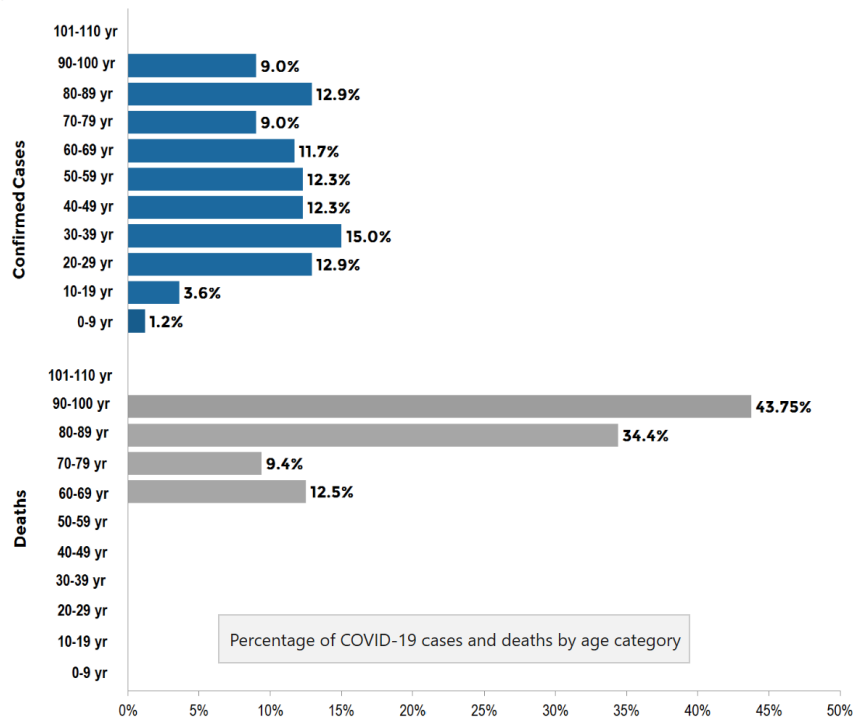
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/15/2020	349	32
05/14/2020	346	32
05/13/2020	344	32
05/12/2020	342	32
05/11/2020	336	32

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



Percentage of Confirmed Cases And Deaths by Age Category

Updated 5/9/20



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

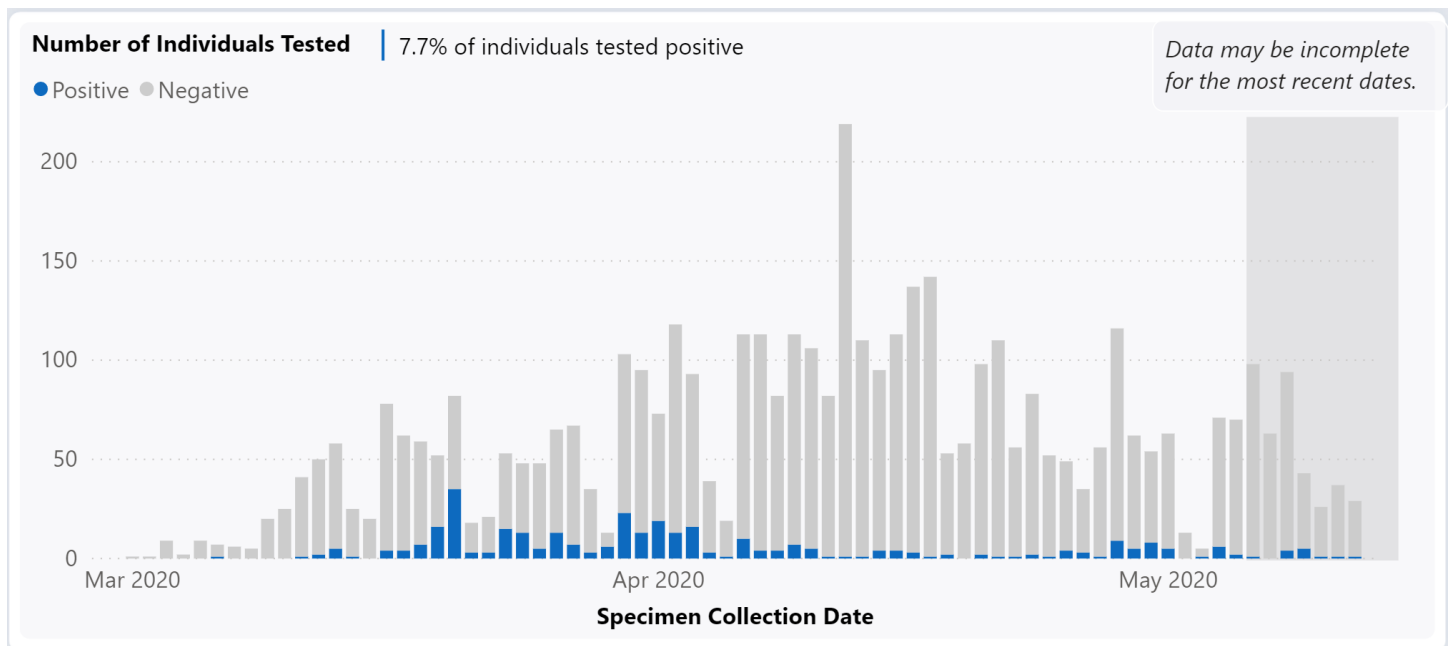
PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	05/14/20	05/13/20	05/12/20	05/11/20	05/10/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	165	167	166	162	162
Total Beds Available	67	65	66	70	70
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

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

***Source: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Washington State Hospital Association as of May 15, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.*

****PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center is one of multiple facilities that monitor and treat confirmed and/or suspected COVID cases in the County.*

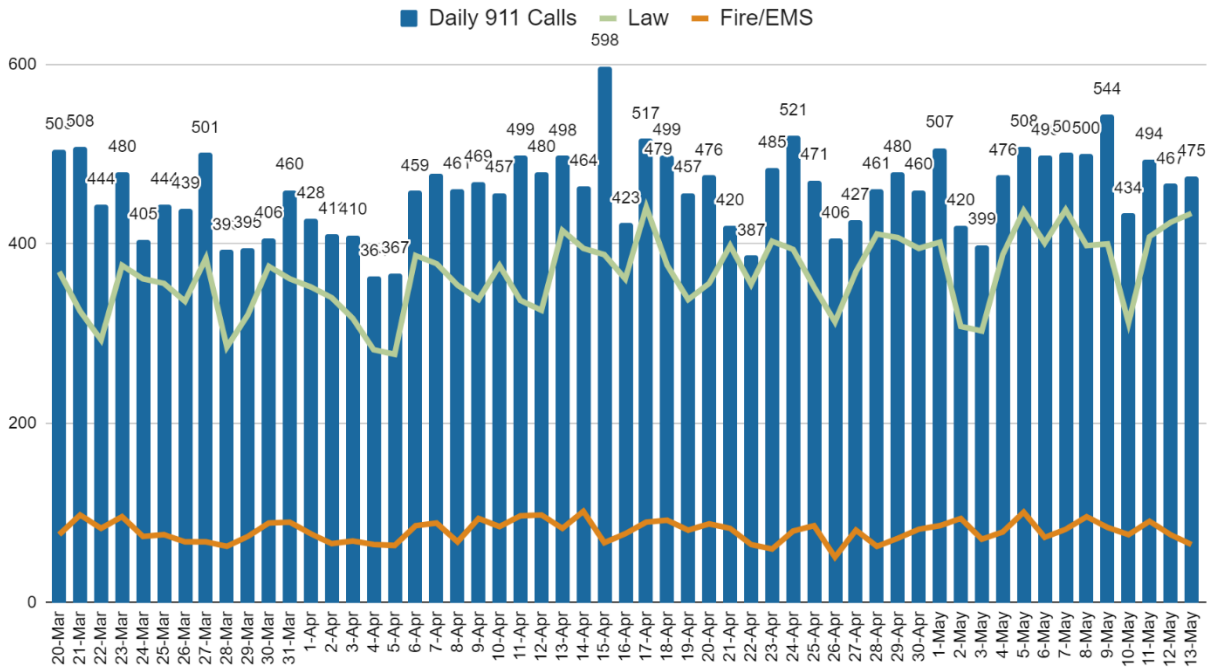
WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED



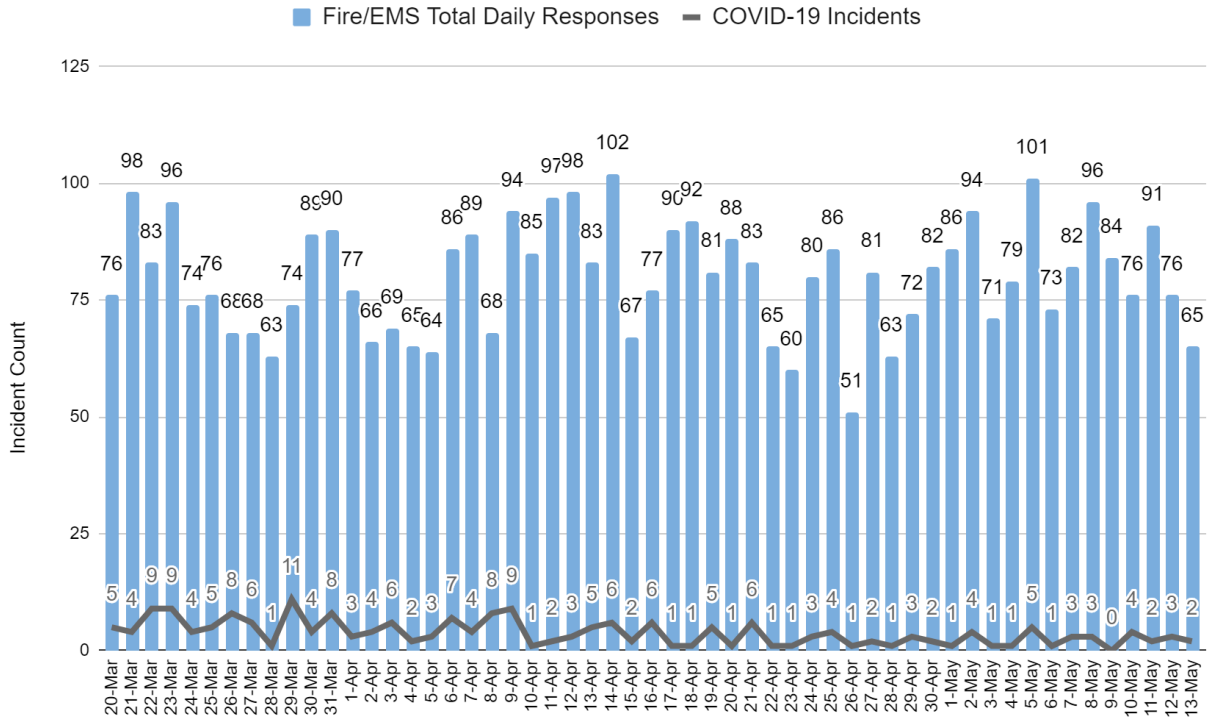
**Whatcom County data as of May 13, 2020 11:59 PM*

***Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>*

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 as of May 14, 2020

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>
- Washington State Department of Health provides guidance on wearing cloth face coverings <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf>
- [Governor's phased approach](#)

JIC Updates

- WCHD Website www.whatcomcounty.us/covid
 - Factsheet reorganizing
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Updated current Status Report for 5/14
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - (share) Questions & Concerns - what should I do when?
 - Bike Month & Bike Safety
 - Return to work (5/14)
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Questions & Concerns - what should I do when?
 - Russian language Stay Home, Stay Healthy Video PSA from WCHD staff
- Other
 - Ongoing conversations with media/reporters
 - Final editing of video PSA FAQ series

State and Local

- Seattle Times: "[Washington halts unemployment payments for 2 days after finding \\$1.6 million in fraudulent claims amid coronavirus pandemic](#)" (May 14, 2020)
- Yakima Herald "[Thursday sees 7th strike by Yakima Valley farmworkers protesting conditions during COVID-19 pandemic](#)" (May 14, 2020)
- My Northwest: "[Seattle Police Chief Best: 'We can't arrest our way out of a pandemic'](#)" (May 15, 2020)
- Yakima Herald: "[Yakima County commissioners seek more local control of business reopening](#)" (May 14, 2020)

- Bellingham Herald: "[Whatcom's negative coronavirus test results continue surge with 285 more Friday](#)" (May 15, 2020)

National

- Washington Post: "[A majority of Americans going to work fear exposing their household to the coronavirus](#)" (May 15, 2020)
- New York Times: "[Who's Enforcing Mask Rules? Often Retail Workers, and They're Getting Hurt](#)" (May 15, 2020)
- New York Times: "[Fears grow over new outbreaks as more states lift restrictions on bars, beauty shops and other businesses](#)" (May 15, 2020)
- Reuters: "[U.S. companies discover the dark side of a COVID-19 business boom](#)" (May 15, 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 and progression of phased reopening.
- Communicate changes in Stay Home, Stay Healthy order as they are made public.
- Keep public updated on Public Health Advisory Board's Reopening Task Force.
- Publish Q&A video segments from local experts about Stay Home, Stay Healthy and transitioning through Governor Inslee's phased approach to reopenings.
Provided further encouragement on mask use and information about masks.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 11

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. Providing support and supplies to Byron Avenue I/Q Facility.
2. Continuing to expand sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.
3. Developed tool to project future PPE needs for first responders.

OPERATIONS

1. Continued operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q Facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, five rooms are occupied.
2. Continuing weekly food distributions in coordination with the food banks and other related organizations.
3. Delivering approximately 975 boxes of food to homes in the county.
4. Continued monitoring of county childcare needs and capacity within the open facilities.

PLANNING

1. Continuing surge planning.
2. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.
3. Continuing development of a remobilization plan for Unified Command.

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Incident Command

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