

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



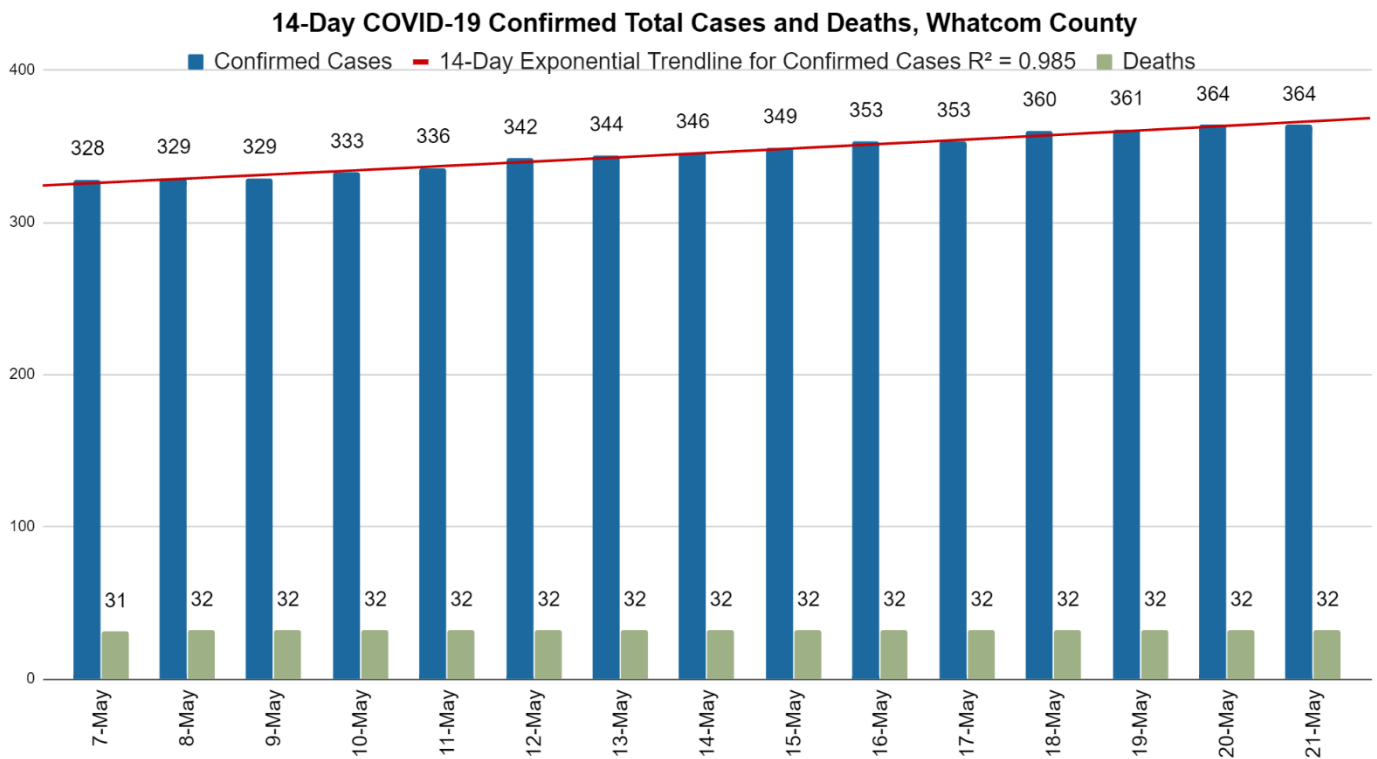
REPORT #: 20200521.1	DATE: 5/21/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 12	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
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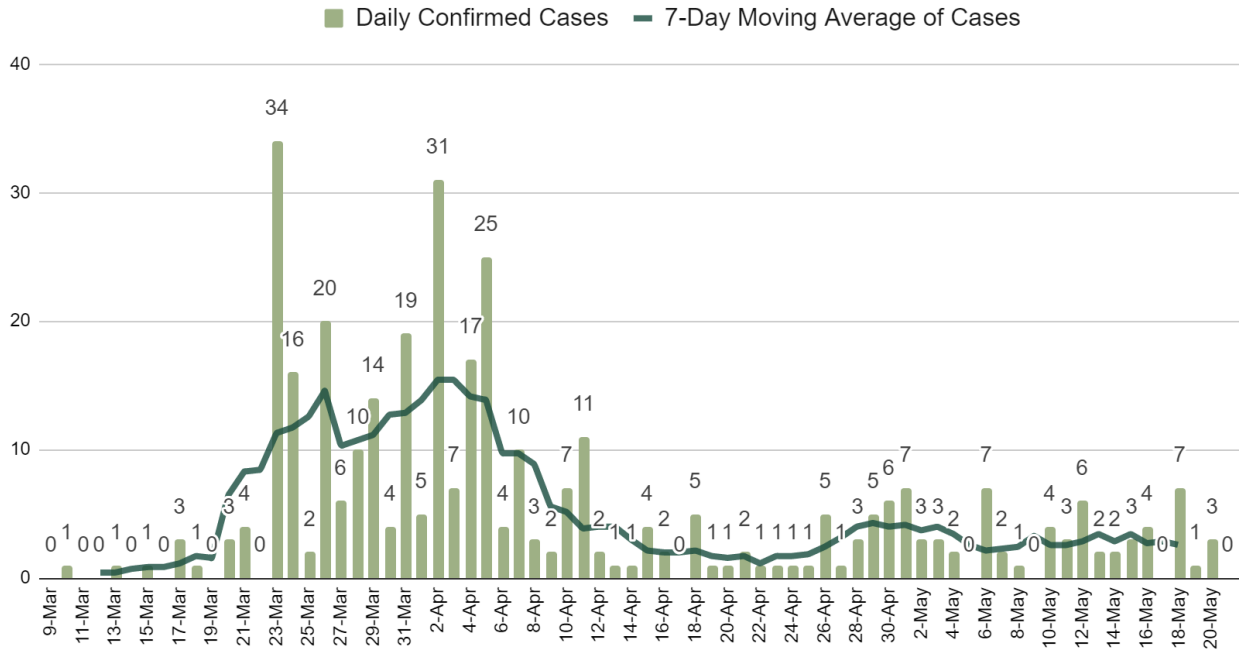
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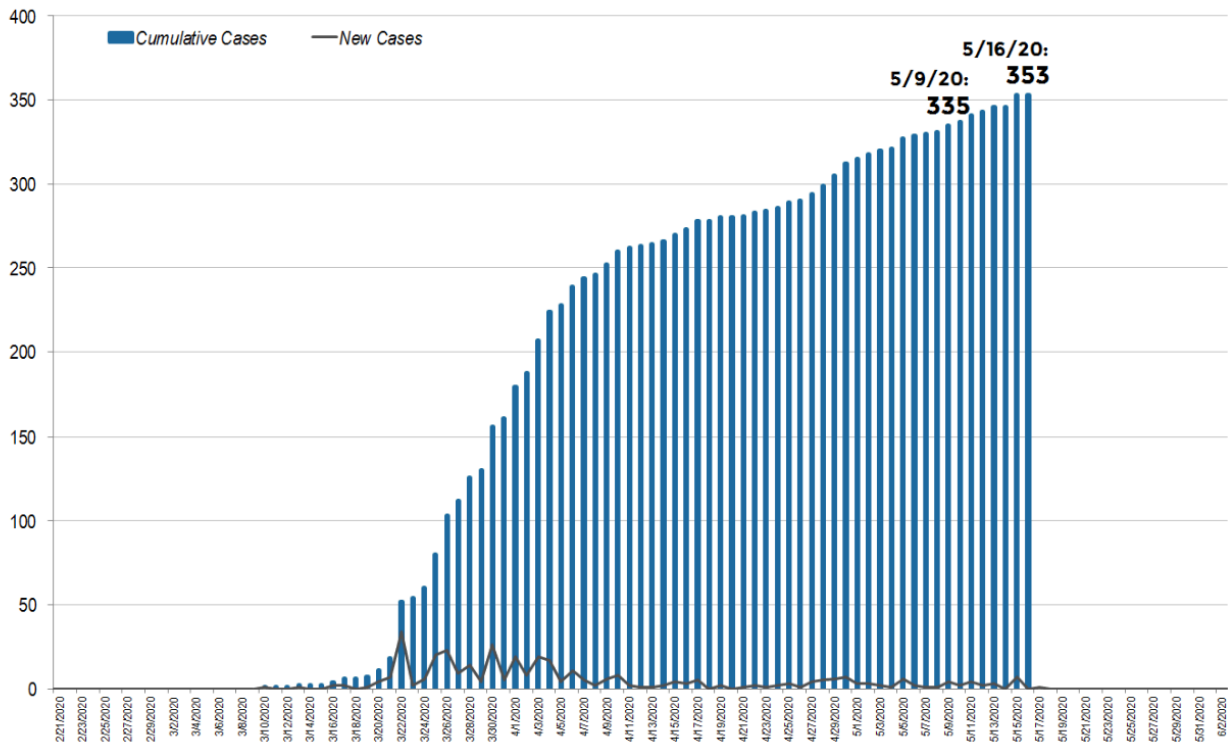


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/21/2020	364	32
05/20/2020	364	32
05/19/2020	361	32
05/18/2020	360	32
05/17/2020	353	32

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

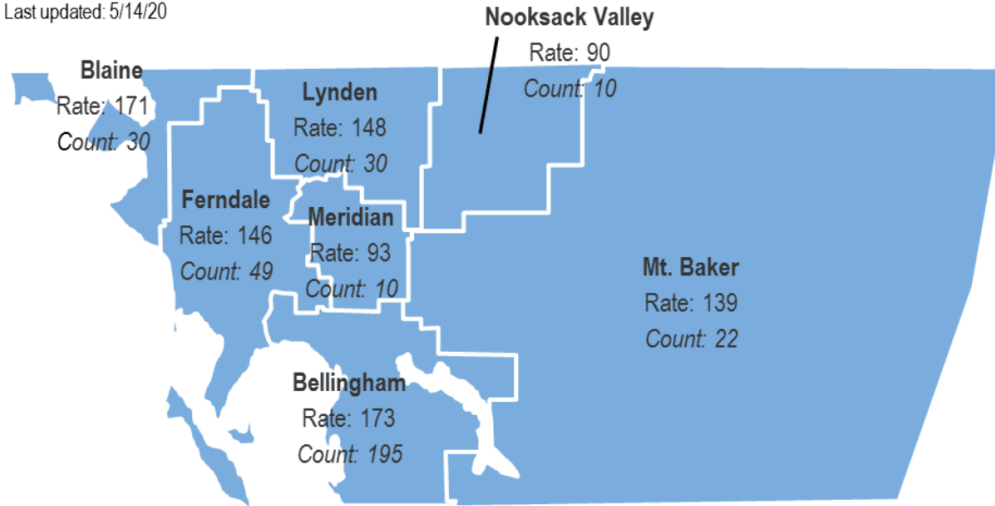


Cumulative Count of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Whatcom County, by Day



Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Whatcom County, by School District

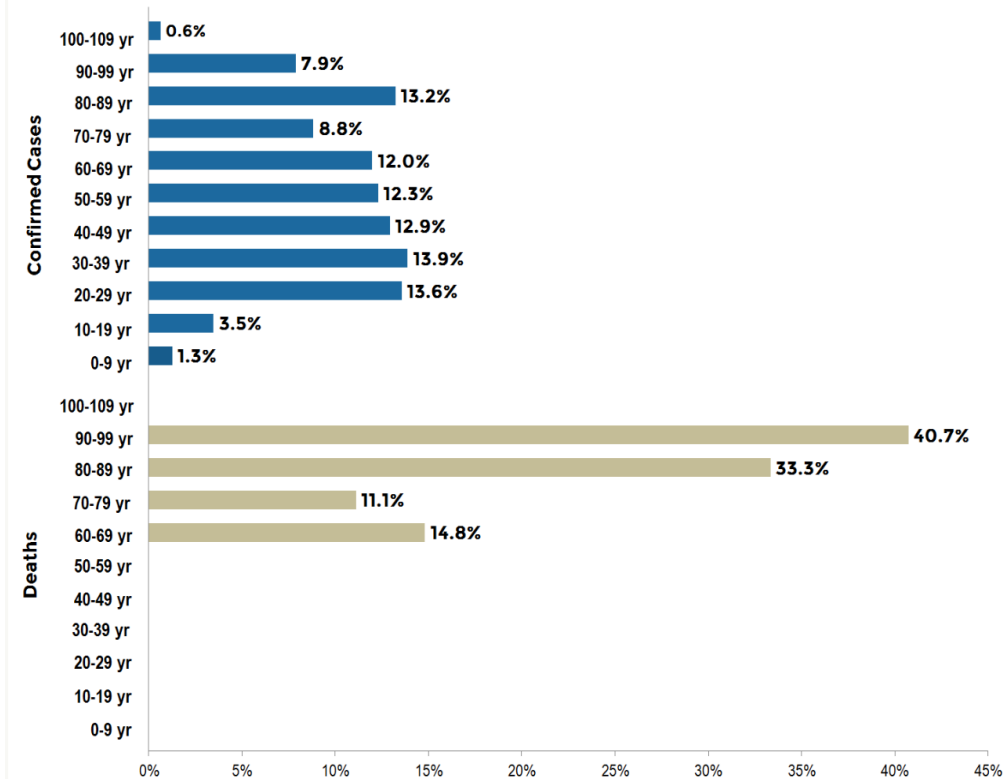
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Rate: Confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents

Count: Cumulative cases of COVID-19

Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3329/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Current PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center data will be updated as it becomes available.

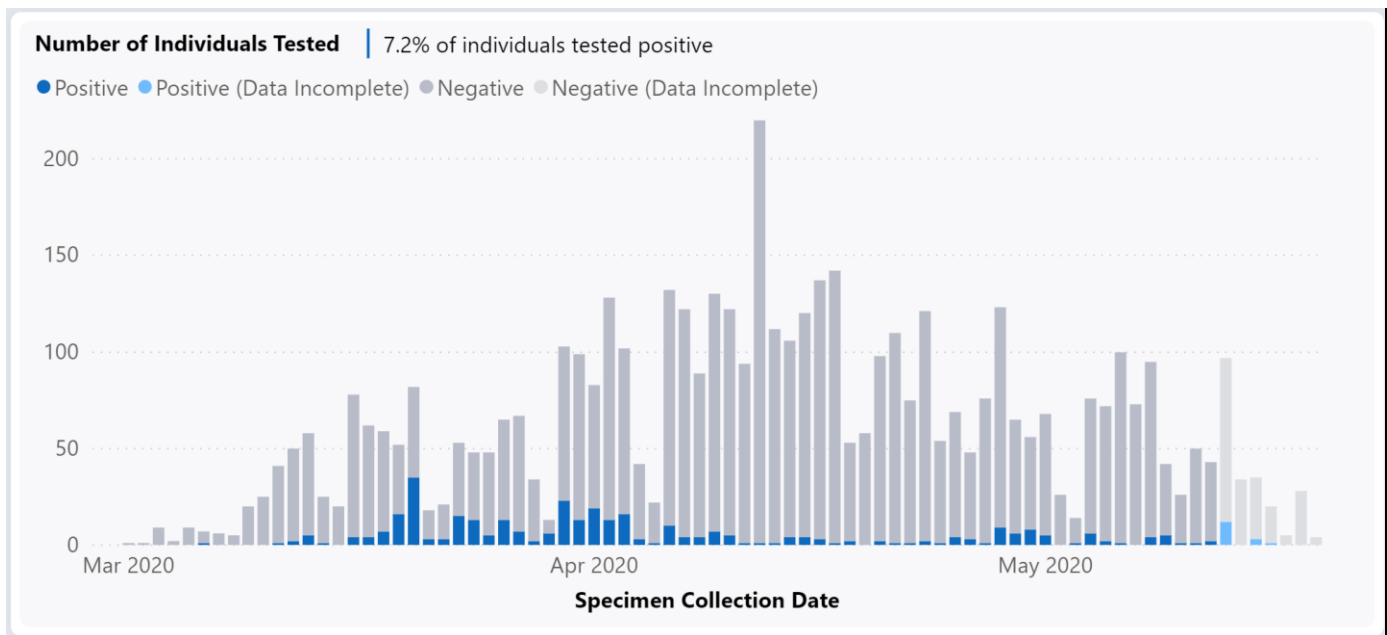
PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	05/14/20	05/13/20	05/12/20	05/11/20	05/10/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	165	167	166	162	162
Total Beds Available	67	65	66	70	70
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

*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

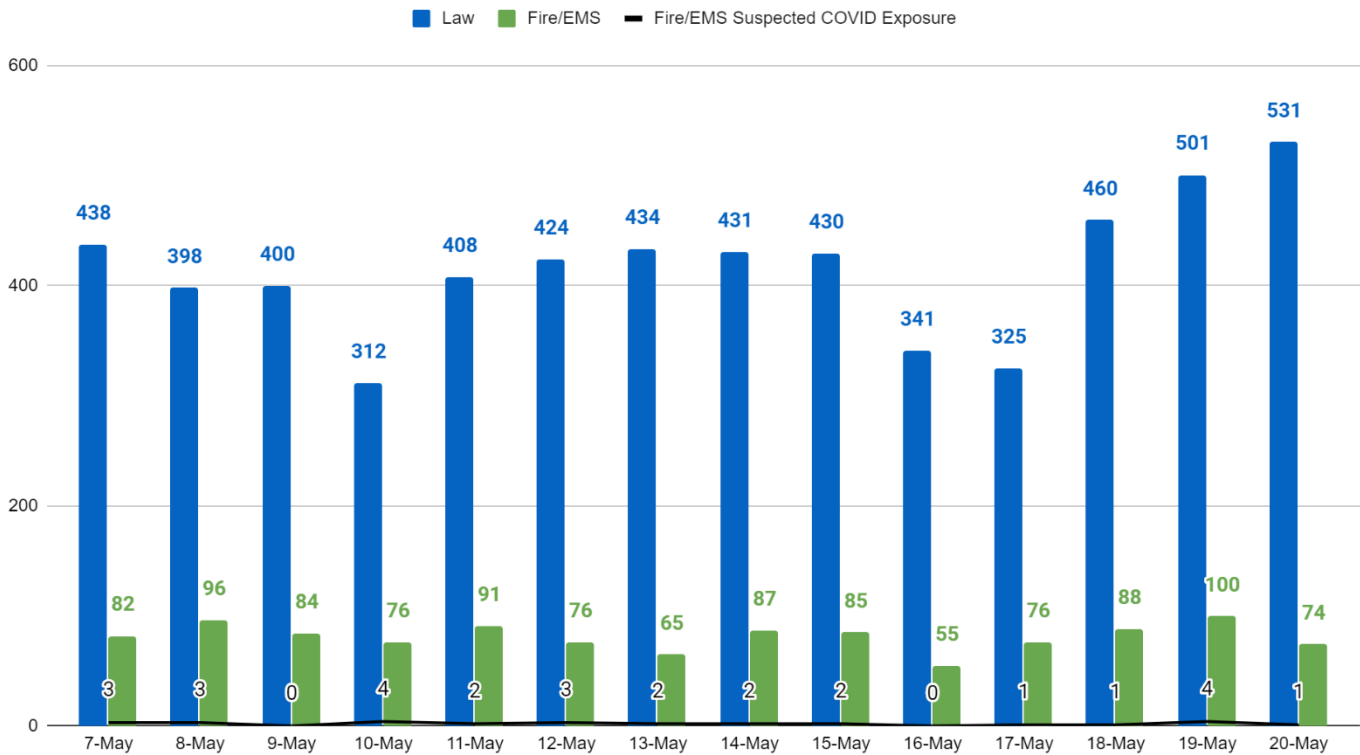


*Whatcom County data as of May 19, 2020 11:59 PM

**Source: Washington State Department of Health

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>

14-Day 911 Calls for Law and Fire/EMS with Fire/EMS Suspected COVID Exposure, 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>
- 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
 - Updated case numbers
 - Updated references to cloth face coverings
 - Sent grieving during the COVID-19 pandemic news flash
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Updated Situation Report
 - Shared mask directive news flash as latest updates and sent to subscribers
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Memorial Day (celebrate safely) 5/20 pm
 - Info about why/how to wear a mask in Spanish
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Info about why/how to wear a mask in English
 - Share of CDC's post about protections offered by masks
 - PSA from local parks officials
- Other
 - Ongoing conversations with media/reporters

State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom Unified Command plans to relocate Drop-In Center after it leaves high school](#) - May 20, 2020
- Bellingham Herald: [Despite border restrictions, Allegiant bringing back Bellingham flights in early June](#) - May 20, 2020
- Bellingham Herald: [Lummi Nation's Silver Reef Casino Resort to reopen to the public Friday in Ferndale](#) - May 20, 2020
- Seattle Times: [School 'as usual' is unlikely as Washington officials weigh options for next fall amid coronavirus pandemic](#) - May 21, 2020
- Seattle Times: [Coronavirus brings 'a whole other layer of trauma' for workers who serve homeless people](#) - May 21, 2020

National

- NPR: [U.S. Could Have Saved 36,000 Lives If Social Distancing Started 1 Week Earlier: Study](#) - May 21, 2020
- NPR: Researchers: [Nearly Half Of Accounts Tweeting About Coronavirus Are Likely Bots](#) - May 21, 2020
- New York Times: [There is a stark racial divide in how the virus has hit nursing homes](#) - May 21, 2020
- New York Times : [Many Jobs May Vanish Forever as Layoffs Mount](#) - May 21, 2020
- The Atlantic: [How Could the CDC Make That Mistake?](#) - May 21, 2020
- Washington Post: [Coronavirus hot spots erupt across the country; experts warn of second wave in South](#) - May 20, 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.

- 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 expectations for 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 re-openings.
- Provided further encouragement and direction on mask use and information about masks.
- Highlight work carried out by WUC and WCHD to prepare Whatcom County for re-openings.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 12

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/opdashboard/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 provide support and supplies to Byron Avenue I/Q Facility.
- 2. Continuing to research and identify additional I/Q facilities for surge planning.
- 3. Continuing to research and compile sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.
- 4. Utilizing tool to project future PPE needs for first responders.
- 5. Continuing to support food distribution facilities as needed.
- 6. Continuing to support Drop-In Center.

OPERATIONS

- 1. Assessing need for face coverings for vulnerable populations in Whatcom County, and determining a plan for addressing that need.
- 2. Continuing operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q Facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, four rooms are occupied.
- 3. Conducting site research and planning for a new, temporary Drop-In Center for transitioning from current location at Bellingham High.
- 4. Continuing weekly food distributions in coordination with the food banks and other related organizations.
- 5. Continuing to monitor and assess county childcare needs and capacity within the open facilities and inform the public of options.

PLANNING

- 1. Formalizing public disclosure request documentation response process and procedures.
- 2. Driving ICS 233 Action Items for completion.
- 3. Supporting Unified Command Meetings.
- 4. Continuing development of Planning Section work processes for transition of personnel and facilitating Planning Chief rotation.
- 5. Continuing surge planning.
- 6. Continuing development of a remobilization plan for Unified Command.

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Situation Unit

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Incident Command

DATE:

05/21/20

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