

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



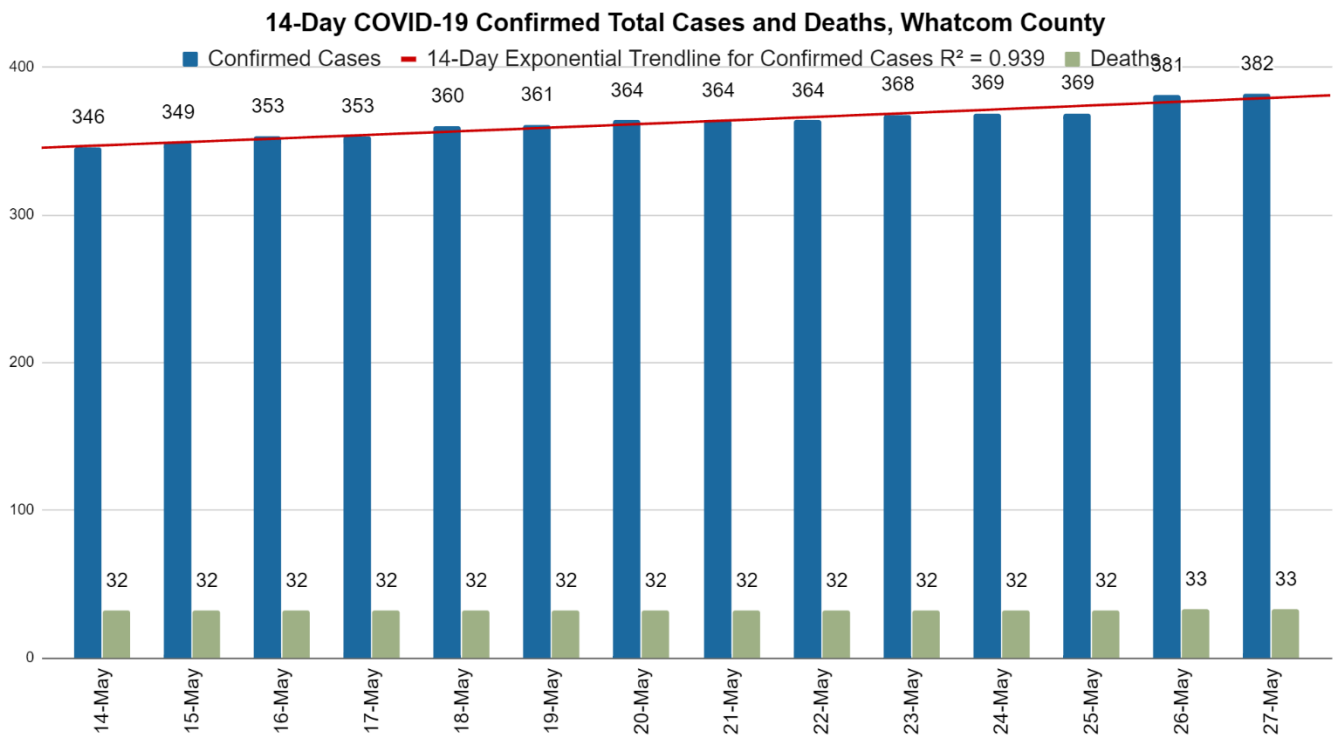
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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 12	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

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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GENERAL SITUATION

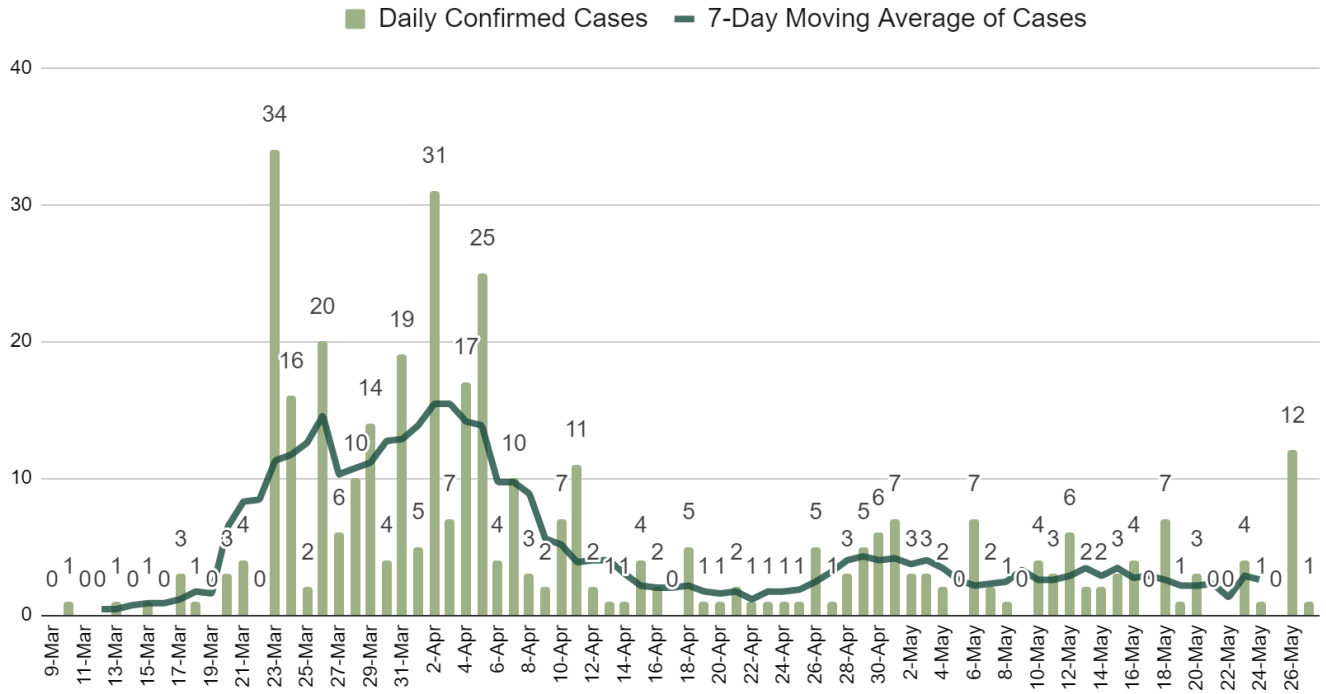
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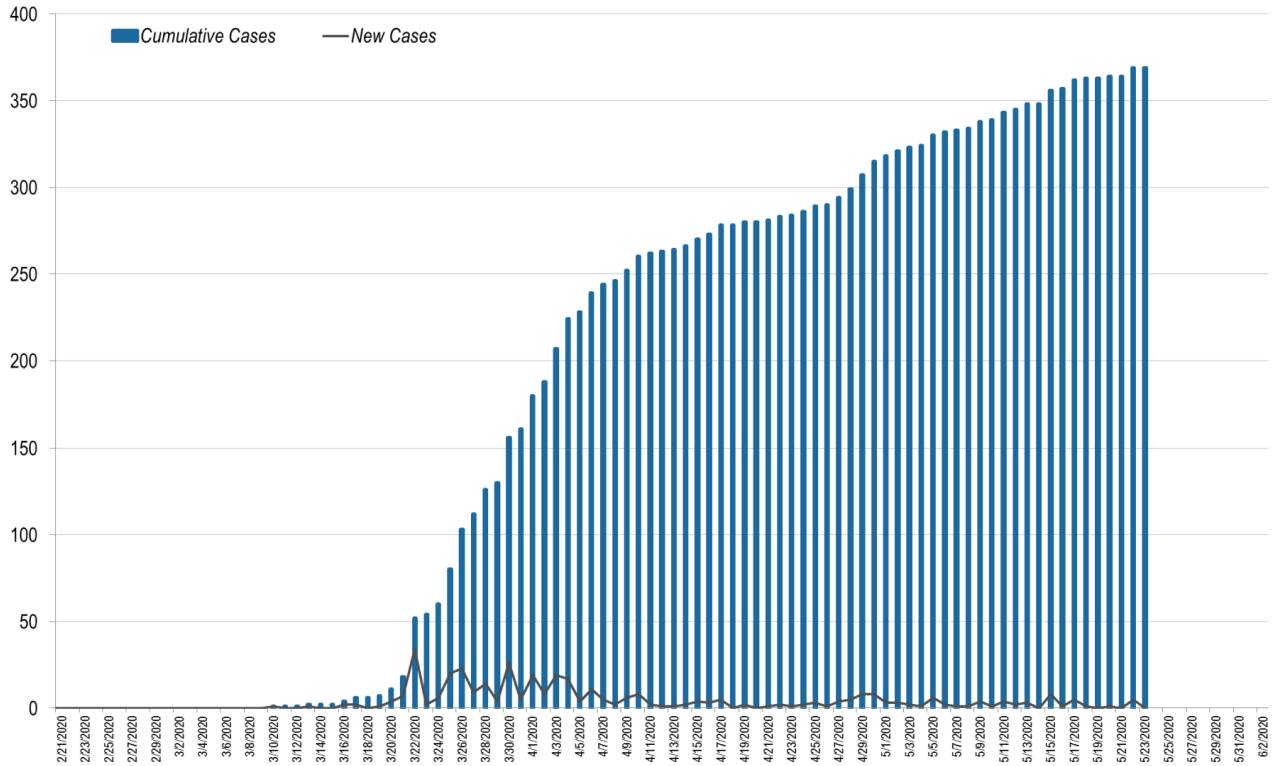
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/27/2020	382	33
05/26/2020	381	33
*05/25/2020	-	-
05/24/2020	369	32
05/23/2020	368	32

*Confirmed cases and deaths were not reported on 05/25/2020 due to the observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

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

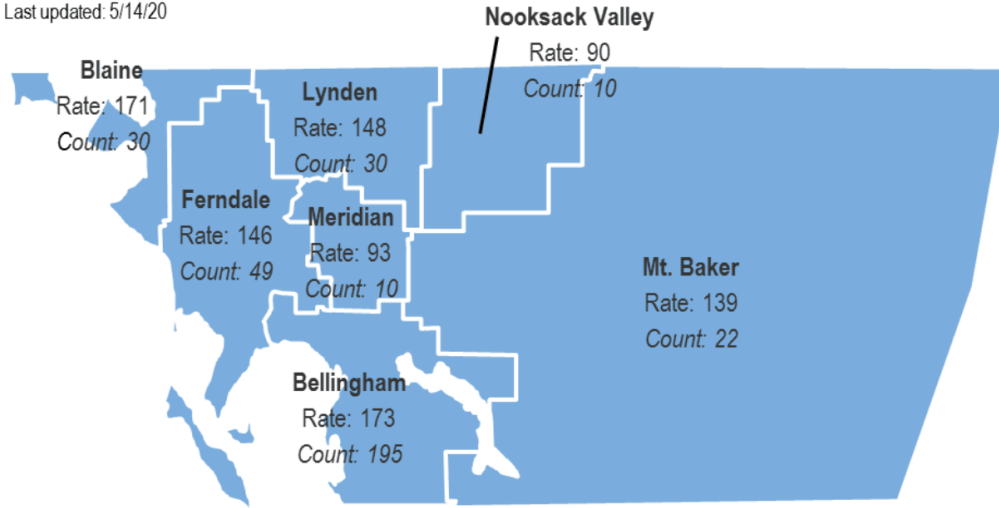


Cumulative Count of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Whatcom County, by Day



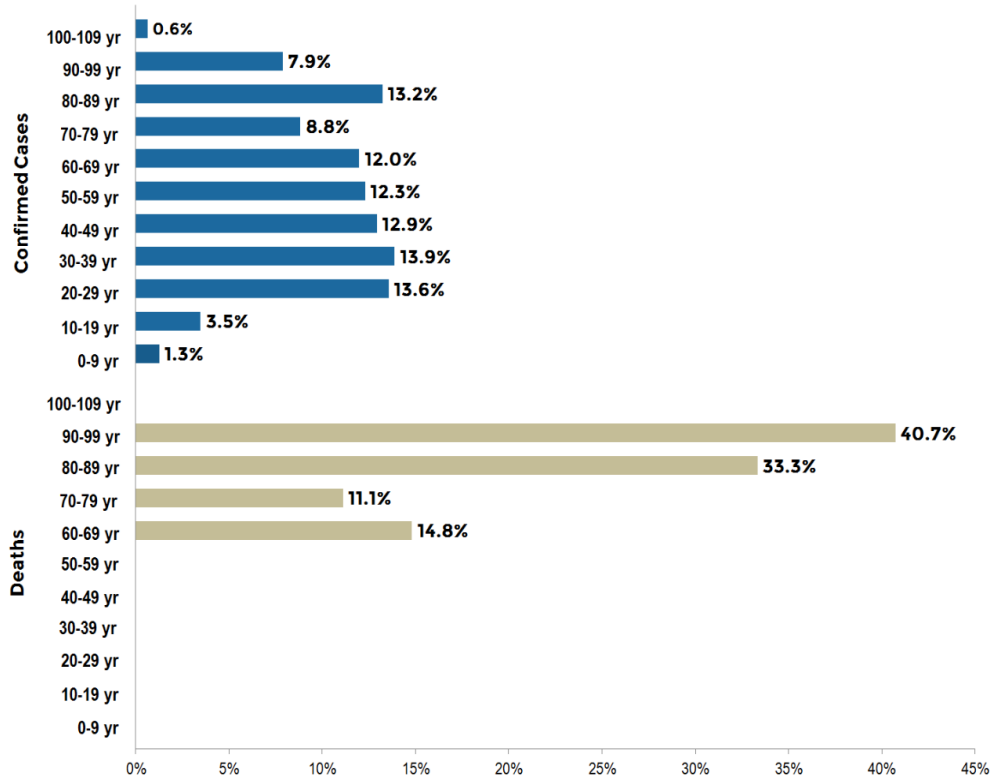
Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Whatcom County, by School District

Last updated: 5/14/20



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.

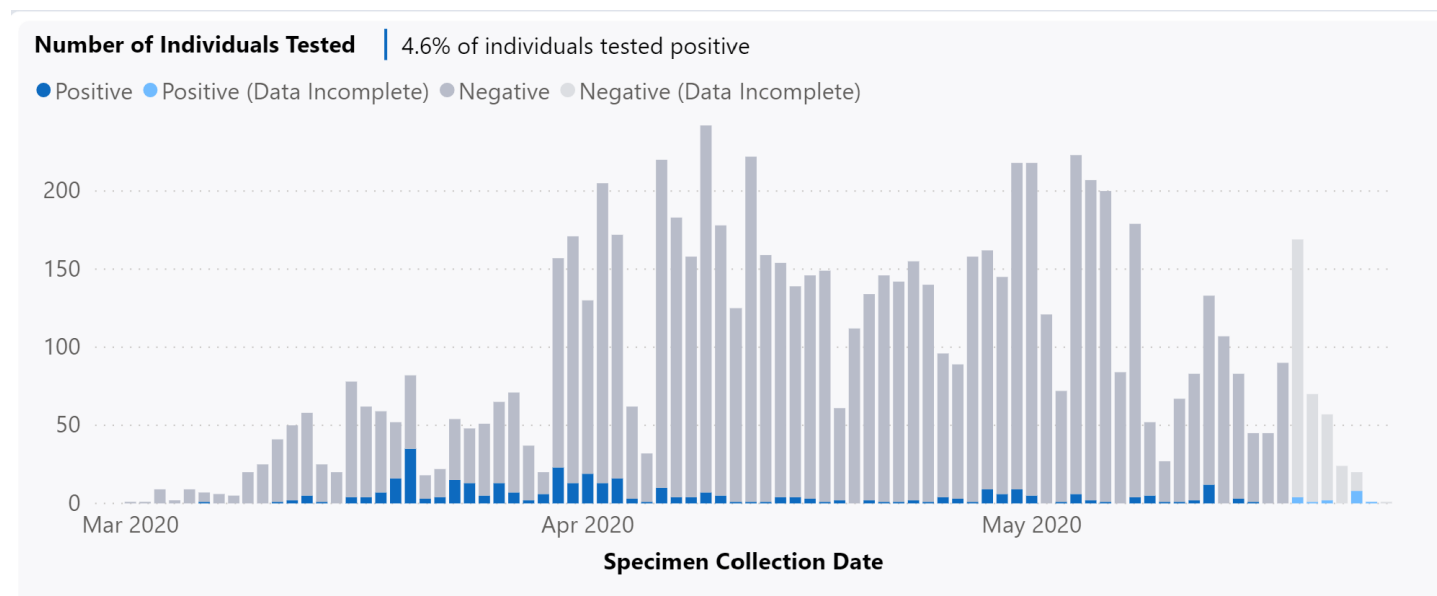
PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	05/14/20	05/13/20	05/12/20	05/11/20	05/10/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	165	167	166	162	162
Total Beds Available	67	65	66	70	70
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

*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

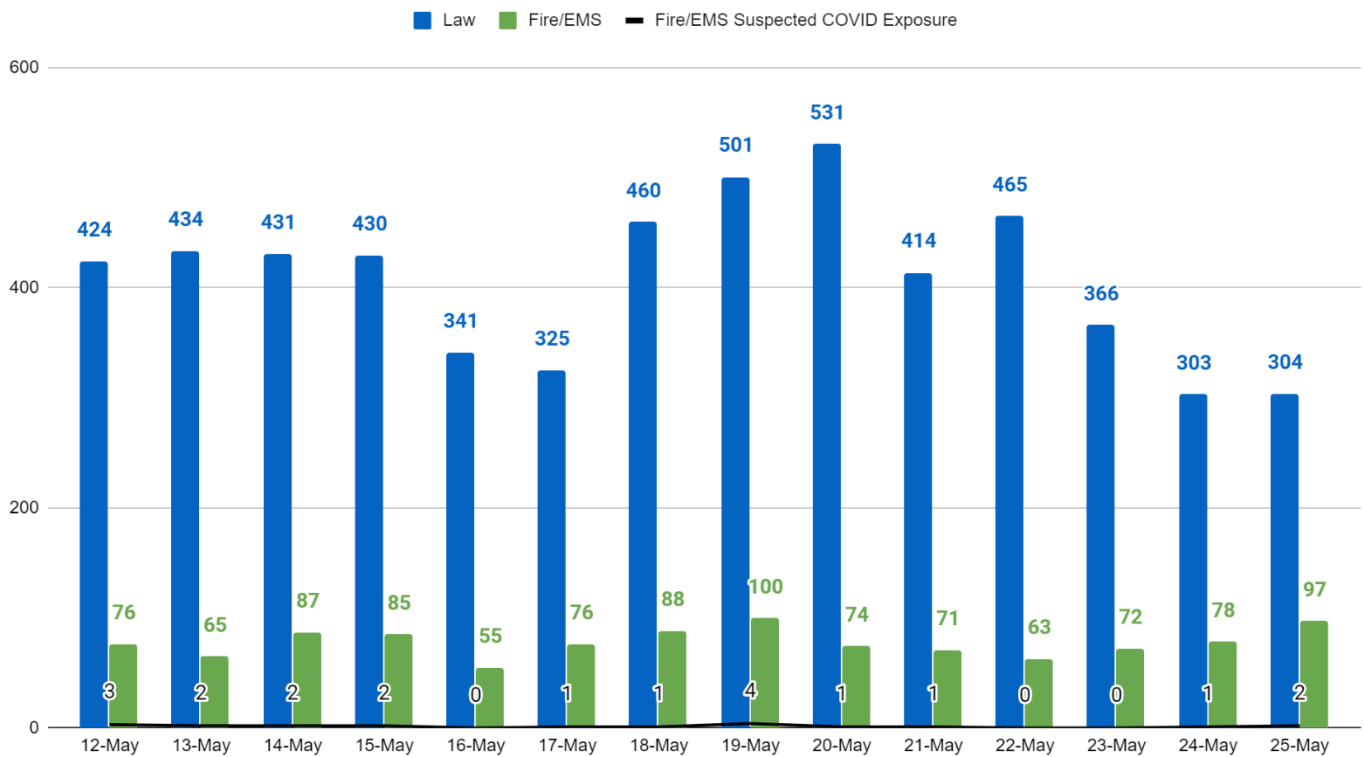


*Whatcom County data as of May 25, 2020 11:59 PM

**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 and weekly data newsflash
 - Phase 1 guidelines newsflash
 - Updated documents to reflect current guidance
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Updated Situation Report
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Weekly Case Data Update (5/24)
 - Job Opportunity for Volunteer Coordinator (5/26)
 - Phase 1 Guidance (5/26)
 - Video PSA: Testing, Contact Tracing, Antibody Testing (5/27)
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Share: Phase 1 Guidance from WCHD (5/27)
 - Video PSA: Testing, Contact Tracing, Antibody Testing (5/26)
- Other
 - Ongoing conversations with media/reporters

State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: [Here's what's keeping Whatcom County from moving to Phase 2 of coronavirus' Safe Start](#) - May 27, 2020
- Bellingham Herald: [Healthcare workers make up a majority of COVID-19 workers' comp claims in Whatcom, Skagit](#) - May 27, 2020
- Bellingham Herald: [As Whatcom emerges from COVID-19 lockdown, these disease detectives will play key role](#) - May 27, 2020
- KOMO News: [COVID-19 transmission increasing in Eastern Wash., dropping in Western Wash., report says](#) - May 27, 2020
- KOMO News: [Boeing slashes 12,000 jobs as virus seizes travel industry](#) - May 27, 2020

National

- CNN: [Masks seem to be working to fight the virus, even as some refuse them and US deaths near 100,000](#) - May 27, 2020
- CNN: [When can you be around others? CDC updates coronavirus guidance](#) - May 27, 2020
- NPR: [Survey Shows Big Remote Learning Gaps for Low-Income And Special Needs Children](#) - May 27, 2020
- NPR: [From Camping to Dining Out: Here's How Experts Rate the Risks of 14 Summer Activities](#) - May 23, 2020
- CNBC: [Coronavirus effects on young people could lead to 'lockdown generation' UN warns](#) - May 27, 2020
- New York Times: [An 'Avalanche of Evictions' Could be Bearing Down on America's Renters](#) - May 27, 2020
- Vox: [You can't turn the economy back on like a light switch](#) - May 27, 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 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

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/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 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. Conducting outreach to businesses and facilities in Whatcom County to understand and plan for future PPE needs in the community.
5. Continuing to support Drop-In Center.

OPERATIONS

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

PLANNING

1. Continuing to support Unified Command meetings.
2. Continuing surge planning.
3. Finalizing remobilization plan for Unified Command.
4. Developing demobilization plan for Unified Command.

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