

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 13	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

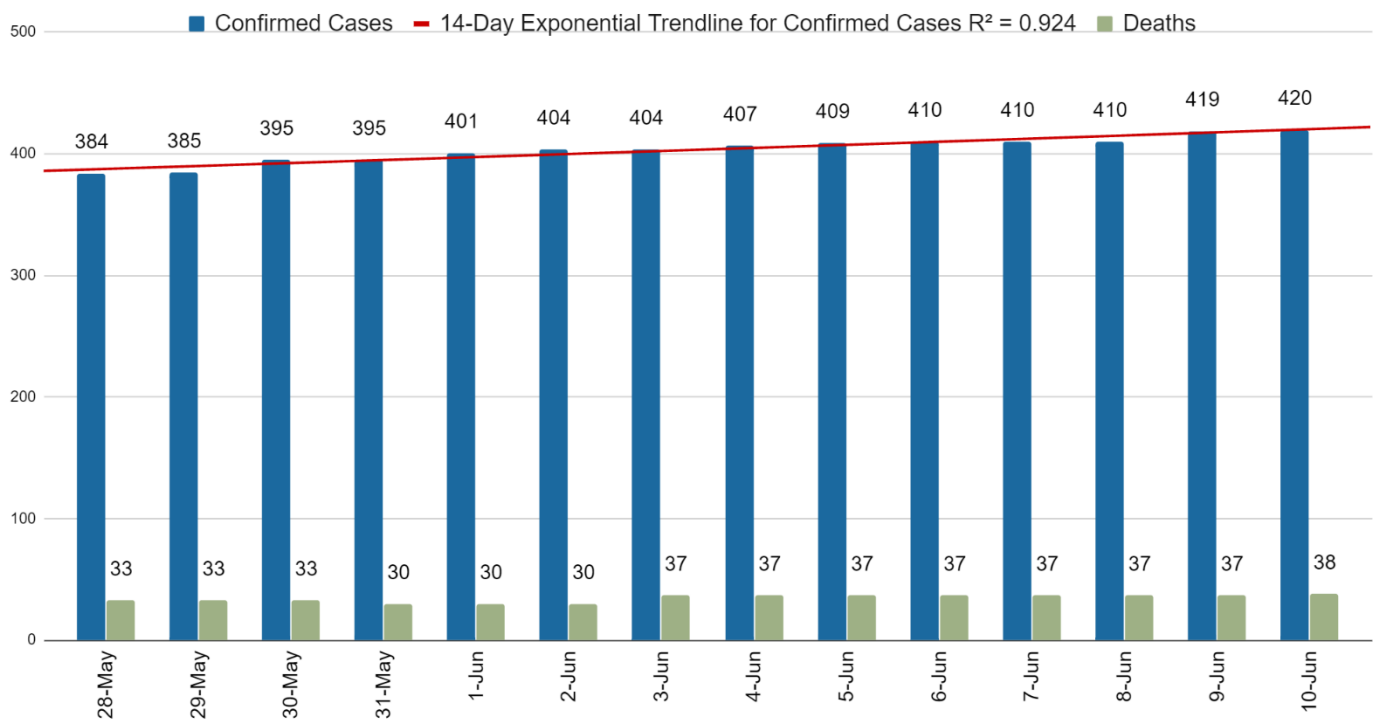
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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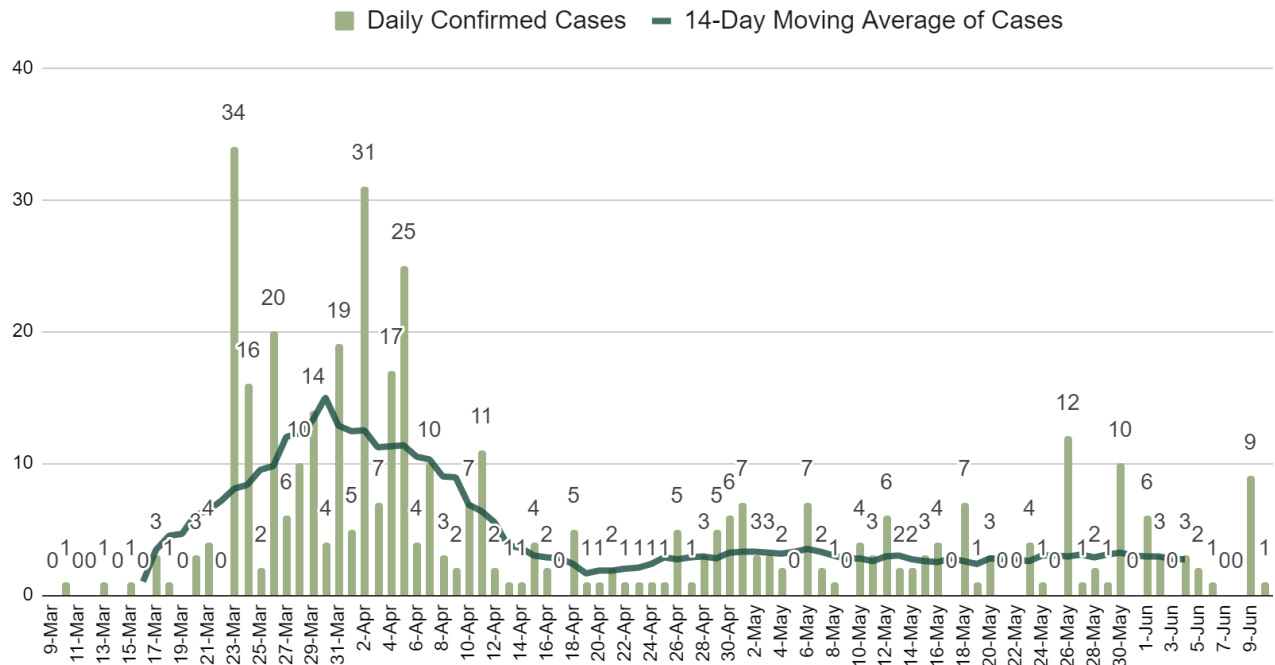
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
06/10/2020*	420	38
06/09/2020*	419	37
06/08/2020	410	37
06/07/2020	410	37
06/06/2020	410	37

*Data provided by the Whatcom County Health Dept is considered preliminary. As they verify cases, we can expect delays and fluctuations in data reported. Data was last updated 06/08/2020.

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



HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS

Data as of June 08, 2020 11:59PM PT

COVID-19 in Whatcom County

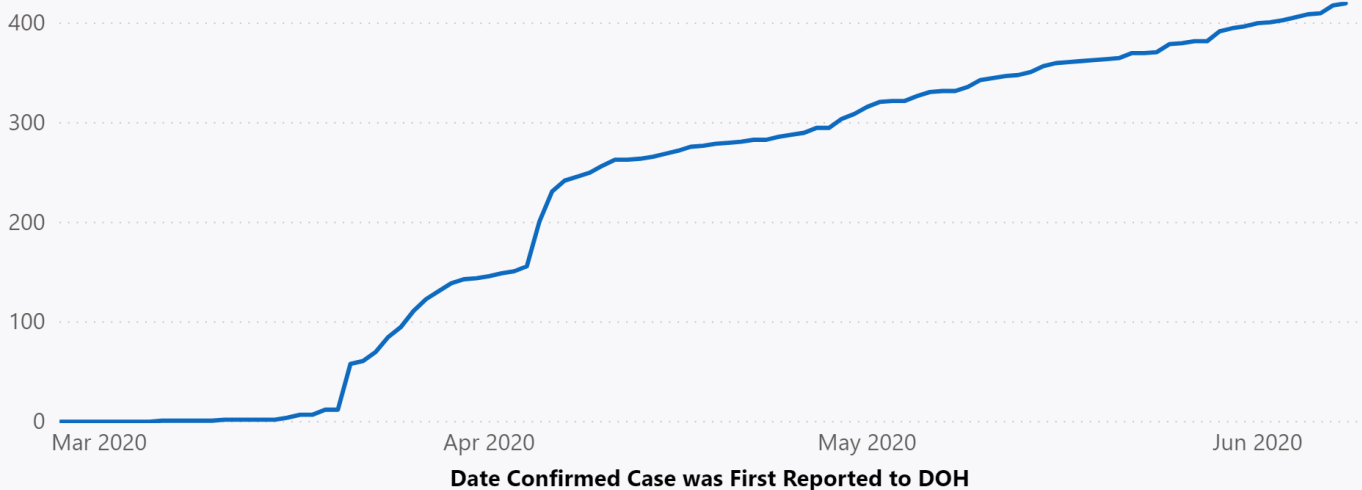
Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

This chart shows the cumulative cases or the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

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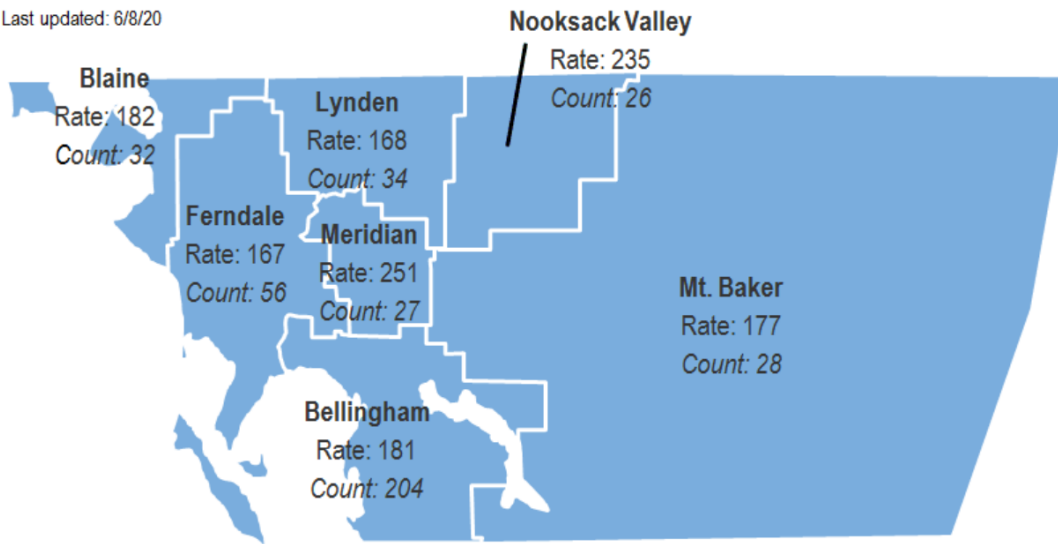
Cumulative Case Counts



25 of 24,354 statewide confirmed cases do not have an assigned county.

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

Last updated: 6/8/20



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

Count: Cumulative cases of COVID-19

- Limited testing may cause mapping to misrepresent the geographic impact of COVID-19 illness in Whatcom County.
- When analyzing data geographically, school districts are used as community boundaries because people often identify their community in connection to schools and school districts.

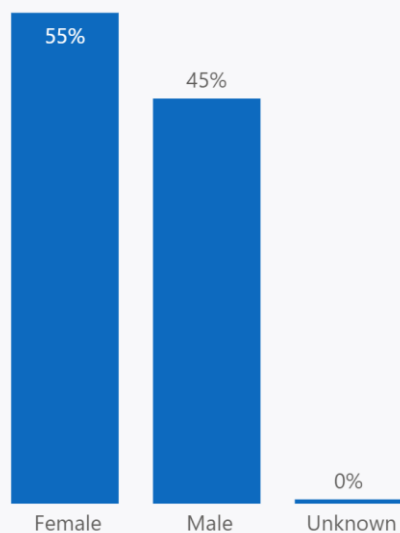
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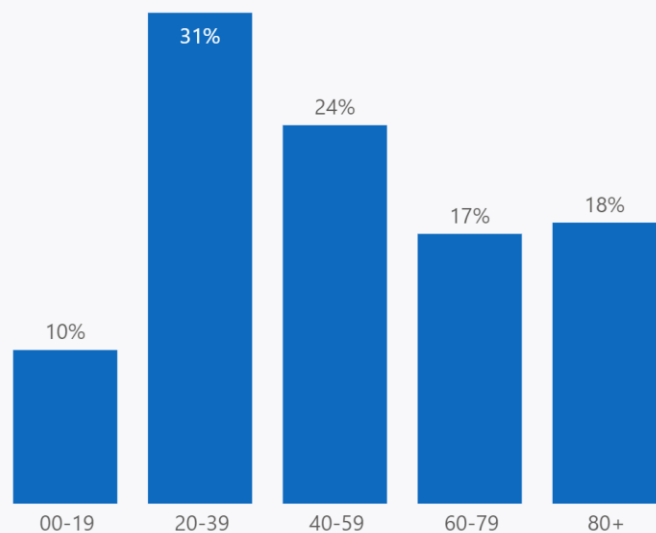
Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths by Sex & Age Group

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Confirmed Cases by Sex



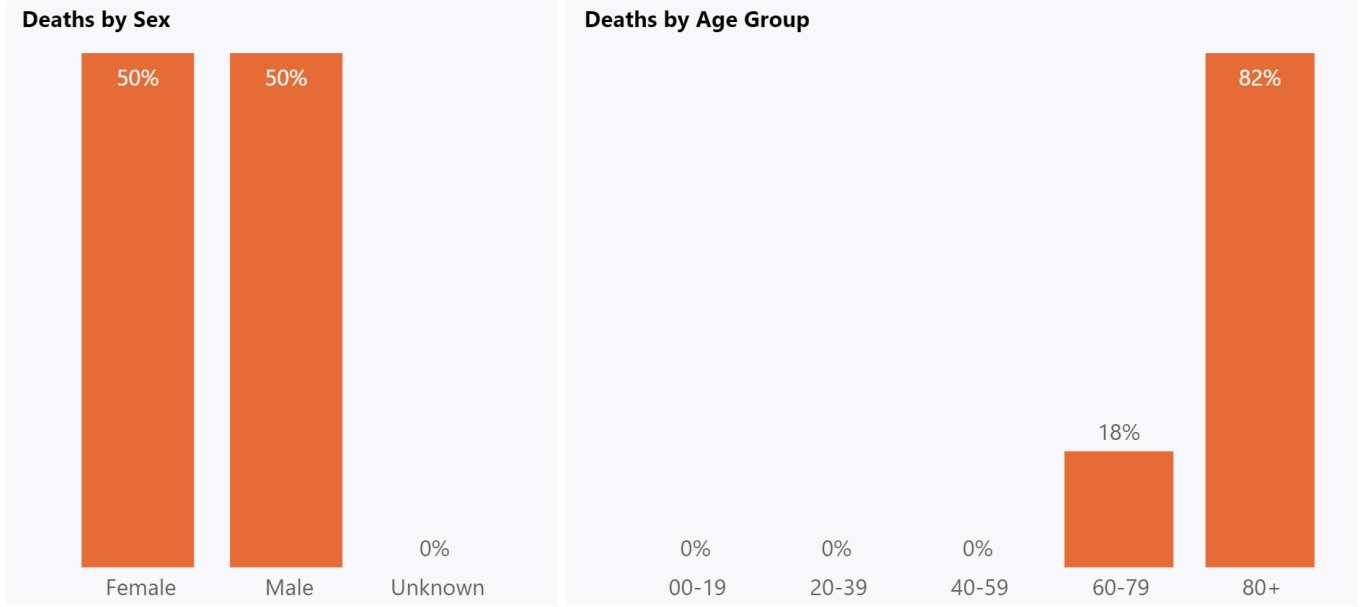
Confirmed Cases by Age Group



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

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT**Data for PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center****Updated as of 6/2/2020:**

- 154 patients were seen in the ED yesterday
- We have 38 open beds today

Inpatients:

- PeaceHealth St. Joseph COVID-19 inpatient daily status – 2 pending; 1 positive
- Zero ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients

* Current PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center data is updated on a periodic basis when substantial changes occur.

WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

RVES

Data as of June 08, 2020 11:59PM PT

COVID-19 in Whatcom County

Confirmed Cases and Deaths by Illness Onset Date, and Hospitalizations by Admission Date

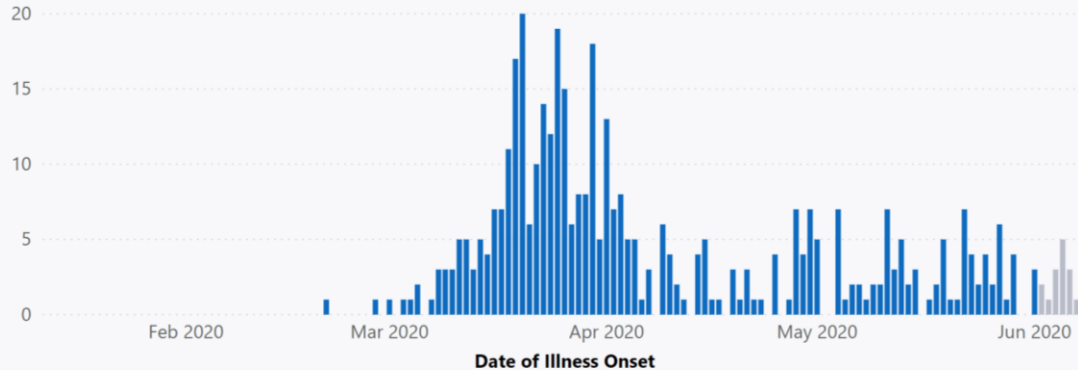
This chart shows the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak in Whatcom County by cases, hospitalizations and deaths over time and is known as an epidemiologic curve. The epidemiologic curve is the curve referred to in the phrase, 'flatten the curve'.

[Learn More](#)



Confirmed Case Counts

● Confirmed Cases ● Data are incomplete for the most recent dates.

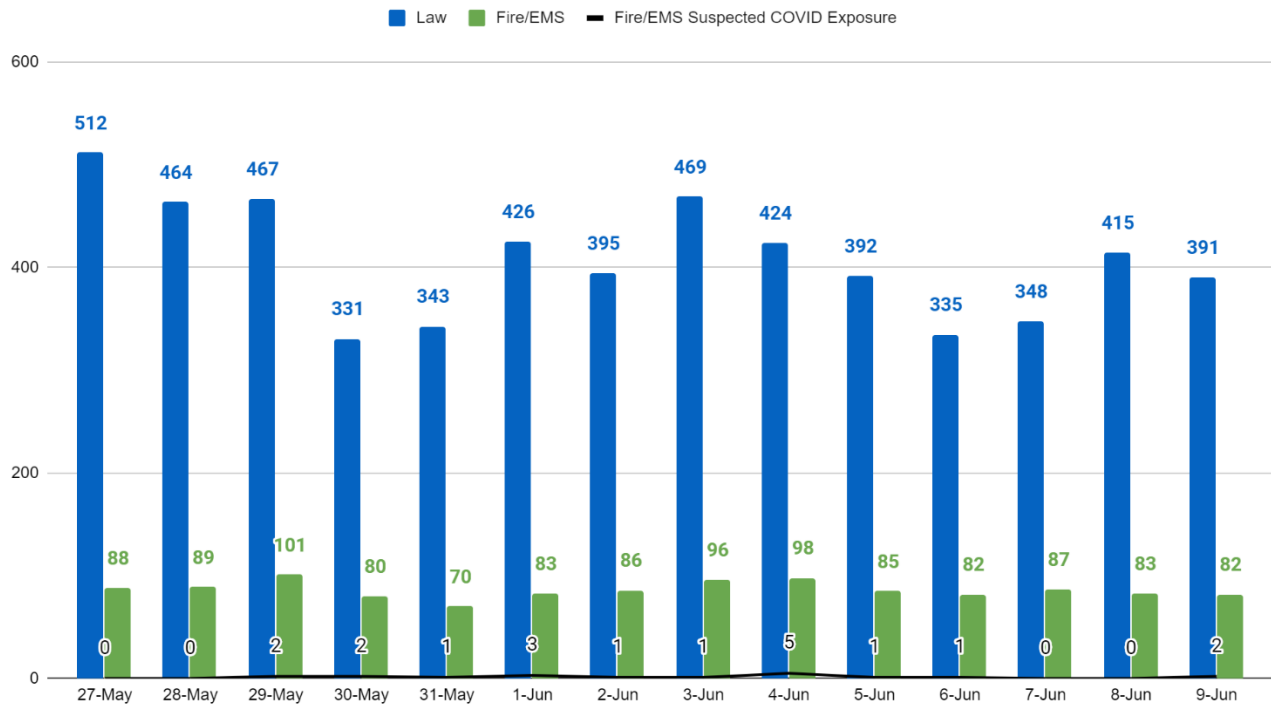


25 of 24,354 statewide confirmed cases do not have an assigned county. Illnesses from the last 4 to 7 days may not yet be reported.

****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
 - Added Phase 2 Infographic (PM June 9)
 - Added Farm and Ag worker guidance (PM June 9)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
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- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - WCHD hiring announcement
 - Responding to outbreaks
 - WUC Facebook Updates
- Other

State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: [Bellis Fair reopens in Phase 2 with limited stores, new safety guidelines in place](#) June 9, 2020
- Go Skagit: [Cascade Mall to close at end of June](#) June 9, 2020
- Go Skagit: [Local churches prepare for changes](#): June 9, 2020
- Seattle Times: [Seattle-area job openings rebound slower than in U.S. as a whole | Coronavirus Economy daily chart](#) June 10, 2020
- Spokesman Review: ['A tsunami of people in need': Rental crisis could hit Spokane when eviction moratorium ends](#) June 10, 2020
- Tacoma News Tribune: [Inslee Extends Proclamation Protecting High-risk Workers](#) June 10, 2020
- Everett HeraldNet: [Expect hybrid classes at colleges and universities this fall](#) June 10, 2020
- Everett HeraldNet: [COVID-19 and Protests](#) June 10, 2020

National

- Medscape: [COVID-19: Experts Warn of Psychological Trauma From 'Air Hunger'](#) June 9, 2020
- Medscape: [COVID-19 Ravaging the Navajo Nation](#) June 9, 2020
- Washington Post: [Confusion reigns as UN scrambles mask, virus spread advice](#) June 9, 2020
- Governing: [How Libraries Are Stepping Up as a Front Line of Resilience](#) June 10, 2020
- CBC: [Canada-U.S. border closure to be extended beyond June 21, sources say](#) June 9, 2020
- CBC: [Families separated by COVID-19 border closure 'excited' to reunite](#) June 9, 2020
- LA Times: [Who gets the blame if California sees major new coronavirus outbreaks with reopening?](#) June 10, 2020
- [Washington Post brief updates for June 10, 2020](#)
 - Nine states report significant uptick in coronavirus hospitalizations after Memorial Day
 - Arizona tells hospitals to activate emergency plans amid another record high average of new cases
 - Starbucks lost \$3 billion in latest quarter but says 'most difficult period is now behind us'
 - Amid protests and state reopenings, Fauci urges: 'You still have to practice a degree of caution'
 - E.U. accuses China of targeting its societies with pandemic disinformation
 - OECD predicts global economy will contract by 6 to 7.6 percent this year, depending on virus's trajectory
 - AMC plans to have almost all its movie theaters open by July
 - Air travel 'highly correlated' with spread of coronavirus, report claims
- [New York Times brief updates for June 10, 2020](#)
 - Researchers around the world are developing more than 125 vaccines. Here's where they stand.
 - Mnuchin says more financial help for the economy will be needed.
 - As U.S. jury trials resume, courts confront virus logistics.

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- 4th of July messaging.
- Communication about Phase 2.
- Prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives.
- Continue to work with Liaison to determine local COVID-19 Call Center needs and the best tools to address local phone inquiries.
- Work with Liaison to develop a plan for distribution of communication materials for community groups.
- Working on a robust, strategic communications plan incorporating an equity focus throughout our messaging.
- Working on increasing messaging for Spanish-speakers.
- 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.
- 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.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 13

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://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 investigate, research, and identify additional I/Q facilities.
3. Continuing to research and compile sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.
4. Continue to interact with the state for meeting PPE requirements.
5. Purchasing at sourcing requirements for supplies for additional rooms at Byron Ave.
6. Continue to work on acquiring staffing for Friday's food delivery efforts.
7. Developing site selection matrix for medical surge unit.

OPERATIONS

1. Supporting Wednesday's scheduled food distribution efforts.
2. Supporting Food Bank volunteers, as they take over Food Bank staffing this week.
3. Assessing need for face coverings for vulnerable populations in Whatcom County, and determining a plan for addressing that need.
4. Continuing operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q Facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, 1 room is occupied.
5. Working towards making all rooms available for use at Byron Ave I/Q Facility, in the event of a sudden need for multiple rooms.
6. Planning and preparing for next operational period.

PLANNING

1. Continuing to support Unified Command meetings.
2. Strategic planning working with Health Department.
3. Continuing surge planning.
4. Developing remobilization and transitional recovery plans for Unified Command.
5. Developing a contingency plan for an interim Drop-In Center location.
6. Identifying and compiling useful COVID-19 related data to report.

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Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:

Incident Command

DATE:

06/10/20

TIME:

16:00