

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200411.1	DATE: 4/11/2020	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 5	TIME: 17:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019			MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

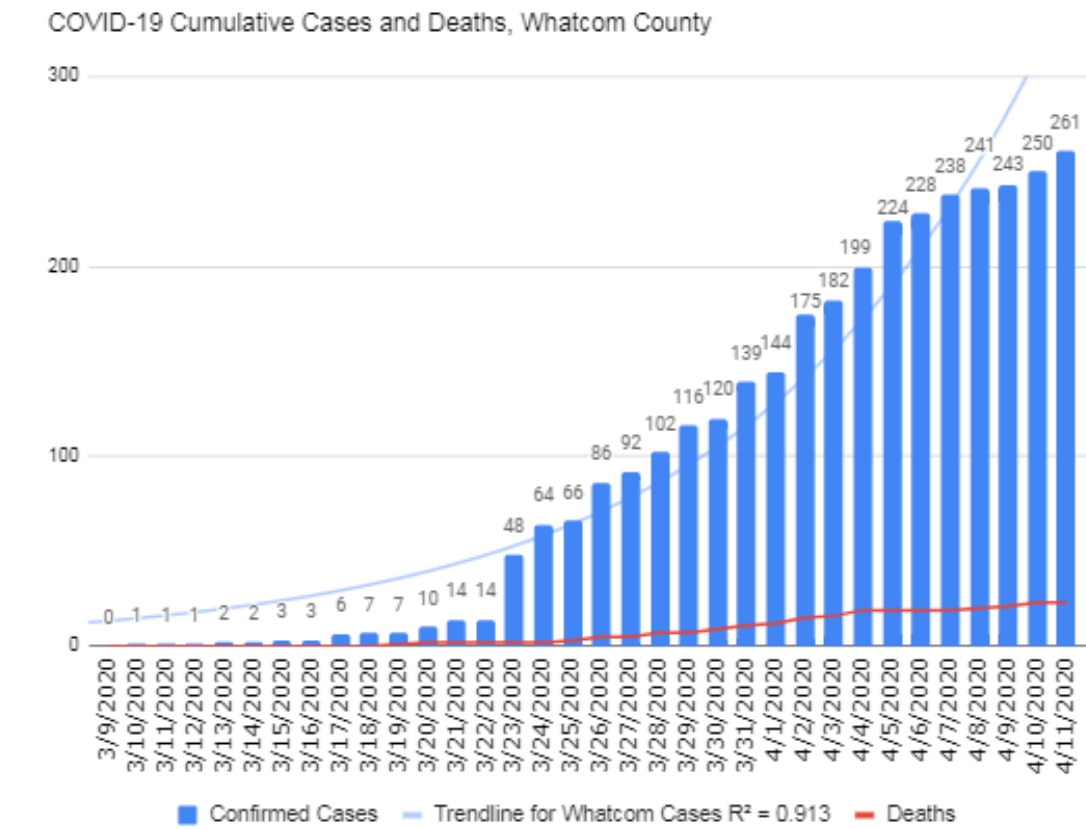
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 7am – 7pm
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GENERAL SITUATION

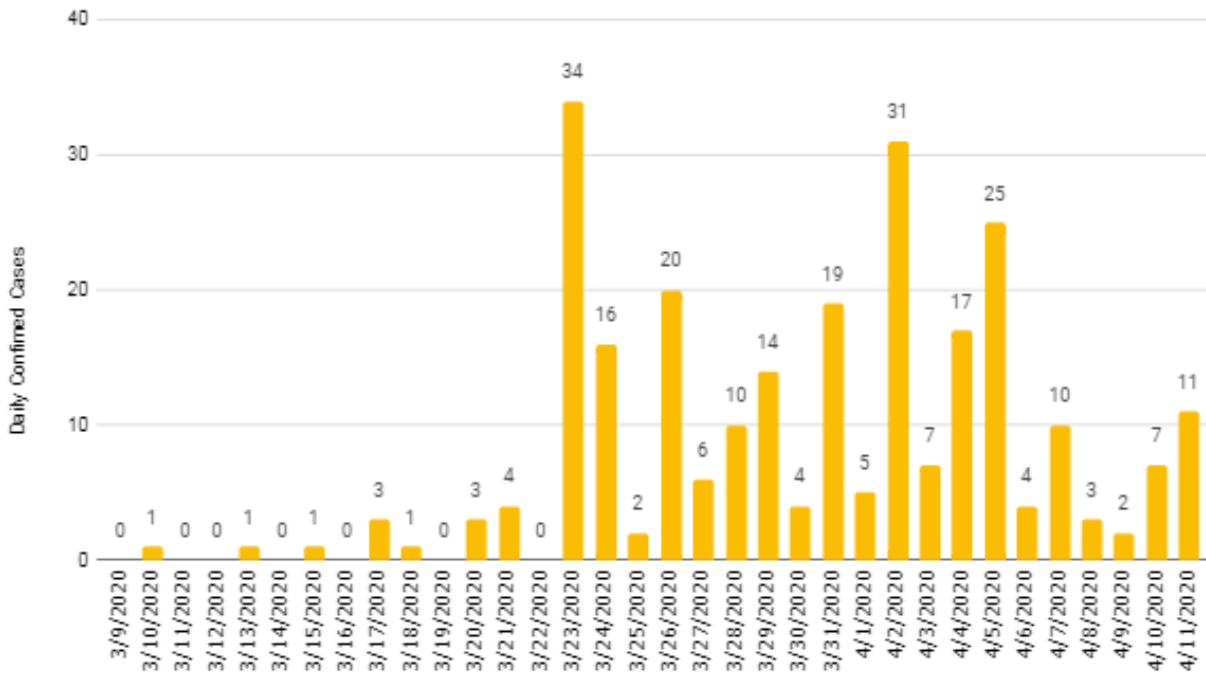
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WHATCOM COUNTY TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES

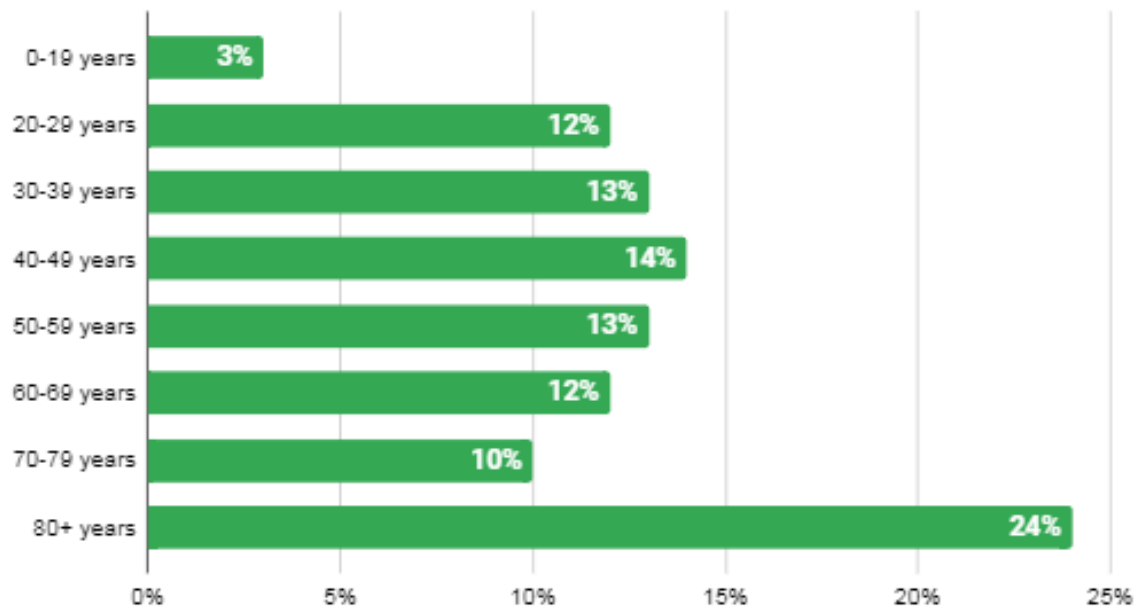


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/11/20	261	23
4/10/20	250	23
4/9/20	243	21
4/8/20	241	20
4/7/20	238	19

COVID-19 Daily Cases, Whatcom County



Percentage of Confirmed Cases by Age Groups, Whatcom County



INTELLIGENCE REPORT

**Whatcom County Health Department is updating COVID-19 case numbers daily, but not all other County Health Departments in the state are updating over the weekend. This chart was last updated on 4/9/20. New data will be added as it is made available.*

* [COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region](#), Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia (as of April 9, 2020)

	4/10/2020 (Updated 4/9/2020)		4/9/2020 (Updated 4/8/2020)		4/8/2020 (Updated 4/7/2020)		4/7/2020 (Updated 4/6/2020)		4/6/2020 (Updated 4/5/2020)		4/5/2020 (Updated 4/4/2020)		4/4/2020	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Island County, Case deaths	155	7	155	7	145	6	142	5	141	5	130	4	122	4
San Juan County, Case deaths	12	-	12	-	12	-	10	-	6	-	6	-	6	-
Skagit County, Case deaths	178	5	172	5	169	5	166	4	161	4	161	4	160	4
Snohomish County, Case deaths	1,745	64	1,695	63	1,659	61	1,603	58	1,559	48	1,559	48	1,450	na
King County, Case deaths	3,886	258	3,688	244	3,486	230	3,331	222	3,167	208	2,898	200	2,787	186
Washington, Case deaths	9,608	446	9,097	421	8,682	394	8,384	372	7,984	338	7,591	310	6,966	284
British Columbia, Case deaths	1,370	50	1,336	48	1,291	43	1,266	39	1,203	38	1,203	38	1,174	35
Alaska, Case deaths	235	7	226	7	213	6	191	6	191	6	185	6	157	3
California, Case deaths	18,309	492	16,957	442	15,865	374	14,366	343	13,438	319	13,438	319	10,701	237
Hawaii, Case deaths	442	5	435	5	410	5	387	5	371	4	351	4	319	3
Idaho, Case deaths	1,353	24	1,232	18	1,210	15	1,170	13	1,101	10	1,077	10	1,013	10
Oregon, Case deaths	1,321	44	1,239	38	1,181	33	1,132	29	1,068	27	1,068	27	899	22
U.S., Case deaths	459,165	16,570	427,460	14,696	395,011	12,754	374,329	12,064	330,891	8,910	304,826	7,616	277,205	6,593
Global, Case deaths	1,650,210	100,376	1,506,936	90,057	1,450,343	83,568	1,407,123	79,091	1,324,907	73,703	1,263,976	69,082	1,170,159	63,832

COMMUNICATIONS

Incident Objective 6: Keep the public, stakeholders, and the media informed of response activities

The Whatcom Unified Command **Joint Information Command (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/3329/Novel-Coronavirus->

COVID-19

- 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>
- President Trump extended the federal guidelines for social distancing through 4/30/20
- Washington State Department of Health provides guidance on wear cloth face coverings <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf>

JIC Updates

- WCHD Website
 - Case Updates
- Whatcomcovid.com Website
 - Updates to the individuals and families page with mental health resources, Washington State insurance commissioner COVID-19 page link,
 - Updates to Businesses and Restaurants page with information and resources from the CARES act
 - Moved Public Health News link under Spread Facts not Fear sidebar
 - General formatting and link corrections on the Individuals and Families page
- Social media posts
 - WCHD Facebook
 - Remote Religious Gatherings
 - What to do if you or someone at home has COVID-19
 - Case Update
 - WUC Facebook
 - Promote WUC subscription
- Whatcom County NewsFlash
 - Whatcom Unified Command Moves to expand isolation, quarantine capacity; Planning to ensure cities' COVID-19 needs met
 - [Staying engaged safely with your religious community during the COVID-10 outbreak](#)
 - Case update
- Other
 - Started working on next round of video PSA messaging
 - Instituting a proactive, strategic, integrated approach to communications
 - [Staying engaged safely with your religious community during the COVID-10 outbreak](#)
 - Case update

Local Headlines:

- **Bellingham Herald Article:** "Tips and advice for shopping Whatcom grocery stores during the coronavirus pandemic" (April 11, 2020) <https://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/coronavirus/article241845726.html>
- **Squol Quol:** "Chehalis Correctional Facility will not release or transfer inmates to the Lummi Nation" (April 10, 2020) <https://www.squolquol.com/Bootstrap33/PDFjs/web/viewer.php?DocumentID=353&PDFQuality=0>
- **Seattle Times:** "Here's what the Seattle area has- and hasn't- done to protect its homeless population from coronavirus" (April 11, 2020) <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/heres-what-the-seattle-area-has-and-hasnt-done-to-protect-its-homeless-population-from-coronavirus/>

State and Federal Headlines:

- **New York Times:** “Coronavirus Survivors: the unknowns of adaptive immunity, end of infectious period, guilt, relief, suspicion by others” (April 11, 2020) <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/11/us/coronavirus-survivors.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives
- Re-organize the health department website to improve accessibility and connect users with current resources.
- Continue to work with Liaison support to train individuals to respond to www.whatcomcovid.com website inquiries. We are working with The Response Group to get this functionality operationalized.
- We continue to work with Liaison to determine local COVID-19 call center needs and the best tool to address local phone inquiries.
- We are working on a more robust, strategic communications plan incorporating an equity focus throughout our messaging.
- Promote resources relevant to distance learning for out-of-school students
- Prepare materials related to new Isolation and Quarantine Facility (IQF) at Motel 6 site
- Collect, summarize, and publish information about PPE distributed by WUC
- Provide additional data with supporting contextual information for public consumption
- Develop materials to explain planning process and carefully communicate context of preparations

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

1. Prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19
 - a. Provide essential medical screening and care
 - b. Establish isolation facilities to meet county-wide demand
 - c. County Health Officer to provide data-driven decisions on public health strategies
2. Provide for the most vulnerable members of the community
3. Ensure adequacy of First Responder personnel resources
4. Provide resources and supplies to healthcare facilities as requested
5. Maintain Essential Services
 - a. Identify Critical Functions/Services (e.g., utilities, continuity of essential government services, public transportation etc.)
 - b. Maintain Childcare for Essential Personnel
 - c. Monitor Health of Essential Personnel
 - d. Minimize Staffing in EOC
 - e. Establish Surge Capacity Capability
6. Monitor and mitigate economic impacts on the community
 - a. Assess agricultural, aquacultural, fishery and farming impacts
 - b. Monitor and assess impacts to board restrictions
 - c. Monitor and assess impacts on local government ensuring compliance with state and FEMA guidance
7. Keep the public, stakeholders, and the media informed of response activities
8. 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>

Washington State Hospital Association <https://www.wsha.org/for-patients/coronavirus/coronavirus-tracker/>

PeaceHealth Regional Situation Reports

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

PLANNING

1. Worked with UC on establishing priorities for operational period 6.
2. Intel and Strategic Planning units coordinating on various planning data.

OPERATIONS

1. Continue evaluating and approving resource orders.
2. Continue developing PPE burn rate predictions for Logistics.

LOGISTICS

1. Continue efforts to stand up the IQU facility on Byron Street in Bellingham.
2. Continue to refine our warehouse processes.

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Incident Command

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