

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200414.1	DATE: 4/14/2020	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 5	TIME: 17:00
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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265
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WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

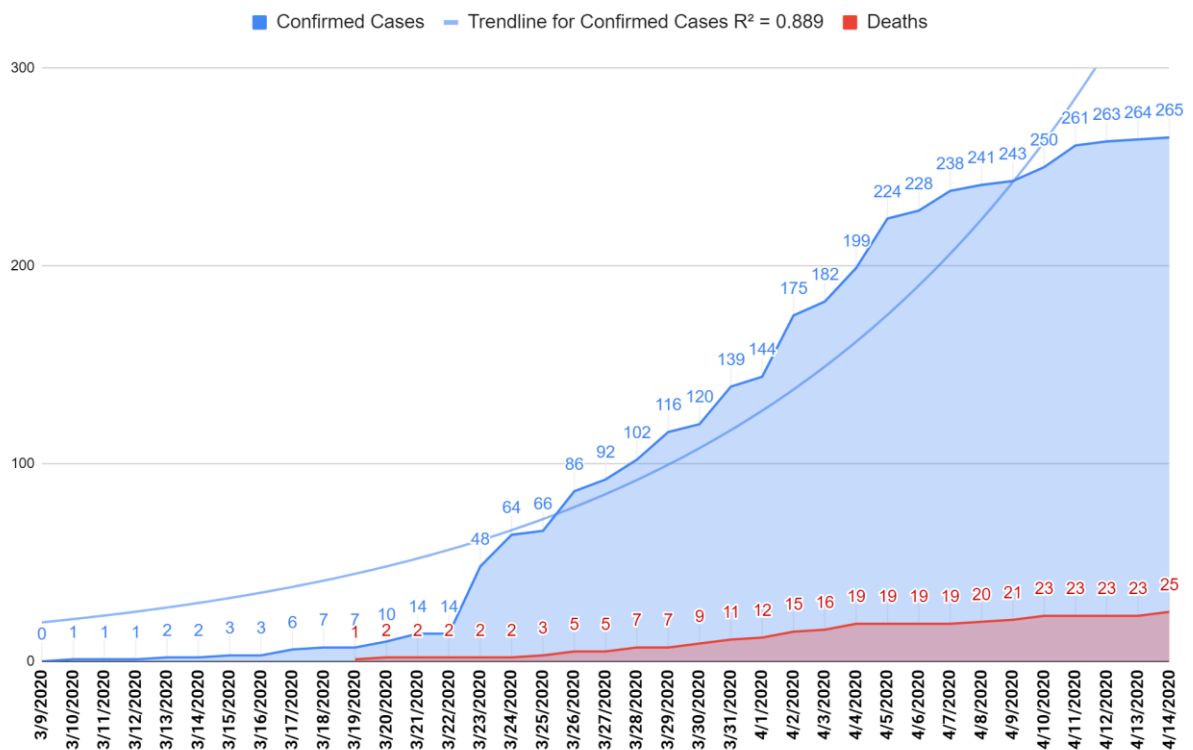
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GENERAL SITUATION

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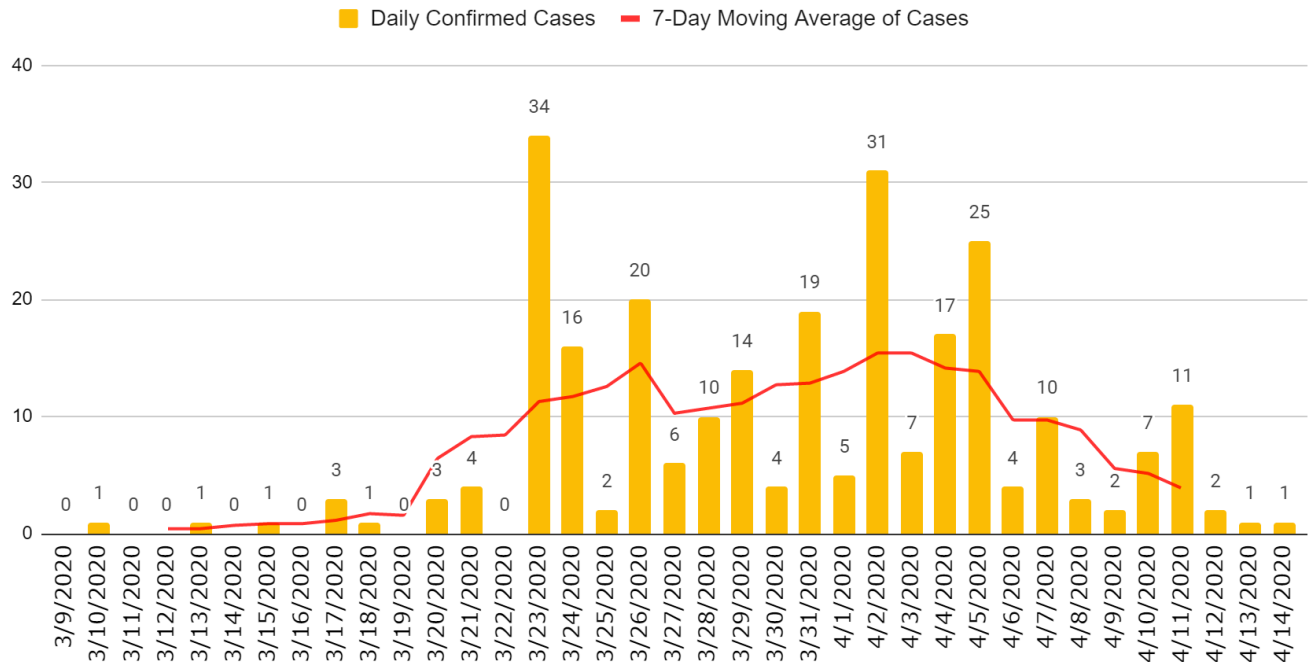
WHATCOM COUNTY TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County (Updated 4/12/2020)

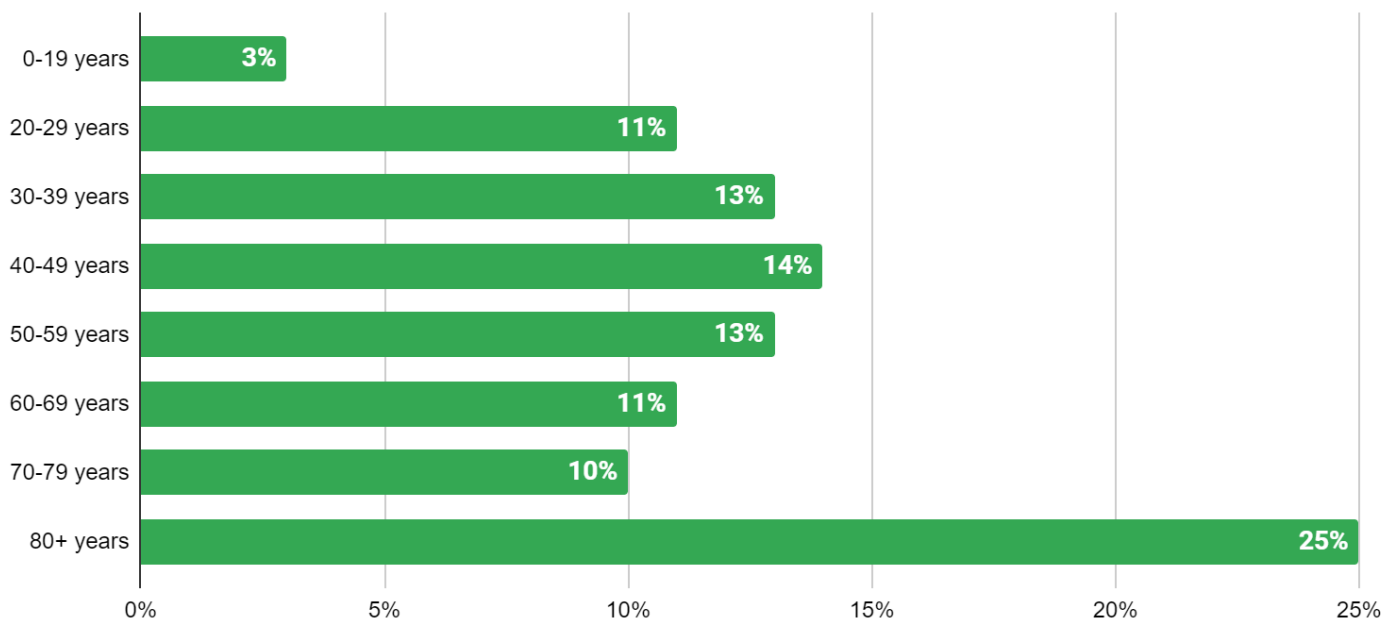


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/14/20	265	25
4/13/20	264	23
4/12/20	263	23
4/11/20	261	23
4/10/20	250	23

COVID-19 Daily Confirmed Cases with 7-Day Moving Average, Whatcom County (Updated 4/13/2020)



Percentage of Confirmed Cases by Age Groups, Whatcom County (Updated 4/12/2020)



INTELLIGENCE REPORT

* [COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region](#), Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia (as of April 13, 2020)

	4/14/2020 (Updated 4/13/2020)		4/13/2020 (Updated 4/12/2020)		4/11/2020		4/10/2020 (Updated 4/9/2020)		4/9/2020 (Updated 4/8/2020)		4/8/2020 (Updated 4/7/2020)	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
<u>Island County</u>	159	8	158	7	157	7	155	7	155	7	145	6
<u>San Juan County</u>	13	-	13	-	13	-	12	-	12	-	12	-
<u>Skagit County</u>	193	6	191	6	187	6	178	5	172	5	169	5
<u>Snohomish County</u>	1,907	73	1,867	69	1,835	68	1,745	64	1,695	63	1,659	61
<u>King County</u>	4,549	296	4,426	292	4,262	284	3,886	258	3,688	244	3,486	230
<u>Washington</u>	10,538	516	10,411	508	10,224	491	9,608	446	9,097	421	8,682	394
<u>British Columbia</u>	1,490	69	1,445	58	1,445	58	1,370	50	1,336	48	1,291	43
<u>Alaska</u>	277	8	272	8	257	8	235	7	226	7	213	6
<u>California</u>	22,348	687	21,794	651	20,615	609	18,309	492	16,957	442	15,865	374
<u>Hawaii</u>	504	9	499	9	486	8	442	5	435	5	410	5
<u>Idaho</u>	1,453	33	1,426	27	1,407	27	1,353	24	1,232	18	1,210	15
<u>Oregon</u>	1,584	53	1,527	52	1,447	51	1,321	44	1,239	38	1,181	33
<u>U.S.</u>	554,849	21,942	525,704	20,486	492,416	18,559	459,165	16,570	427,460	14,696	395,011	12,754
<u>Global</u>	1,942,360	121,726	1,870,076	116,052	1,773,358	108,702	1,650,210	100,376	1,506,936	90,057	1,450,343	83,568

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/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: www.whatcomcounty.us/covid
 - Case updates:
 - Newsflash: WCHD briefs press on COVID-19 model w/ [link](#) to media briefing
 - Reorganized Restaurants, Businesses & Community Organization Page
 - Whatcom Unified Command website: www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Updated current status report for April 13, 2020
 - Responded to website inquiries
 - Worked with inquiry responders on a tool they can use to respond to frequently or expected questions from website, email and phone calls
- Social media posts:
 - WCHD Facebook
 - [Wash your hands often](#)
 - [4-14-20 Case count update](#)
 - [Model Press Conference Newsflash](#)
 - WUC Facebook
 - [PSA from county council members](#)
 - [First Responder Gratitude](#)
- Other:
 - Finalizing public messaging regarding summer activities

Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: "[Coronavirus updates: Timing of stimulus payments; Washington part of West Coast Pact](#)" (April 14, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "[Coronavirus simulation shows Whatcom County might be past initial peak of infections](#)" (April 13, 2020)

State and Federal Headlines:

- MSNBC: "[California Gov. Newsom unveils guide to lifting state's coronavirus restrictions](#)" (April 14, 2020)
- MYNorthwest: "[Coronavirus has Snohomish County staring down \\$26 million budget shortfall](#)" (April 14, 2020)

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.
- 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.
- 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

LOGISTICS

1. Continuing efforts to stand up the IQU facility on Byron Street in Bellingham.
2. Received 2 pallets of PPE for distribution.

OPERATIONS

1. Following up on items to ensure Byron St facility can open when WUC expects.

PLANNING

1. Period 6 IAP completed and approved by UC.

REPORT PREPARED BY:
Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:
Incident Command

DATE:
04/14/20

TIME:
16:30