

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200415.1	DATE: 4/15/2020	TIME: 17:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019		MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

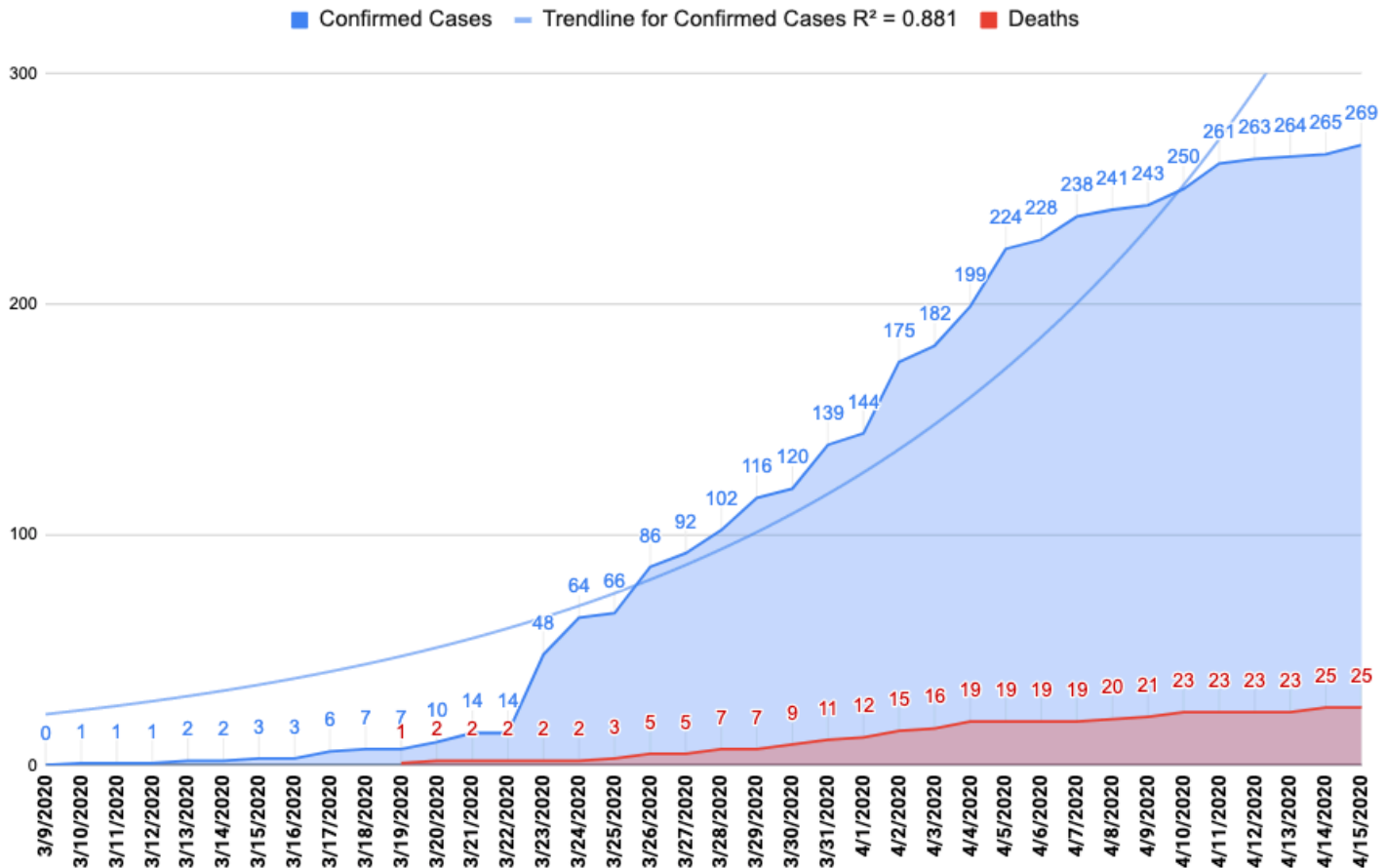
ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 7am – 7pm
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## GENERAL SITUATION

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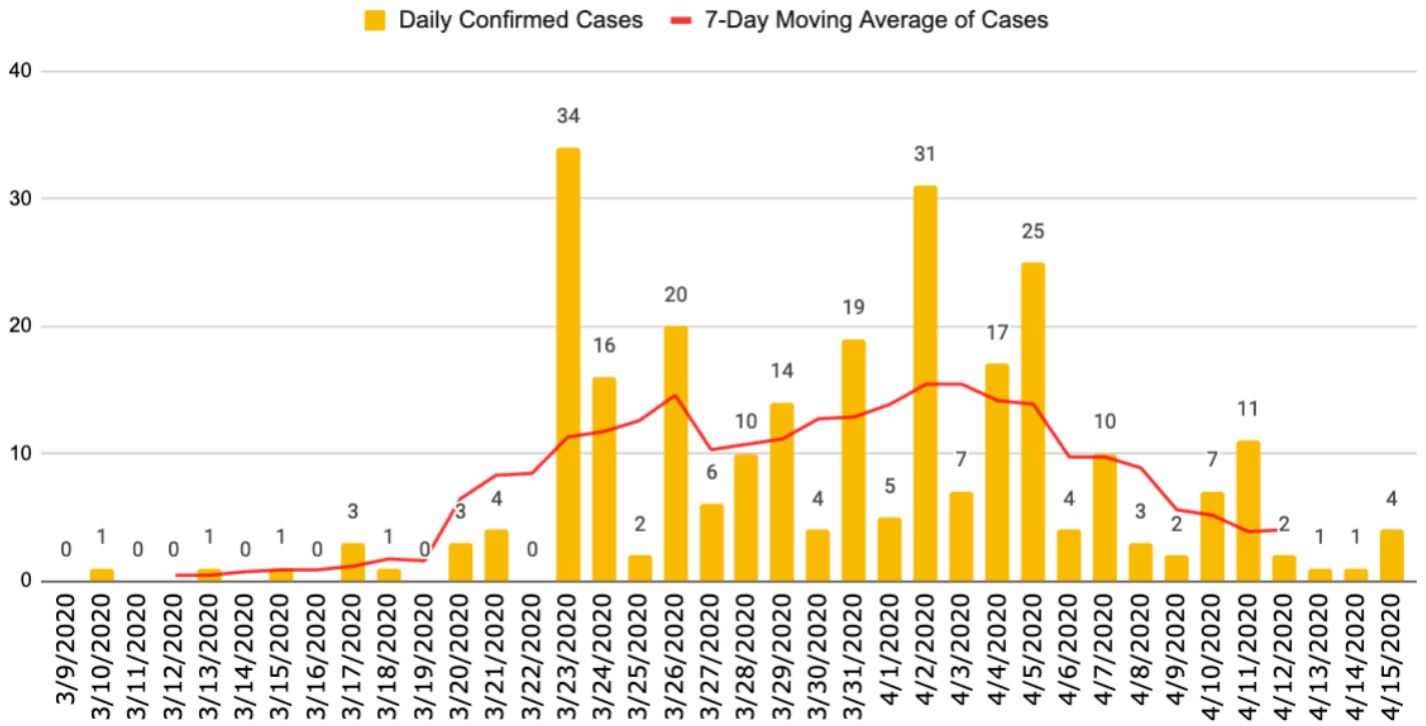
### WHATCOM COUNTY TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County (Updated 4/14/2020)

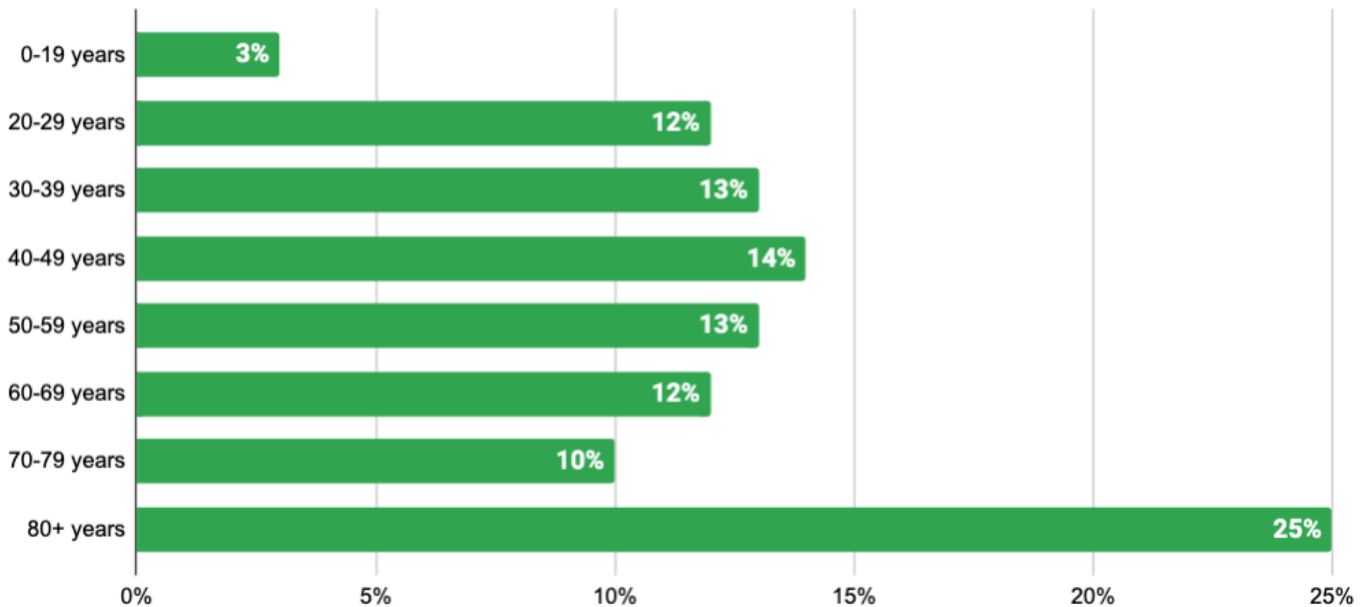


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/15/20	269	25
4/14/20	265	25
4/13/20	264	23
4/12/20	263	23
4/11/20	261	23

### COVID-19 Daily Confirmed Cases with 7-Day Moving Average, Whatcom County (Updated 4/14/2020)



### Percentage of Confirmed Cases by Age Groups, Whatcom County (Updated 4/14/2020)



## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

[COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region](#), Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia (as of April 14, 2020)

	4/15/2020 (Updated 4/14/2020)		4/14/2020 (Updated 4/13/2020)		4/13/2020 (Updated 4/12/2020)	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
<a href="#">Island County</a>	162	8	159	8	158	7
<a href="#">San Juan County</a>	13	-	13	-	13	-
<a href="#">Skagit County</a>	200	6	193	6	191	6
<a href="#">Snohomish County</a>	1,950	77	1,907	73	1,867	69
<a href="#">King County</a>	4,620	303	4,549	296	4,426	292
<a href="#">Washington</a>	10,694	541	10,538	516	10,411	508
<a href="#">British Columbia</a>	1,517	72	1,490	69	1,445	58
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	285	9	277	8	272	8
<a href="#">California</a>	23,338	758	22,348	687	21,794	651
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	517	9	504	9	499	9
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	1,464	39	1,453	33	1,426	27
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	1,633	55	1,584	53	1,527	52
<a href="#">U.S.</a>	579,005	22,252	554,849	21,942	525,704	20,486
<a href="#">Global</a>	2,008,850	129,045	1,942,360	121,726	1,870,076	116,052

## 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](http://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](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid))
  - Case updates (with number of negative tests reported from DOH)
  - Newsflash: case updates
  - Added link to health department model report to News Flash “Whatcom County Health Department briefs press on COVID-19 model”
  - Added summer is cancelled press release on “media and press” page
- Whatcom Unified Command website ([www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com))
  - Updated current status report for April 14, 2020
  - Responded to website inquiries
  - Finalized inquiry responders tool to respond to frequently or expected questions from website, email and phone calls.
- Social media posts
  - WCHD Facebook
    - [Stay Home Activities](#)
    - [4-14-20 Case count update](#)
    - [PSA from County Council members](#)
  - WUC Facebook
    - [Info about food bank home deliveries](#)

#### Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: “[Summer events should be cancelled due to coronavirus, Whatcom Health Director says](#)” (April 15, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: “[Whatcom-B.C. border traffic will remain slow with Canadian coronavirus quarantines](#)” (April 15, 2020)

#### State and Federal Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: “[More than 30 test positive at Western State Hospital](#)” (April 15, 2020)
- Newsweek: “[Residents gridlock Michigan streets in protest of Governor Whitmer’s coronavirus lockdown measures](#)” (April 15, 2020)
- CNN: “[New Yorkers must wear masks when unable to socially distance, Gov. Cuomo says](#)” (April 15, 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
- Finalize messaging and responses to questions related to summer activities

## 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://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

### PLANNING

1. Version 2 of the Surge Plan presented to Unified Command for approval.
2. Set objectives for Operational Period 7.

### OPERATIONS

1. Economic Impact Branch provided draft summary of economic impact survey. This will be distributed to county elected officials.
2. The bulk of operations efforts are going towards standing up the Byron IQ facility. Continued efforts to get the facility open by mid-next week
3. Set up daily report of 911 call volumes.

### LOGISTICS

1. Continue to work on getting the Byron Street facility up and running.
2. Received Resources Shipment 1 of 2 and 2 of 2 from the State.
3. Continuing to work on potential sites for IQ facilities.

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Situation Unit

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Incident Command

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