

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200418.1	DATE: 4/18/2020	TIME: 13:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019		MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

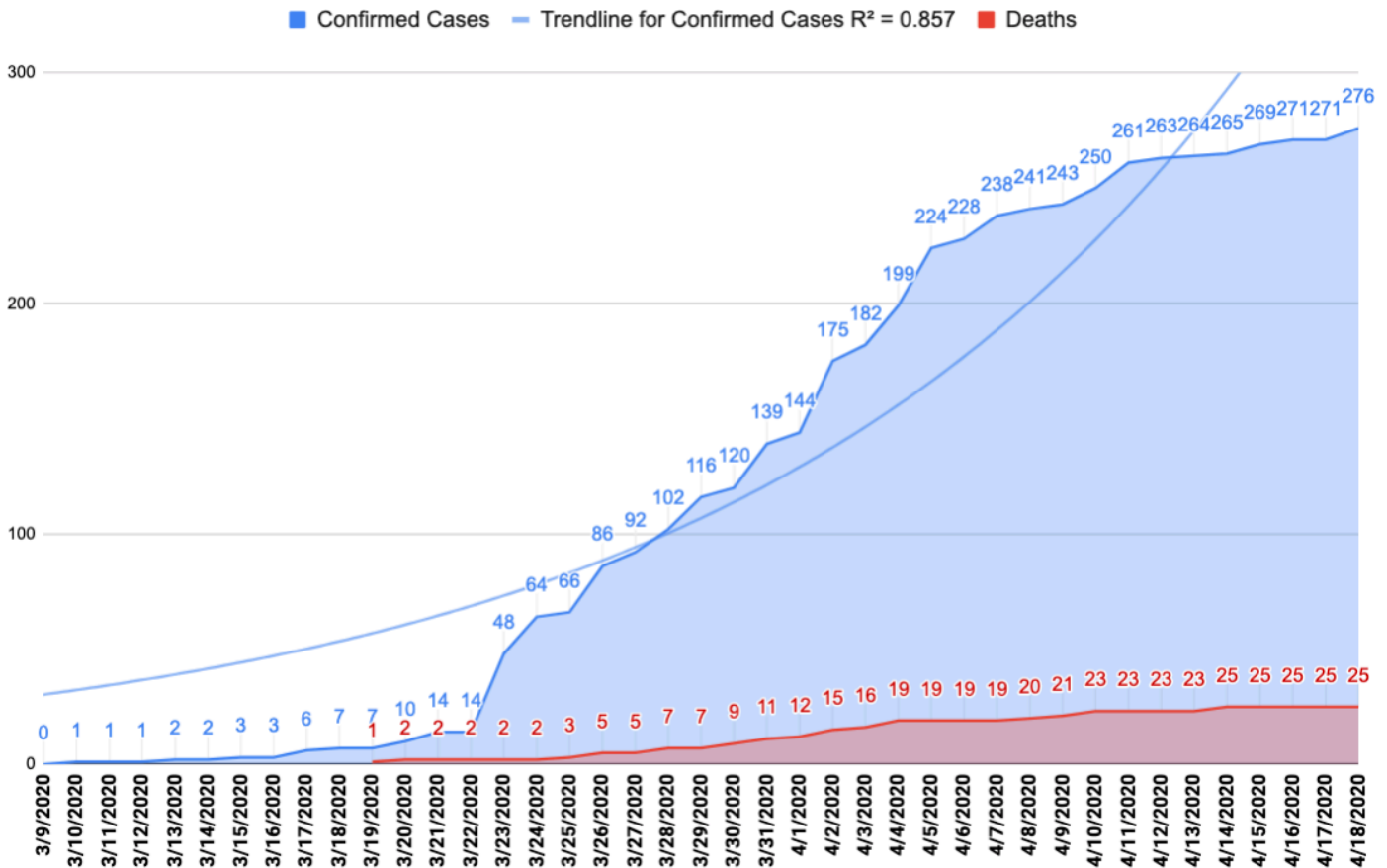
ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 7am – 7pm
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## GENERAL SITUATION

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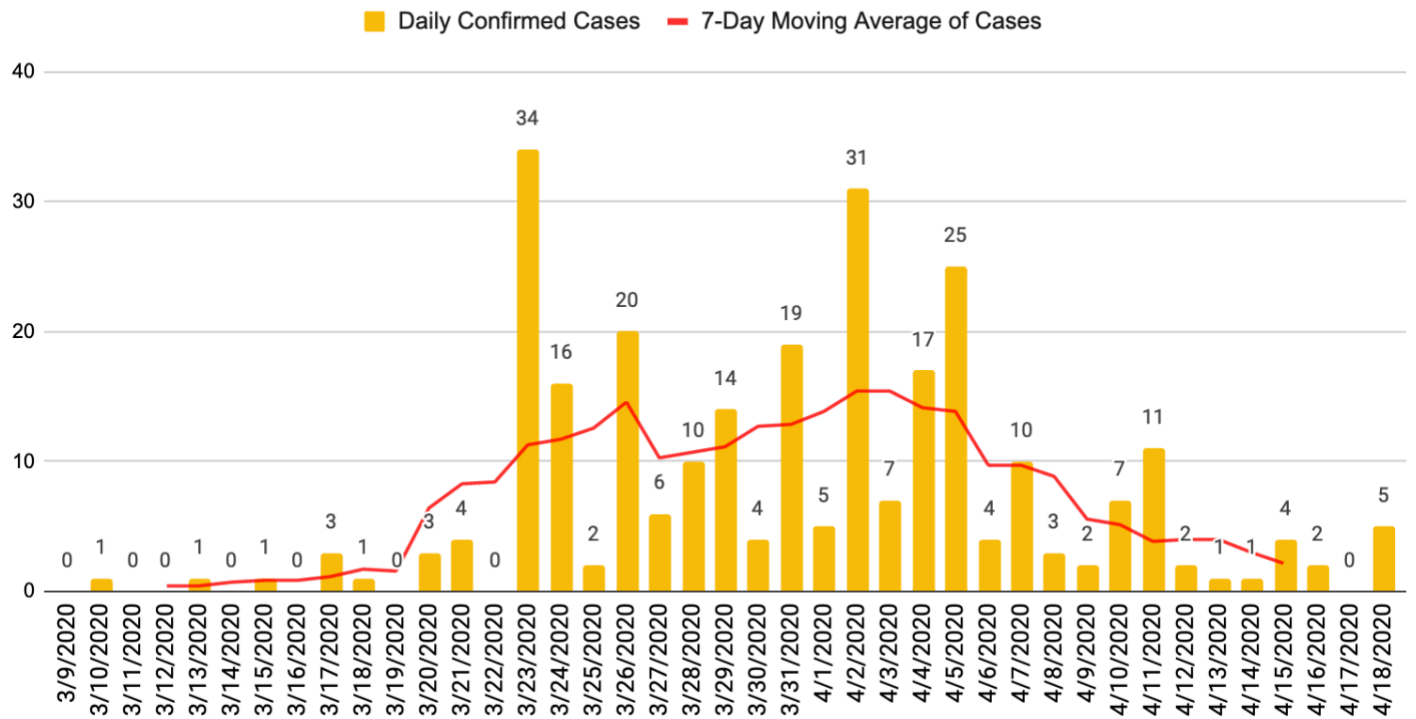
### WHATCOM COUNTY TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County

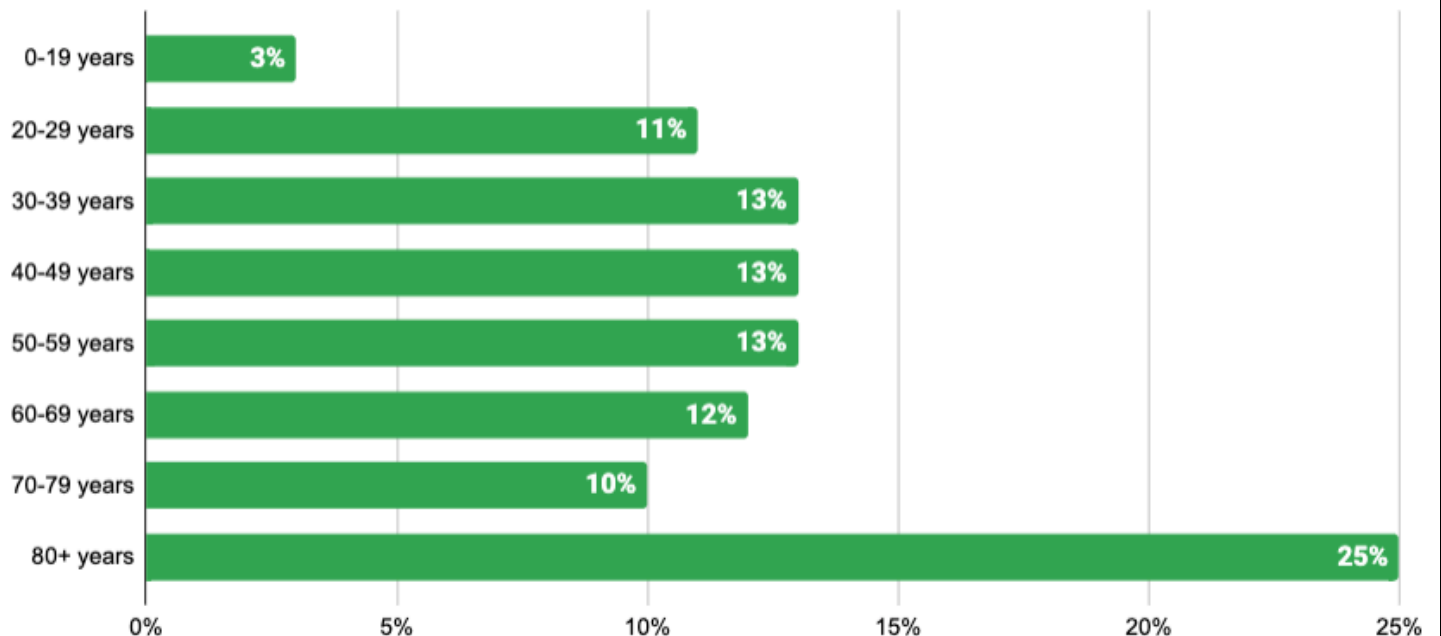


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/18/20	276	25
4/17/20	271	25
4/16/20	271	25
4/15/20	269	25
4/14/20	265	25

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



### Percentage of Confirmed Cases by Age Groups, Whatcom County



## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

### Hospital Resource Tracker

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	4/18/20	4/17/20
Total Patients Admitted	153	153
Beds Available	26	26
Beds Total (current staffed)	179	179
Beds Total (when needed)	232	232
ICU Beds Available	30	30
ICU Beds Total	43	43
ICU Confirmed COVID	1	n/a
ICU Confirmed or Suspected COVID	1	n/a
ICU Surge Beds	10	10
Total Confirmed COVID	8	8
Total Confirmed or Suspected COVID	19	19
Total Surge Beds	10	10
Ventilators Available	43	43

[COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region](#), Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia (as of April 17, 2020)

	4/17/2020 (Updated 4/16/2020)		4/16/2020 (Updated 4/15/2020)		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	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
<a href="#">Island County</a>	164	8	163	8	162	8	159	8	158	7
<a href="#">San Juan County</a>	14	-	13	-	13	-	13	-	13	-
<a href="#">Skagit County</a>	218	6	209	6	200	6	193	6	191	6
<a href="#">Snohomish County</a>	2,032	86	1,988	80	1,950	77	1,907	73	1,867	69
<a href="#">King County</a>	4,809	320	4,697	312	4,620	303	4,549	296	4,426	292
<a href="#">Washington</a>	11,152	583	10,783	567	10,694	541	10,538	516	10,411	508
<a href="#">British Columbia</a>	1,575	77	1,561	75	1,517	72	1,490	69	1,445	58
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	300	9	293	9	285	9	277	8	272	8
<a href="#">California</a>	26,182	890	24,424	821	23,338	758	22,348	687	21,794	651
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	541	9	530	9	517	9	504	9	499	9
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	1,609	41	1,587	41	1,464	39	1,453	33	1,426	27
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	1,736	64	1,663	58	1,633	55	1,584	53	1,527	52
<a href="#">U.S.</a>	632,548	31,071	605,390	24,582	579,005	22,252	554,849	21,942	525,704	20,486
<a href="#">Global</a>	2,182,734	147,384	2,088,425	139,419	2,008,850	129,045	1,942,360	121,726	1,870,076	116,052

# COVID-19 in Washington State Number of Individuals Tested by Specimen Collection Date

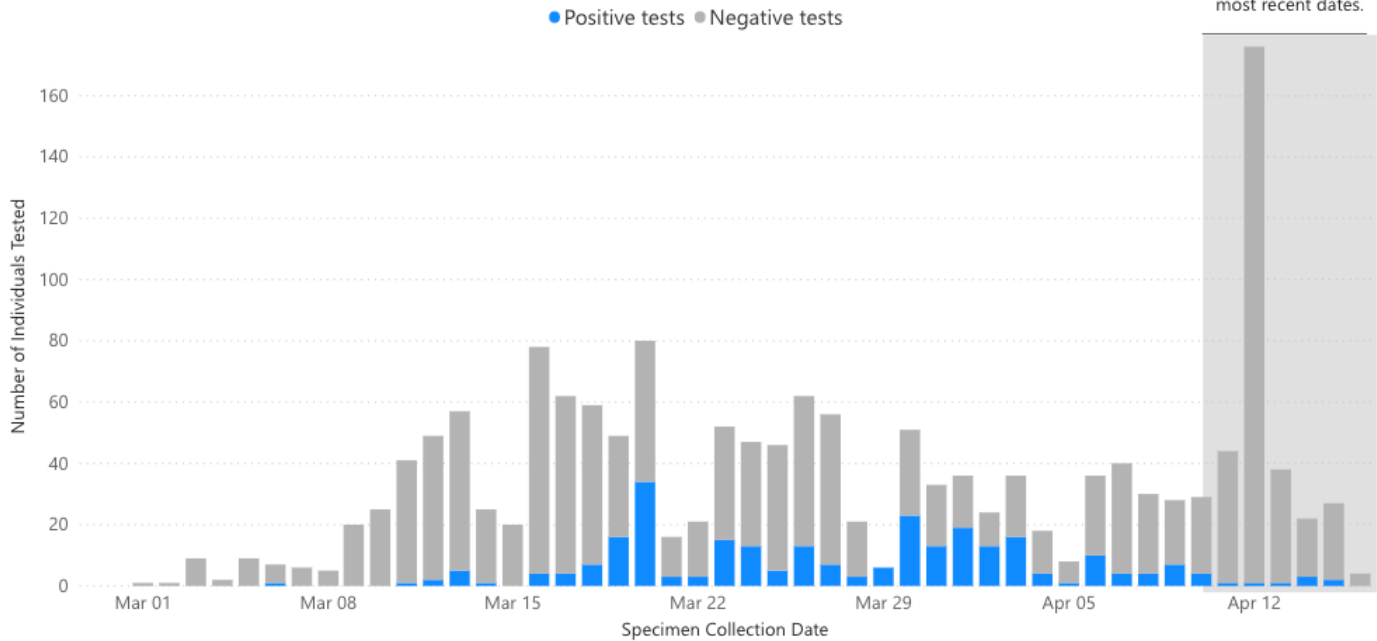
Data as of April 16, 2020 11:59PM PT

Percent positive tests 16.7%\*

Counties

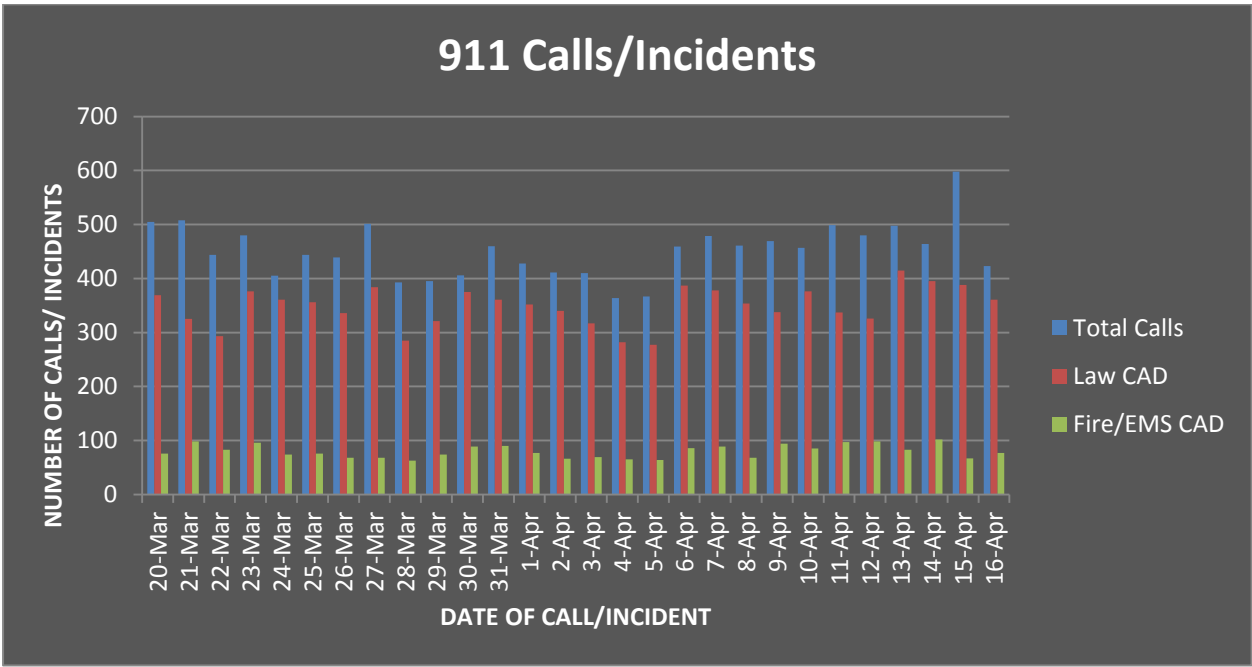
Whatcom County

Data may be incomplete for the most recent dates.

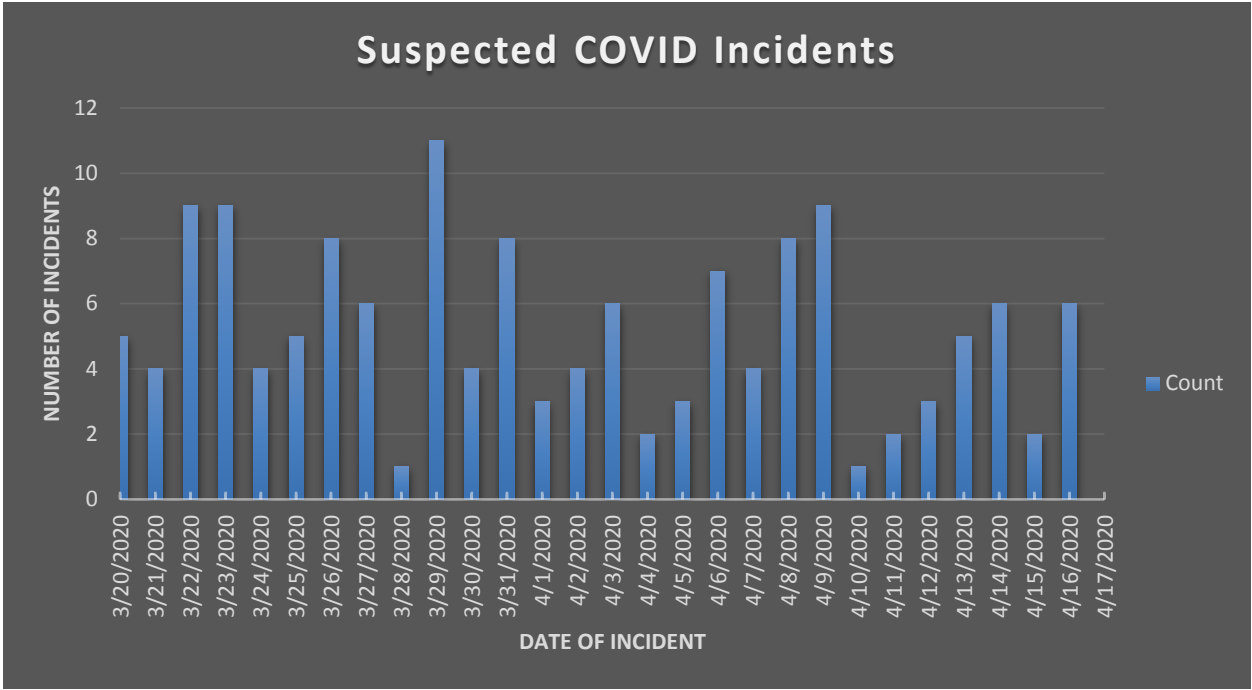


COVID-19 data are reported as timely, accurately and completely as we have available. Data are updated as we receive information that is more complete and will change over time as we learn more.

\*Negative test results as reported by the Washington Department of Health. Facilities other than the Health Department are not required to report negative tests to the state.



Note: A single incident can generate multiple 911 calls and incidents can occur without a 911 call. Data through April 16, 2020.



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## 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](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 wearing 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
- Newsflash: case updates
- Epi-curves - in progress

Whatcom Unified Command website ([www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com))

- Updated current status report for April 17, 2020
- Responded to website inquiries
- Created separate pages for Food and
- Created separate pages for Meal resources and Mental Health
- Began the process of adding accordions to pages to improve functionality and the mobile site experience.

WCHD Facebook Updates

- Actions save lives (Stay Home, Stay Healthy)
- Launch Epi Curves on website (pending)
- 4-18-20 Case Count Update
- Financial Tool Kit

#### WUC Facebook Updates

- Pending approval - Financial Tool Kit
- Help for individuals & families ([whatcomcovid.com](http://whatcomcovid.com)) posted 4/17 pm

#### Other

- Ongoing conversations with media
- Thought partner with branches including Logistics regarding donations

#### Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: "[Whatcom medics given a clean bill of health, so far, in fight against coronavirus](#)" (April 18, 2020)
- Skagit Valley Herald: "[COVID testing site opening next week - the plan is to open the site to the general public on April 27](#)" (April 17, 2020)

#### State and Federal Headlines:

- King 5: "[Tribes sue federal government over distribution of coronavirus relief funding](#)" (April 17, 2020) and Native News: "[Tribes Sue Trump Administration To Stop Cares Act Funding To Alaska Native Corporations](#)" (April 17, 2020)
- BBC: "[Double warning over antibody tests](#)" (April 18, 2020)
- KFVR TV: "[Canada, United States extend border restrictions for another 30 days](#)" (April 18, 2020)
- Business Insider: "[A CDC lab contamination massively delayed the production of coronavirus test kits, report says](#)" (April 18, 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 communicate context of preparations
- Finalize messaging and responses to questions related to summer activities
- Greater outreach to farming communities
- Help set expectations for May
- Organize and expand mental health resources

## 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. Communicated to the Washington State Nursing Association (WSNA) that we stand ready to offer housing assistance for health care workers if there is a need.

### OPERATIONS

1. Continued working towards stand up of Byron Avenue IQ facility later this month.
2. Requested facility manager and home health services for Byron Avenue IQ facility
3. Food group delivered 975 boxes of food to households in need around the county on Friday.
4. Finalized tactical assignments for 7th operational period.

### LOGISTICS

1. Continued work to set up the Byron Avenue IQ facility.
2. Continued work to implement the cloth mask collection, sanitizing, and distribution plan.
3. Continued to source, inventory, and distribute PPE resources to Tier 1 thru Tier 4 facilities.

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Situation Unit

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Incident Command

**DATE:**

04/18/20

**TIME:**

14:00