# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200420.1 DATE: 4/20/2020 TIME: 16:00

INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019 OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 7 MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

ACTIVATION: ACTIVATION STATUS: HOURS OF OPERATION:

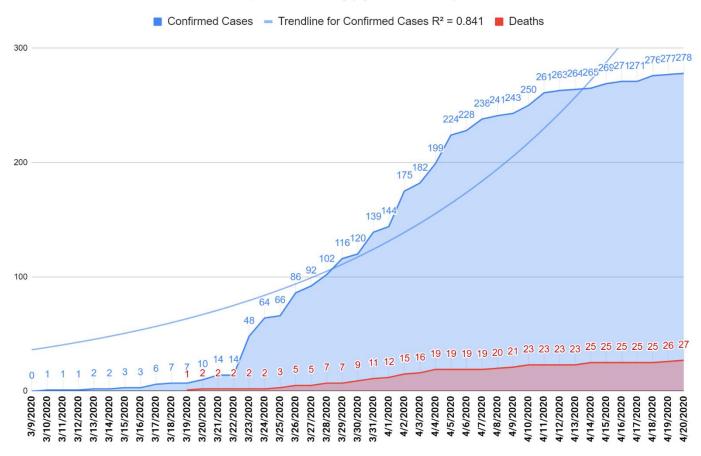
Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center Partial 7am – 7pm

## **GENERAL SITUATION**

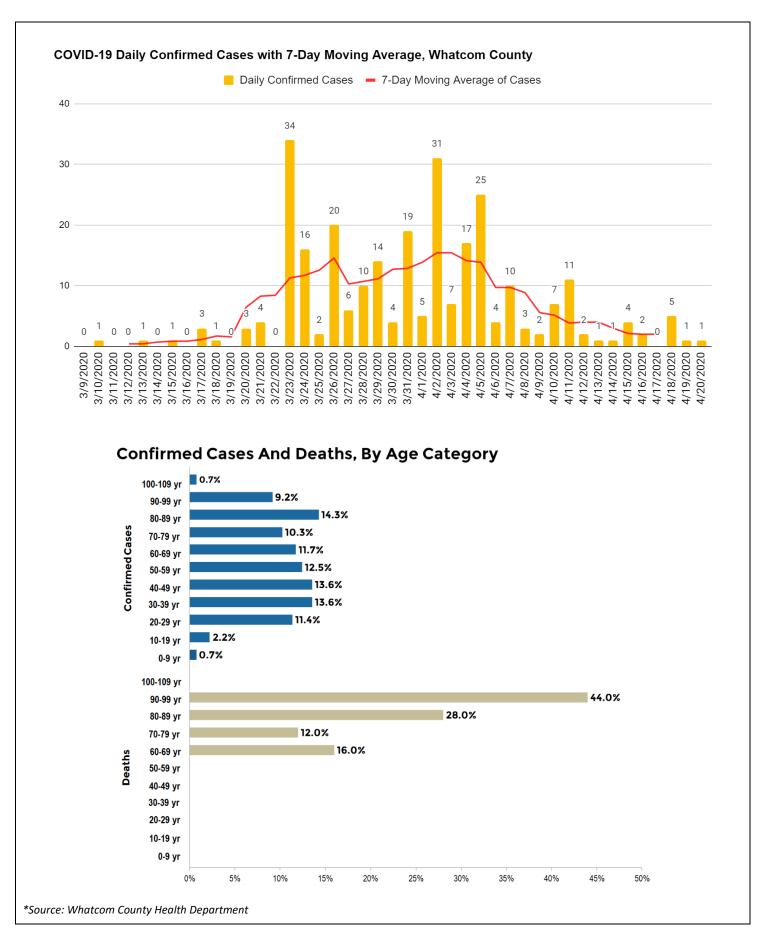
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### WHATCOM COUNTY TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County (Updated 4/20/2020)



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/20/2020	278	27
4/19/2020	277	26
4/18/2020	276	25
4/17/2020	271	25
4/16/2020	271	25



PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	4/20/20	4/18/20	4/17/20
Total Beds	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	153	153	153
Total Beds Available	79	79	79
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43

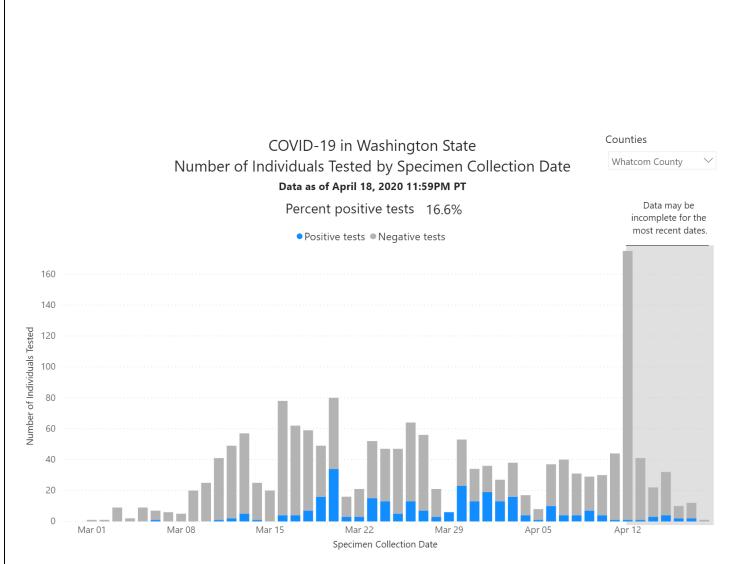
<sup>\*</sup>Note: Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

# **INTELLIGENCE REPORT**

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

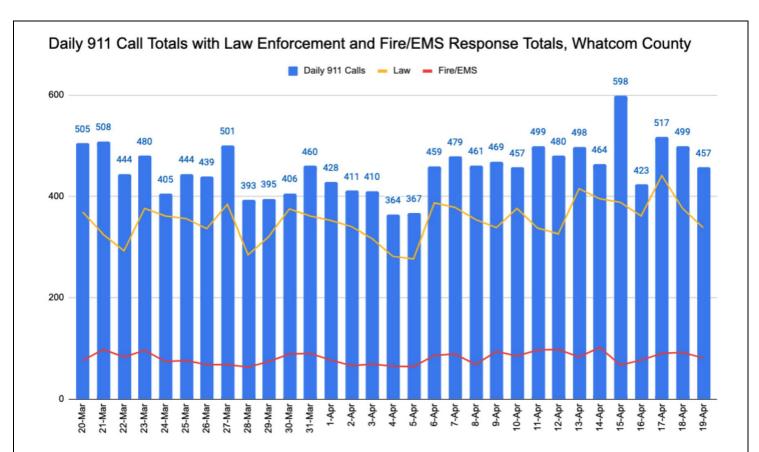
	4/20/2020 (Updated 4/19/2020)		4/17/2020 (Updated 4/16/2020)		4/16/2020 (Updated 4/15/2020)		4/15/2020 (Updated 4/14/2020)	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Island County	166	8	164	8	163	8	162	8
San Juan County	14	-	14	-	13		13	-
Skagit County	245	7	218	6	209	6	200	6
Snohomish County	2,143	93	2,032	86	1,988	80	1,950	77
King County	5,172	346	4,809	320	4,697	312	4,620	303
Washington	11,790	634	11,152	583	10,783	567	10,694	541
British Columbia	1,618	78	1,575	77	1,561	75	1,517	72
<u>Alaska</u>	319	9	300	9	293	9	285	9
California	28,963	1,072	26,182	890	24,424	821	23,338	758
<u>Hawaii</u>	580	10	541	9	530	9	517	9
<u>Idaho</u>	1,672	45	1,609	41	1,587	41	1,464	39
<u>Oregon</u>	1,910	74	1,736	64	1,663	58	1,633	55
<u>U.S.</u>	720,630	37,202	632,548	31,071	605,390	24,582	579,005	22,252
Global	2,424,419	166,256	2,182,734	147,384	2,088,425	139,419	2,008,850	129,045

<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Centerand Washington State Hospital Association

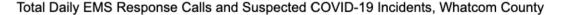


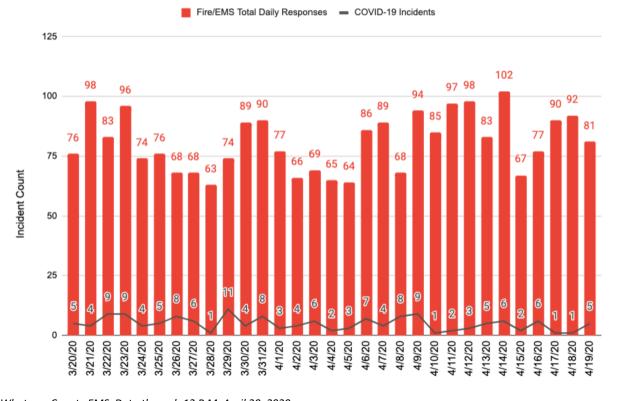
COVID-19 data are reported as timely, accurately and completely as we have available. Data are updated as we receive information that is more complete and will change over time as we learn more.

\*Source: Washington State Department of Health <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus">https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus</a>



\*Note: A single incident can generate multiple 911 calls and incidents can occur without a 911 call.





\*\*Source: Whatcom County EMS. Data through 12 P.M. April 20, 2020.

### **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: <a href="https://whatcomcovid.com/">https://whatcomcovid.com/</a>
- Whatcom County Health Department website: <a href="https://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid">https://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid</a>
- 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 wearing 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
  - Fixed broken links
- Whatcom Unified Command website: www.whatcomcovid.com
  - Updated current status report for April 20, 2020
  - Responded to website inquiries
  - o Minor updates as needed
- Social media posts:
  - WCHD Facebook
    - Home Learning
    - Your Cloth Face Covering Protects Them
    - Your Cloth Face Covering Protects Them
  - o WUC Facebook
    - Internet Access Resources
- Other:
  - Media Advisory Sunday afternoon for today's press conference
  - Ongoing conversations with media
  - Press briefing

#### **Local Headlines:**

- Bellingham Herald: "This Whatcom community's residents can be tested for coronavirus, even minus symptoms" (April 20, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "Data cleaning reduces number of COVID-19 cases in Washington state" (April 19, 2020)
- MyNorthwest: "WA unemployment website flooded by 'historically high traffic" (April 20, 2020)

#### **State and Federal Headlines:**

- Yakima Herald: "Coroner talks about role in tracking COVID-19 deaths, data challenges" (April 20, 2020)
- The Conversation: "We're measuring online conversation to track the social and mental health issues surfacing during the coronavirus pandemic" (April 20, 2020)
- LA Times: "From quiet acceptance to 'crippling fear,' medical workers confront their own mortality" (April 20, 2020)
- Seattle Weekly: "How will it end? Testing, testing, testing, tracing and time" (April 19, 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 careful 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
  - a. Provide resources and supplies to healthcare facilities and first responders as requested
- 4. 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

- 5. Monitor and mitigate economic impacts on the community
  - a. Assess agricultural, aquacultural, fishery and farming impacts
  - b. Monitor and assess impacts to border restrictions
  - c. Monitor and assess impacts on local government ensuring compliance with state and FEMA guidance
- 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: <a href="https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/3614241b1c2b4e519ae1cf52e2c3d560">https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/3614241b1c2b4e519ae1cf52e2c3d560</a> Whatcom County Health Department <a href="http://www.whatcomcounty.us/3329/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19#case">http://www.whatcomcounty.us/3329/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19#case</a>

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

PeaceHealth Regional Situation Reports

Whatcom County Health Department Situation Reports

Washington: <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus">https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus</a>

British Columbia: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html

Alaska: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/monitoring.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/monitoring.aspx</a>

California: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx

Hawaii: <a href="https://hawaiicovid19.com/">https://hawaiicovid19.com/</a> Idaho: <a href="https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/">https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/</a>

Oregon: https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

CDC https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html

Global: <a href="https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html">https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html</a>

### **SECTION UPDATES**

#### **LOGISTICS**

- 1. Continuing work to set up the Byron Avenue IQ facility.
- 2. Continuing surge planning efforts.
- 3. Continuing coordination for development of modified operational period.
- 4. Continuing support of Lighthouse Mission services at BHS; established long-term weekend food service.
- 5. Confirmed the resubmitted deliveries of PPE from the state to 9 long-term care and health care facilities in Whatcom County.

## **OPERATIONS**

- 1. Continuing work to set up the Byron Avenue IQ facility.
- 2. Completed pre-tactics planning for next operational period.

#### **PLANNING**

1. Supported pre-tactics planning for the next operation period.

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