

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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| REPORT #: 20200422.1 | DATE: 4/22/2020 | TIME: 16:00 |
| INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019 | OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 7 | MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265 |

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

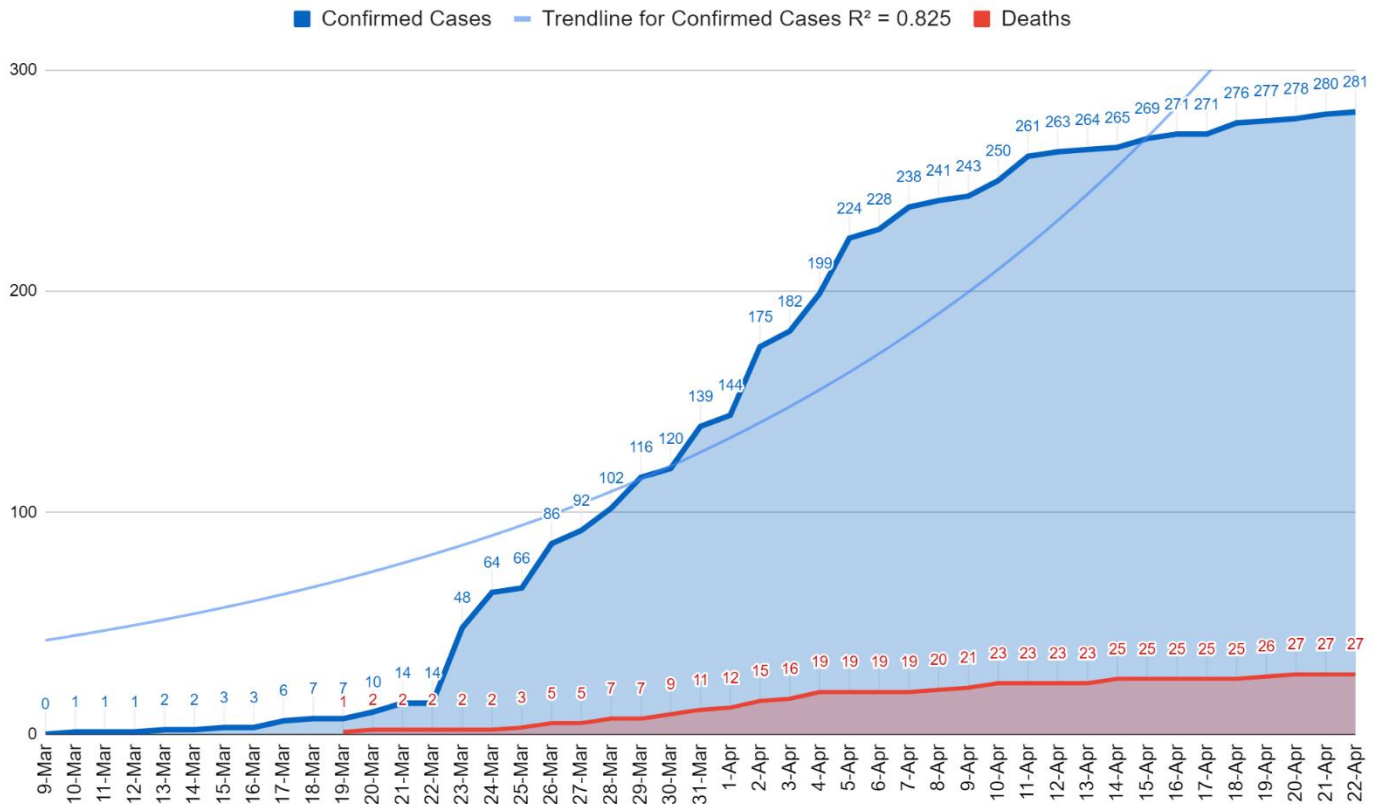
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| ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center | ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial | HOURS OF OPERATION: 7am – 7pm |
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GENERAL SITUATION

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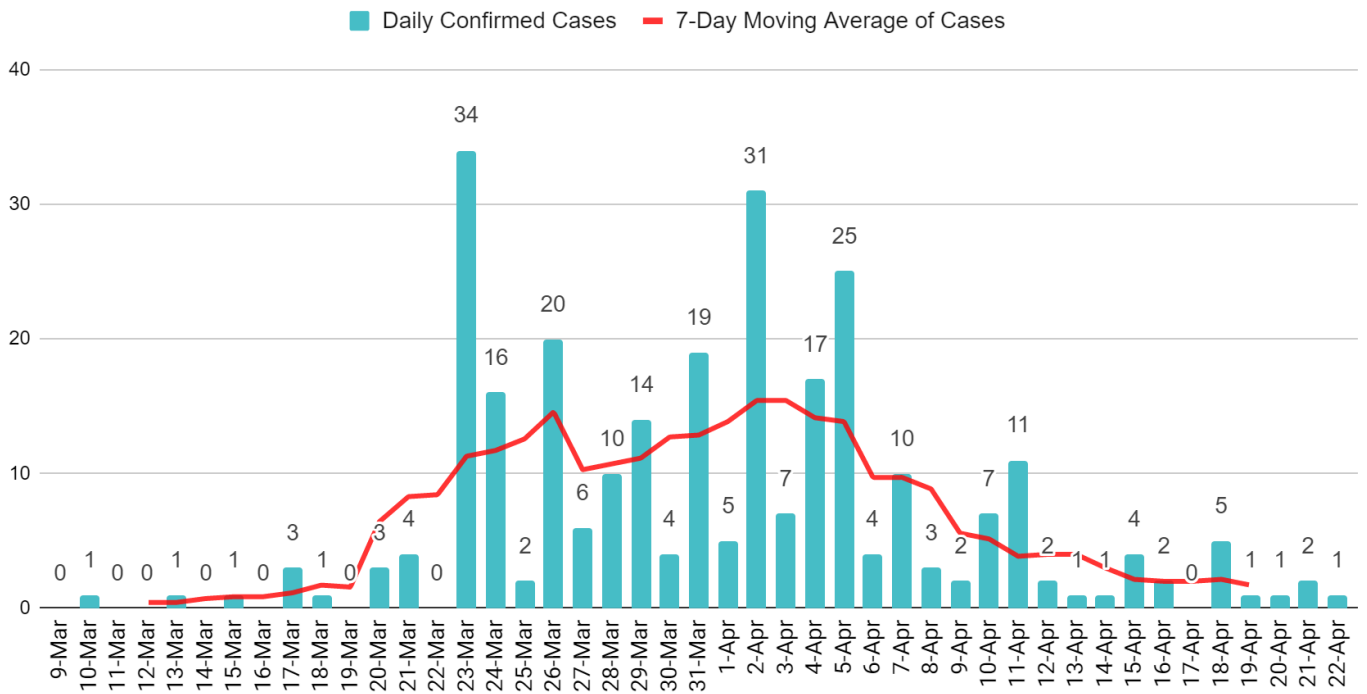
WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County (Updated 4/22/2020)

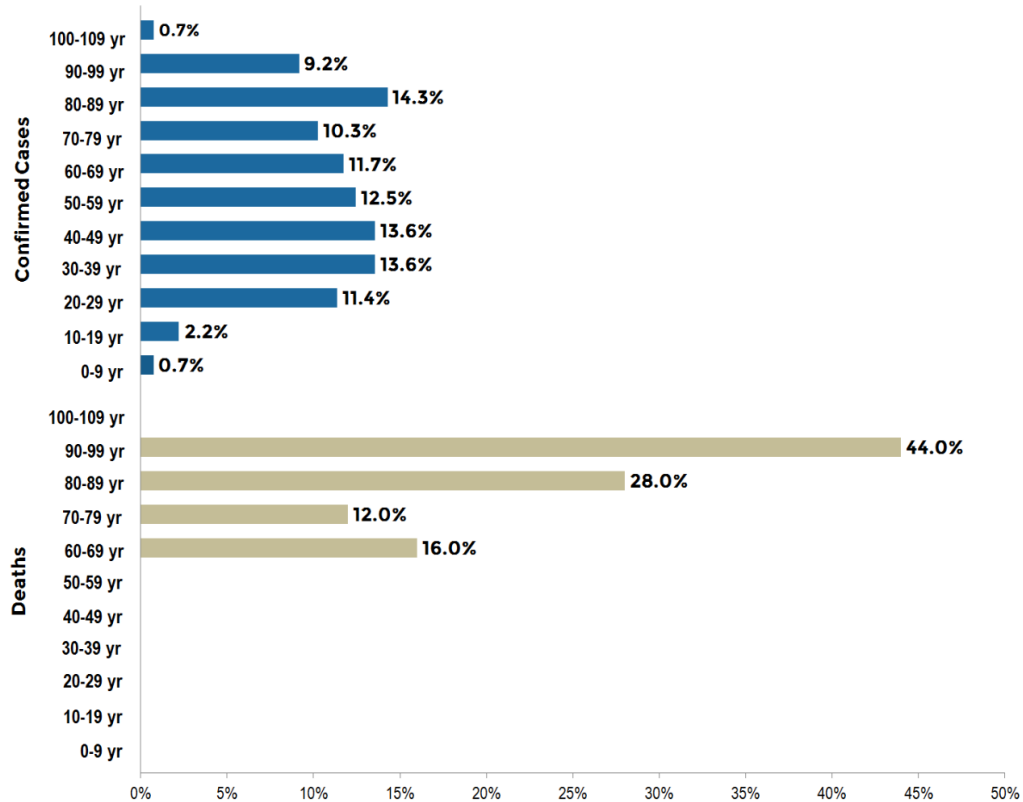


| DATE | CONFIRMED CASES | DEATHS |
|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| 4/22/2020 | 281 | 27 |
| 4/21/2020 | 280 | 27 |
| 4/20/2020 | 278 | 27 |
| 4/19/2020 | 277 | 26 |
| 4/18/2020 | 276 | 25 |

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



Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

| PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center | 4/22/20 | 4/21/20 | 4/20/20 | 4/18/20 | 4/17/20 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Beds | 232 | 232 | 232 | 232 | 232 |
| Total Patients Admitted | 144 | 120 | 153 | 153 | 153 |
| Total Beds Available | 88 | 112 | 79 | 79 | 79 |
| Total Ventilators Available | 43 | 33 | 43 | 43 | 43 |

*Note: Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

**Source: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Washington State Hospital Association

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region, Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia (as of April 21, 2020)

| | 4/22/2020 (Updated 4/21/2020) | | 4/21/2020 (Updated 4/20/2020) | | 4/20/2020 (Updated 4/19/2020) | | 4/17/2020 (Updated 4/16/2020) | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|
| | Cases | Deaths | Cases | Deaths | Cases | Deaths | Cases | Deaths |
| Island County | 168 | 9 | 166 | 8 | 166 | 8 | 164 | 8 |
| San Juan County | 14 | - | 14 | - | 14 | - | 14 | - |
| Skagit County | 268 | 8 | 255 | 7 | 245 | 7 | 218 | 6 |
| Snohomish County | 2,189 | 98 | 2,163 | 97 | 2,143 | 93 | 2,032 | 86 |
| King County | 5,379 | 372 | 5,293 | 360 | 5,172 | 346 | 4,809 | 320 |
| Washington | 12,282 | 682 | 12,085 | 652 | 11,790 | 634 | 11,152 | 583 |
| British Columbia | 1,724 | 87 | 1,699 | 86 | 1,618 | 78 | 1,575 | 77 |
| Alaska | 329 | 9 | 321 | 9 | 319 | 9 | 300 | 9 |
| California | 33,261 | 1,268 | 30,978 | 1,208 | 28,963 | 1,072 | 26,182 | 890 |
| Hawaii | 586 | 12 | 584 | 10 | 580 | 10 | 541 | 9 |
| Idaho | 1,766 | 51 | 1,736 | 48 | 1,672 | 45 | 1,609 | 41 |
| Oregon | 2,002 | 78 | 1,956 | 75 | 1,910 | 74 | 1,736 | 64 |
| U.S. | 776,093 | 41,758 | 746,625 | 39,083 | 720,630 | 37,202 | 632,548 | 31,071 |
| Global | 2,594,724 | 179,778 | 2,501,156 | 171,810 | 2,424,419 | 166,256 | 2,182,734 | 147,384 |

*Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>

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

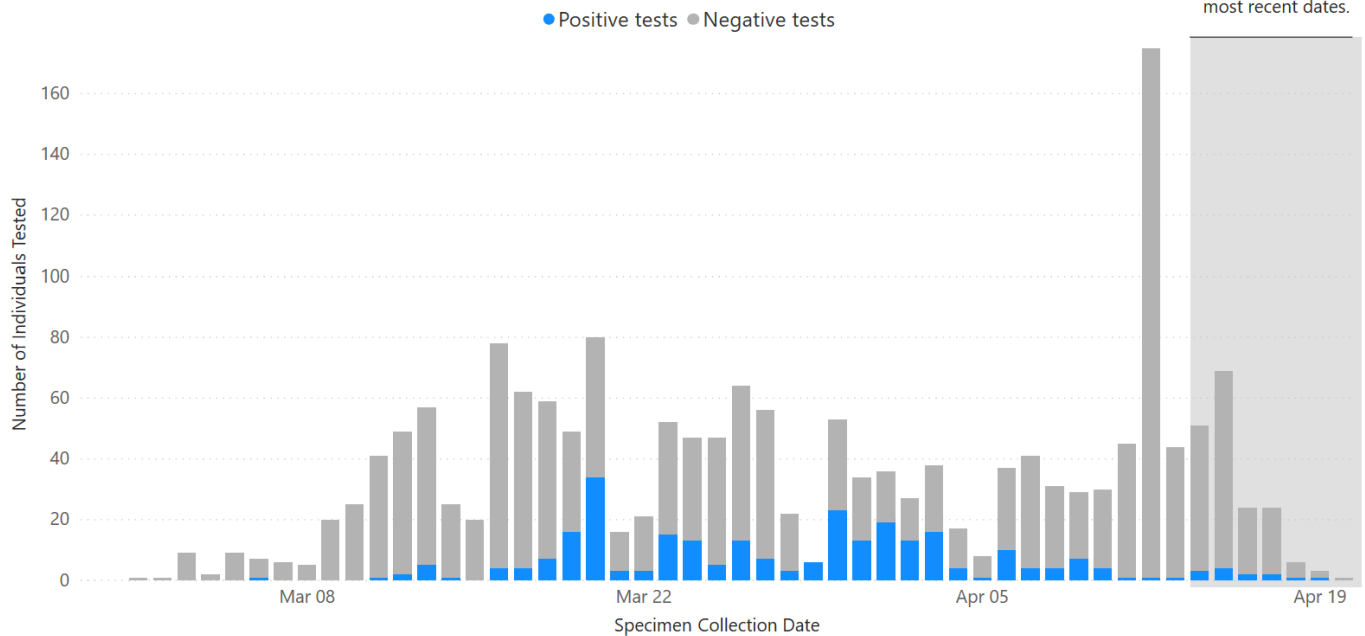
Data as of April 20, 2020 11:59PM PT

Percent positive tests 15.7%

Counties

Whatcom County ▾

Data may be incomplete for the most recent dates.

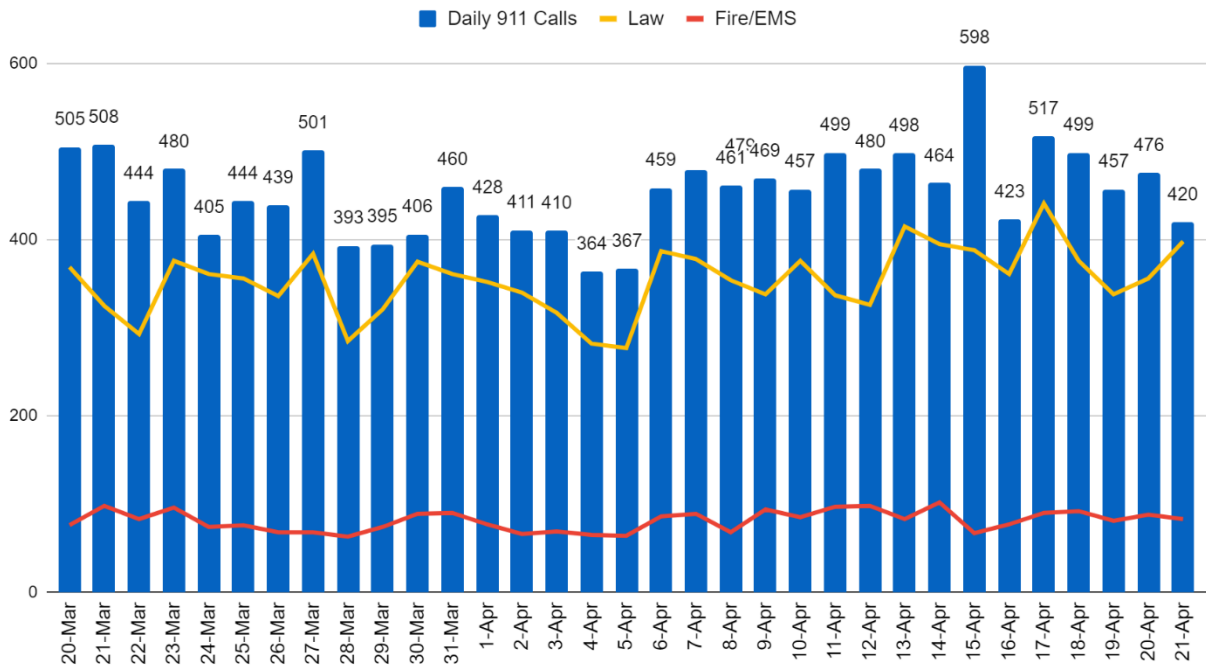


COVID-19 data are reported as timely, accurately and completely as we have available. Data are updated as we receive information that is more complete and will change over time as we learn more.

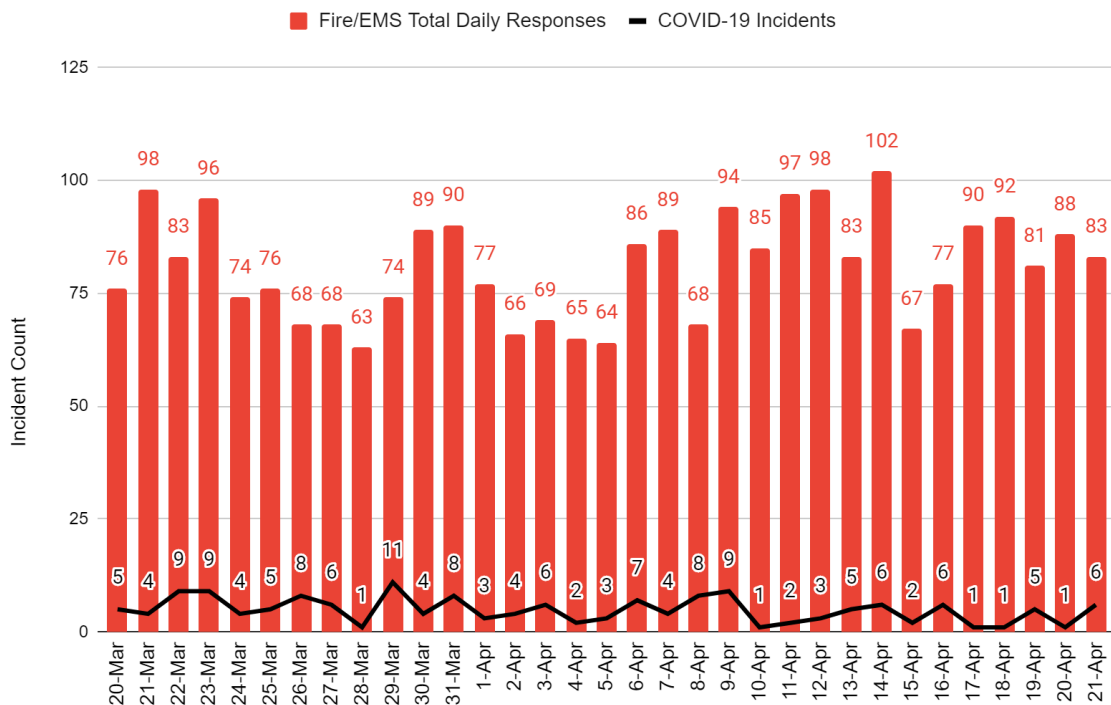
*Graph last updated April 20, 2020.

**Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>

Daily 911 Call Totals with Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS Response Totals, Whatcom County



Total Daily EMS Response Calls and Suspected COVID-19 Incidents, Whatcom County



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

**Source: Whatcom County EMS

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
- [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 (including newsflashes)
 - Research and preparation for updates to FAQ's page
- Whatcom Unified Command website (www.whatcomcovid.com)
 - Current status report for April 21
 - Minor updates as needed
 - Research and preparation for updates to Mental Health section
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Resources for households with children who have special needs
 - 4-21-20 Case Count Update
 - Funding available for translation services (scheduled)
 - Dealing with and understanding grief (scheduled)
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Spread kindness, not virus
 - Funding opportunity for art groups
- Other:
 - Ongoing conversations with media
 - Set up an all EOC staff internal communication meeting
 - Developed communications regarding the Byron I/Q facility
 - Finalized communications regarding cloth mask collection, sanitation, and distribution

Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: "[New study shows how many Whatcom Residents are staying home to fight coronavirus](#)" (April 22, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "[Whatcom executive outlines budget cuts caused by coronavirus uncertainty](#)" (April 21, 2020)
- KGMI: "[Report suggests COVID-19 has peaked in state](#)" (April 22, 2020)

State and Federal Headlines:

- MYNorthwest: "[Latest data from UW modelers targets end of May for reopening Washington](#)" (April 22, 2020)
- The Olympian: "[Franklin County commissioners vote to defy Stay Home order to reopen businesses](#)" (April 21, 2020)
- MYNorthwest: "[WA potato farmers on the brink with a billion pounds of unused spuds](#)" (April 22, 2020)
- Fox News: "[Coronavirus could have a deadlier second wave later this year, CDC director warns](#)" (April 21, 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.
- Collect, summarize, and publish information about PPE distributed by WUC.
- 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 general 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
 - 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: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/3614241b1c2b4e519ae1cf52e2c3d560>
 Whatcom County Health Department <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/3329/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19#case>
 Whatcom County EMS
 Washington State Hospital Association- Hospital Supply Tracker
 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. Pursuing sourcing options for surge equipment needs.
2. Finalizing new operational period work schedule.

OPERATIONS

1. Continuing resource request fulfillment.
2. Finalizing new operational period work schedule.

PLANNING

1. Finalized and received UC approval of the IAP for Operational Period 8.
2. Progressed staffing plan for seven-day operational period cadence starting 4/27/20.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:

Incident Command

DATE:

04/22/20

TIME:

16:00