

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200424.1	DATE: 4/24/2020	TIME: 16:30
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 8	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

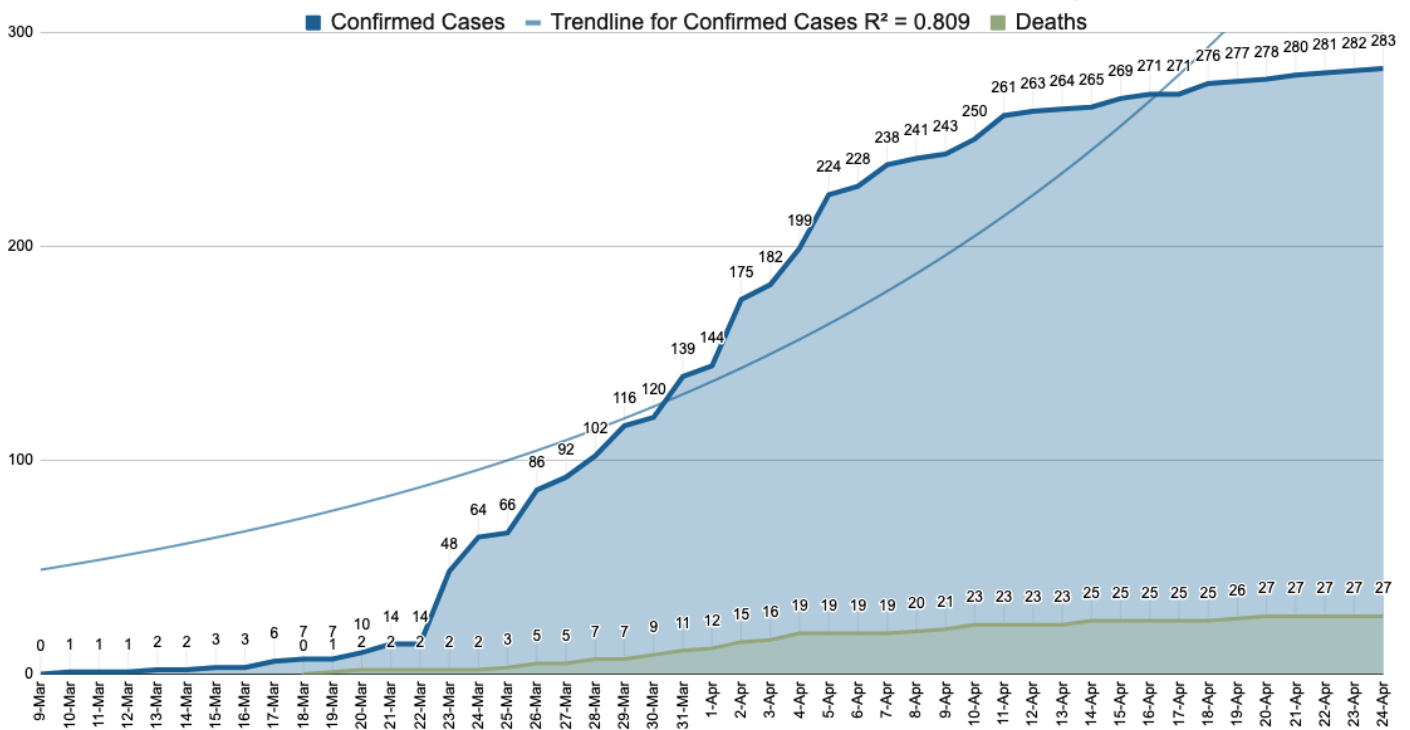
ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 7am – 7pm
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GENERAL SITUATION

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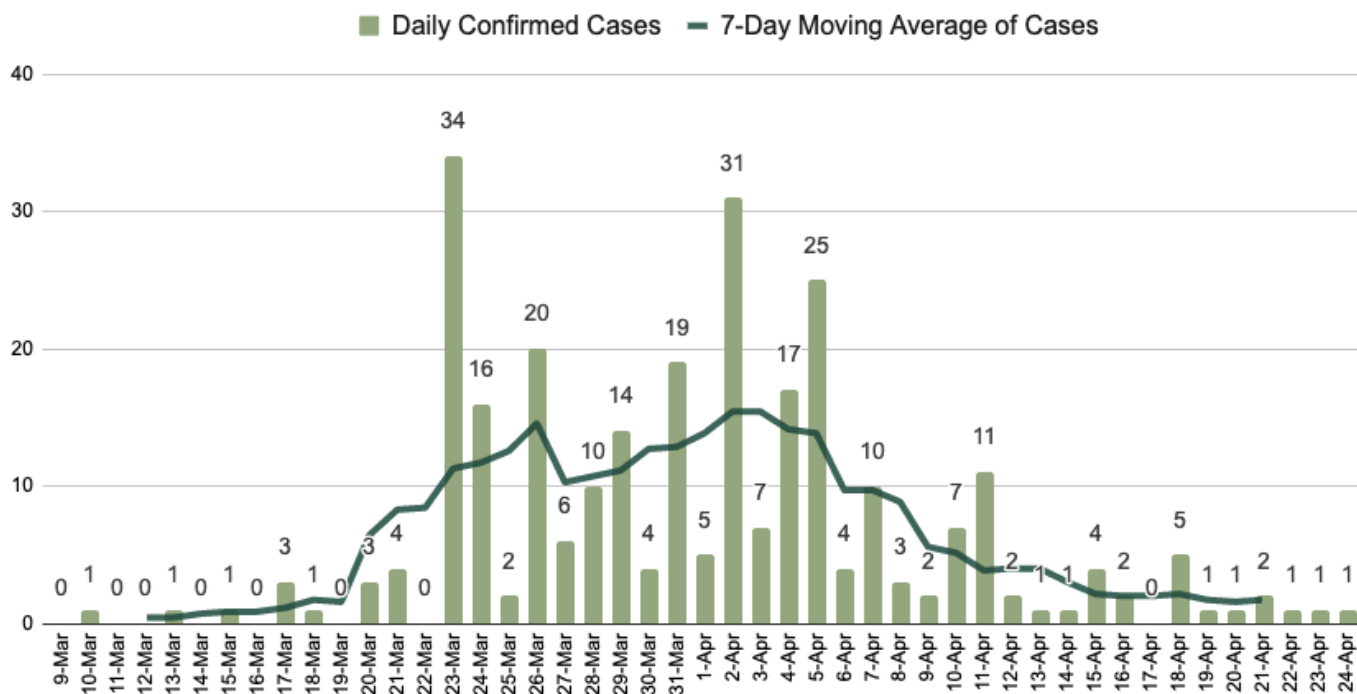
WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/24/2020	283	27
4/23/2020	282	27
4/22/2020	281	27
4/21/2020	280	27
4/20/2020	278	27

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



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

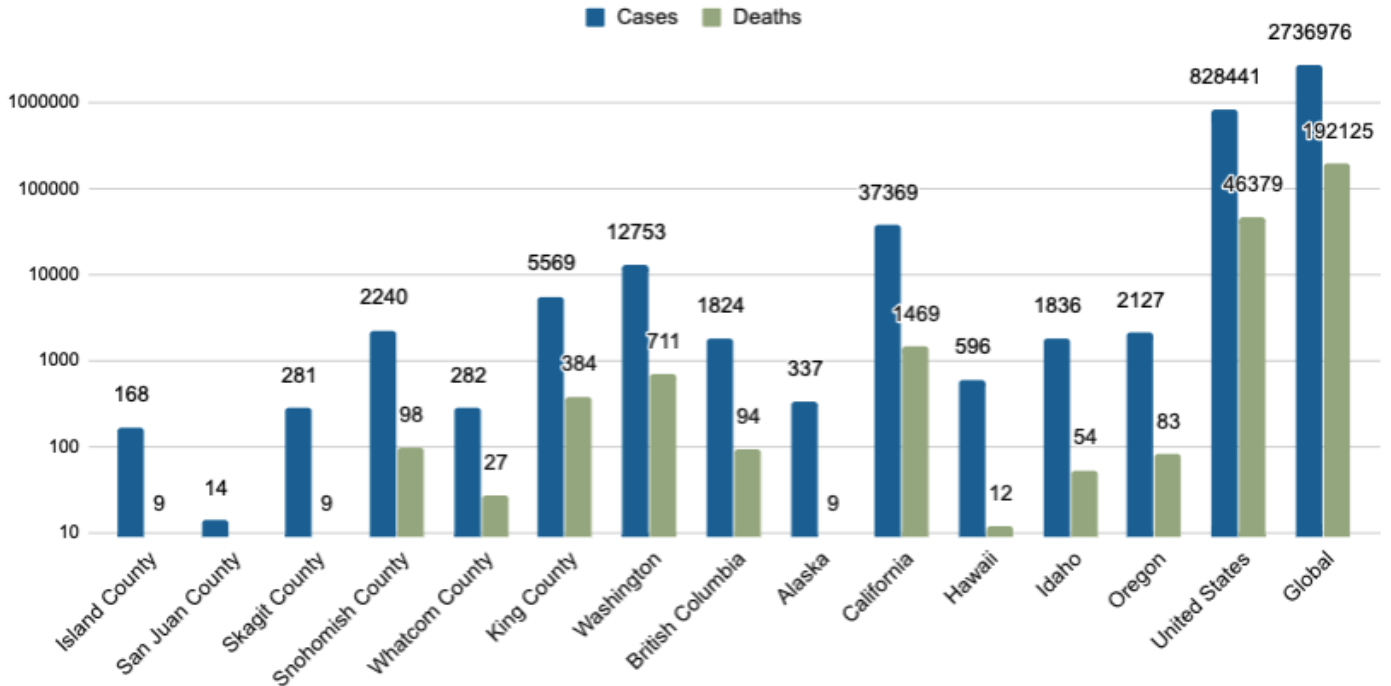
INTELLIGENCE REPORT

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	4/24/20	4/23/20	4/22/20	4/21/20	4/20/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	155	153	144	120	153
Total Beds Available	77	79	88	112	79
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	33	43

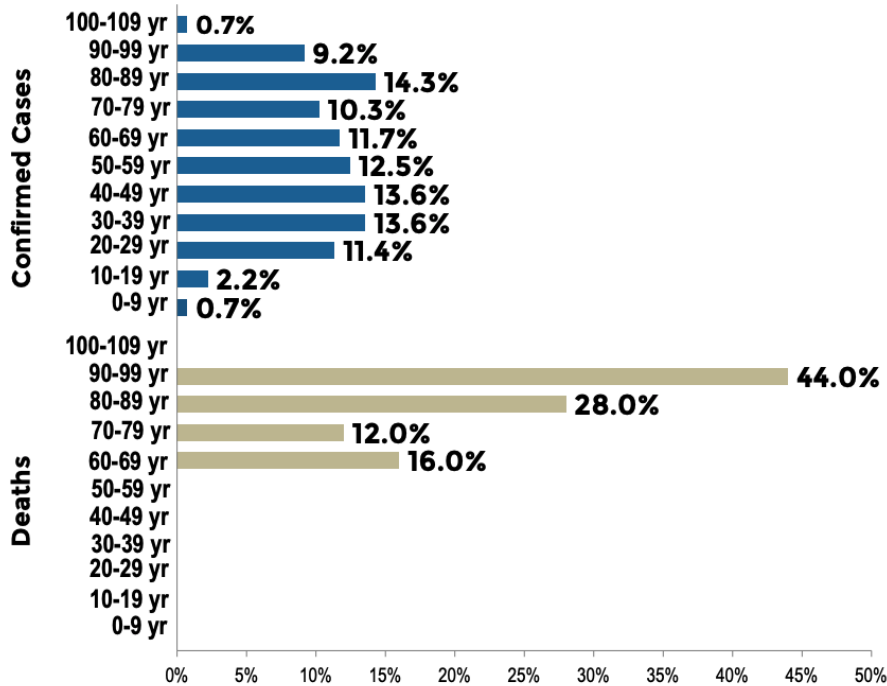
*Note: Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

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

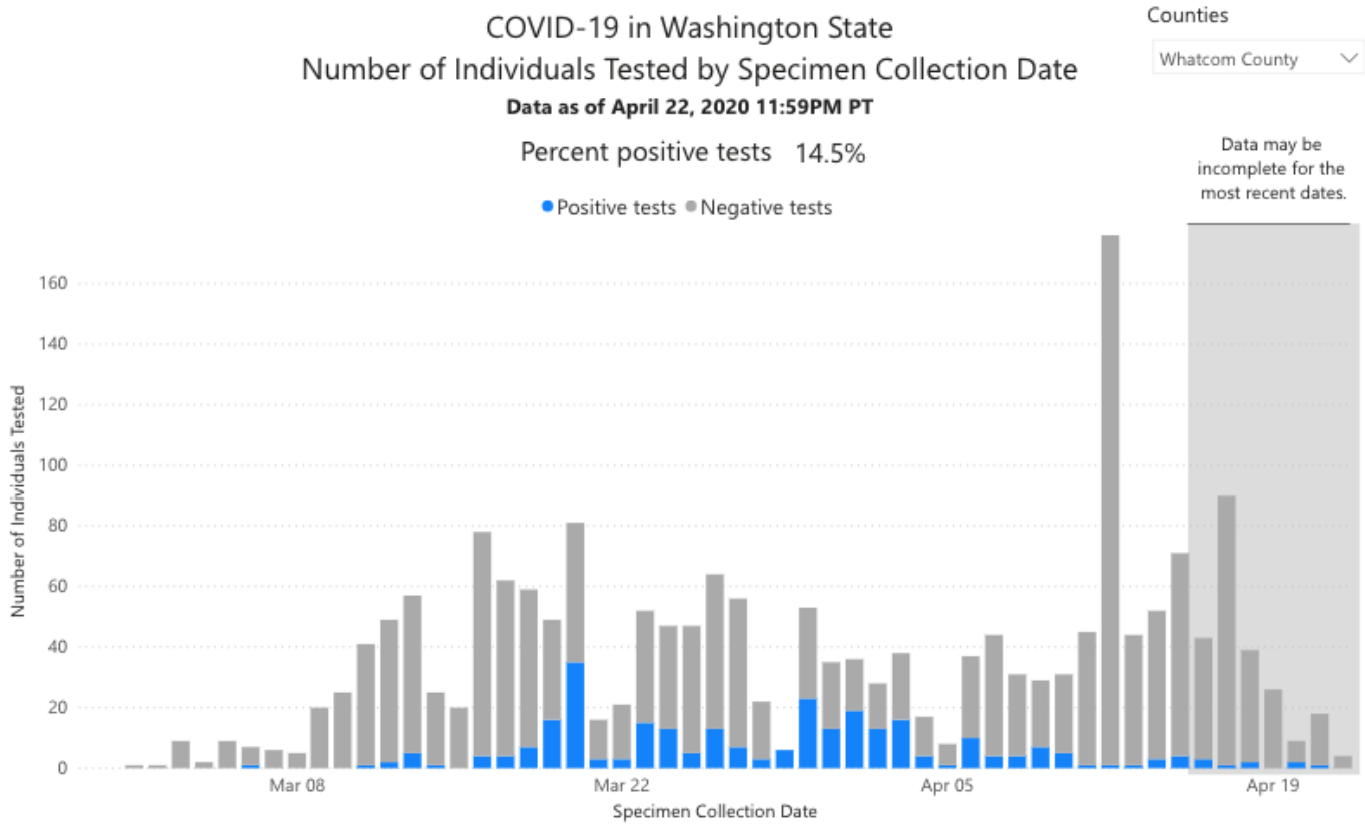
Regional COVID-19 Cases and Deaths (4/23/20)



Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category

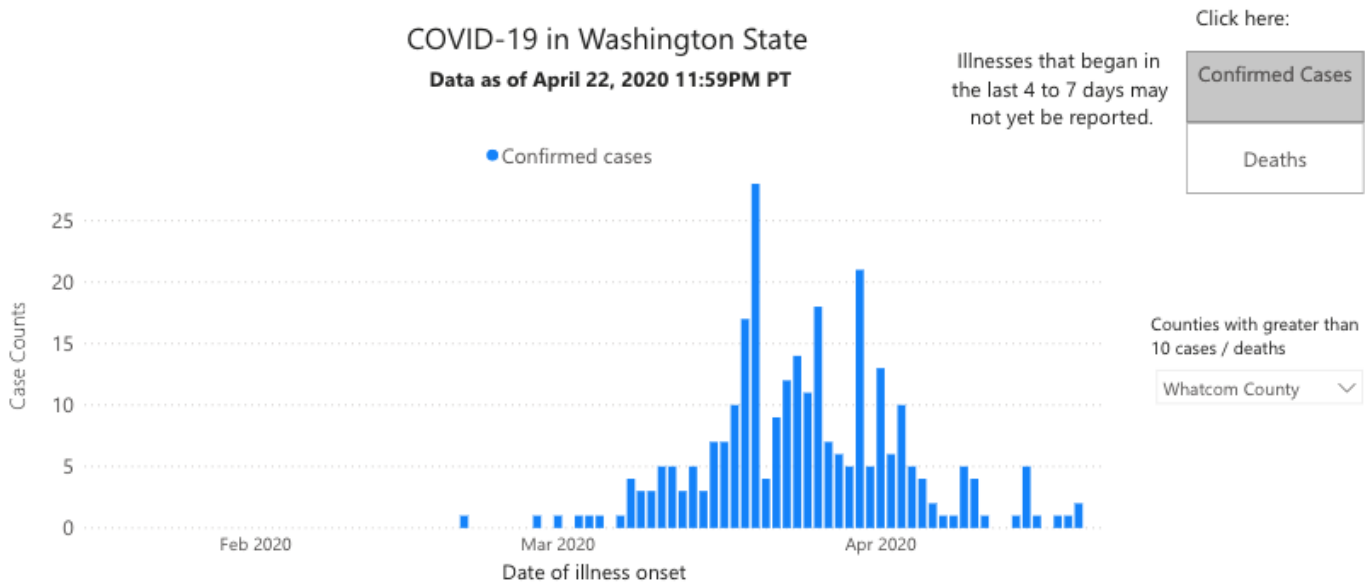


*Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>

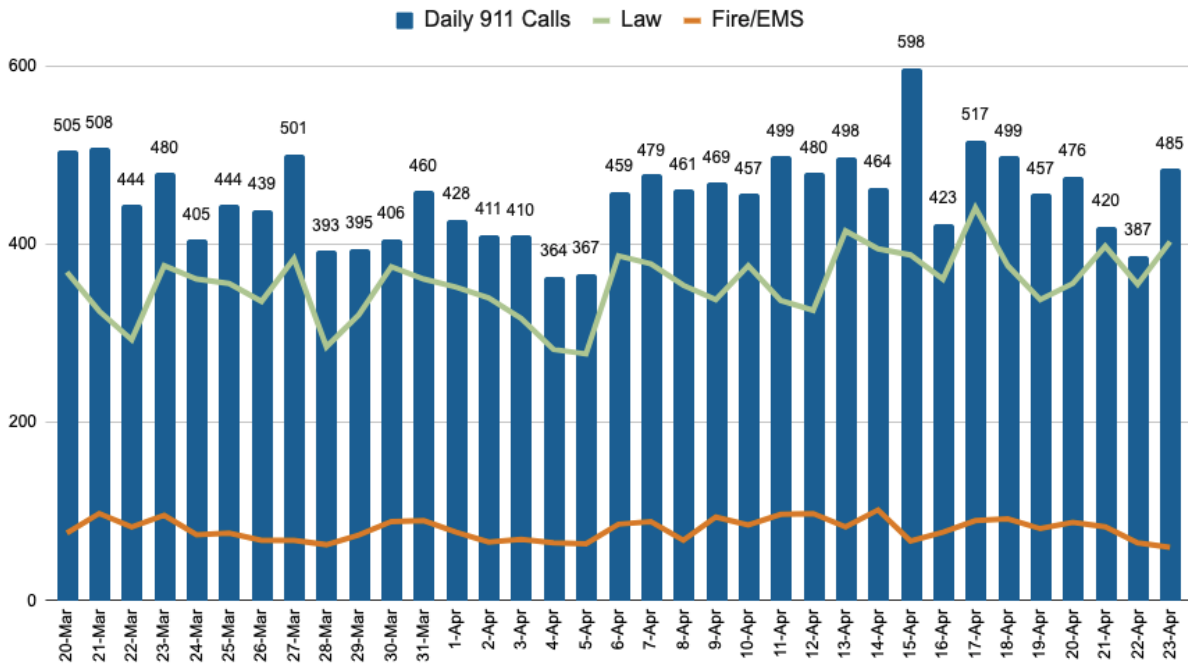


*Graph last updated April 24, 2020.

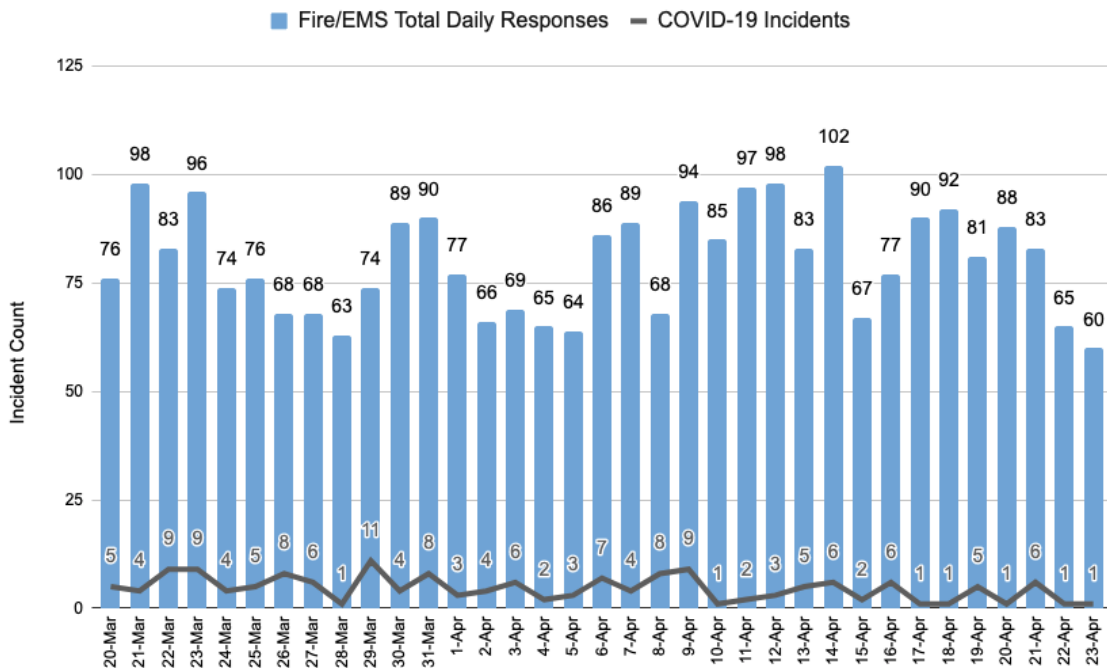
**Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>



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)
 - New resources for children with special healthcare needs (pending)
- Whatcom Unified Command website (www.whatcomcovid.com)
 - Current status report for April 23
 - Research and preparation for updates to Mental Health section
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Thank-you Teachers
 - Case Count Update
 - Resources for children with special healthcare needs (pending)
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Childcare and School resources
 - Fishing industry surveys (4/23 pm)
- Other:
 - Ongoing conversations with media
 - Press/media release regarding food permit fees being suspended until May

Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: "[Task force aims to help Whatcom businesses provide workplaces safe from coronavirus](#)"

[application process to join will be established next week; key goal is to improve infection control for reopening](#)” (April 24, 2020)

- Bellingham Herald: [“Six new coronavirus symptoms just officially added to CDC list. What are they?”](#) (April 24, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: [“Whatcom Unified Command change will help coronavirus ‘decision-making, communication’”](#) (April 23, 2020)
- KGMI: [“Concerns expressed about construction activity in Bellingham”](#) (April 24, 2020)

State and Federal Headlines:

- Seattle Times: [“Washington construction sites would have to have masks, a coronavirus supervisor under Inslee plan”](#) (April 24, 2020)
- USA Today: [“U.S. hits 50,000 deaths from coronavirus - just as many states announce plans to ease social distancing”](#) (April 24, 2020)
- The Hill: [“Trump signs \\$484 billion coronavirus relief package”](#) (April 24, 2020)
- Wired: [“Georgia’s Governor Lets Businesses Reopen. Some Say No Thanks”](#) (April 24, 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
- 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. Continued support for cloth mask collection, sanitization and distribution.
2. Continued support on Byron Avenue IQ facility.
3. Continued processing of resources requests.

OPERATIONS

1. Facilitated getting the first block of rooms at the Byron Avenue IQ facility operational; Continued work on maintenance and cleaning items.
2. Met with Finance to discuss future IQ facilities; updated action tracker to complete and submit an operational plan to finance.
3. Completed pre-tactics for period 9.

PLANNING

1. Continued preparation of an assessment of the vulnerability of our medical, economic, social, and civil systems to the impacts of prolonged non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI) orders.
2. Continued developing dashboard indicators.

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