

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200505.1	DATE: 5/05/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 10	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

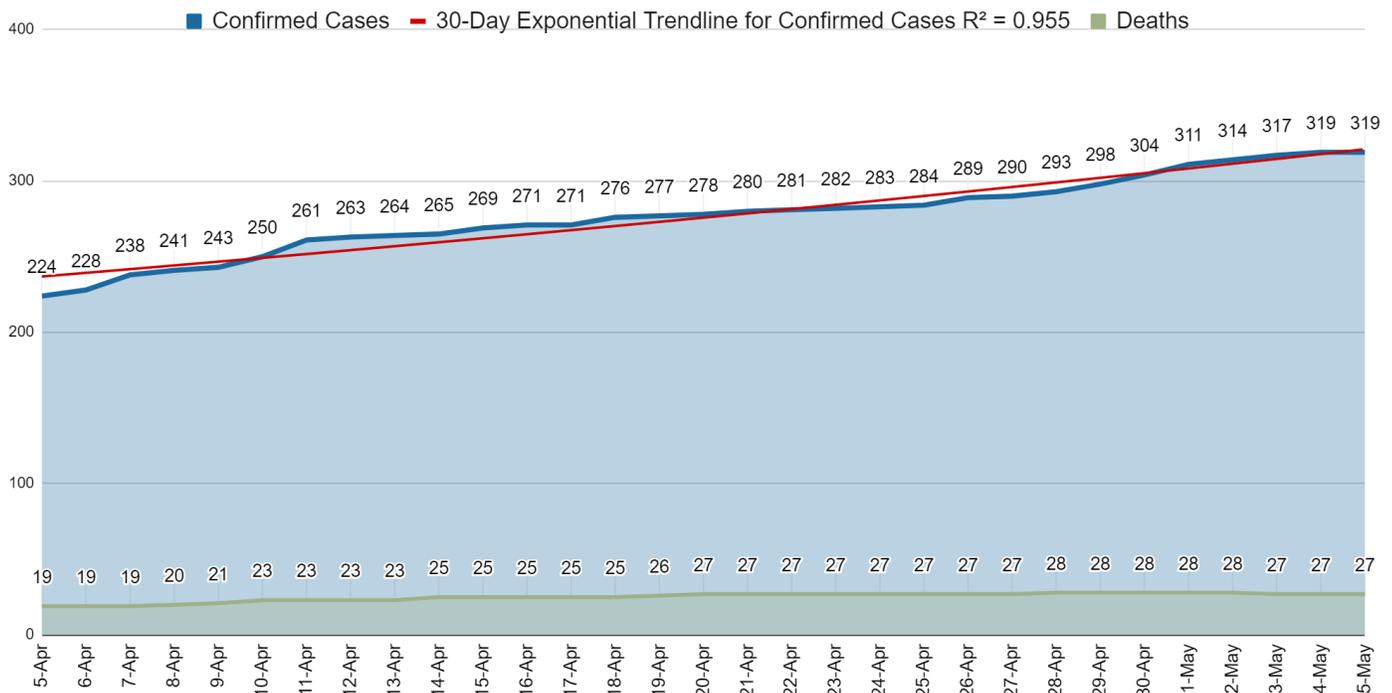
ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 8am – 5pm
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GENERAL SITUATION

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WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

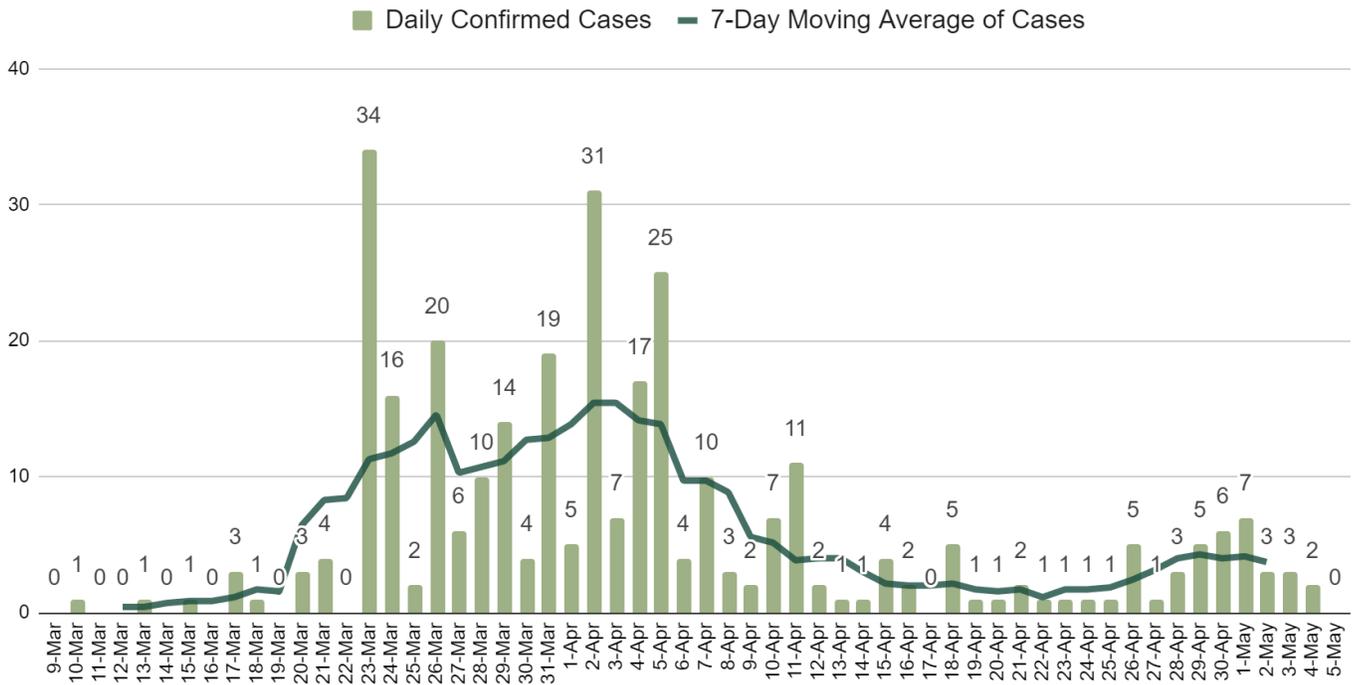
30-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



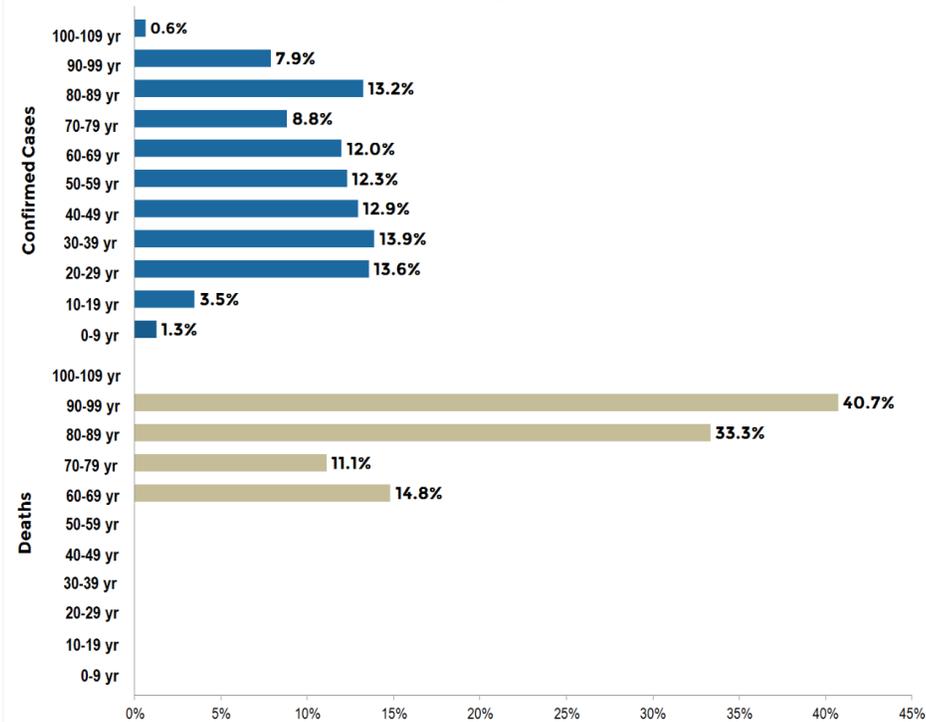
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/05/2020	319	27
05/04/2020	319	27
05/03/2020	317	27*
05/02/2020	314	28
05/01/2020	311	28

*Originally reported at 28; cause of death confirmed to not be COVID-19 related.

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	05/05/20	05/04/20	05/03/20	05/02/20	05/01/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Beds Available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

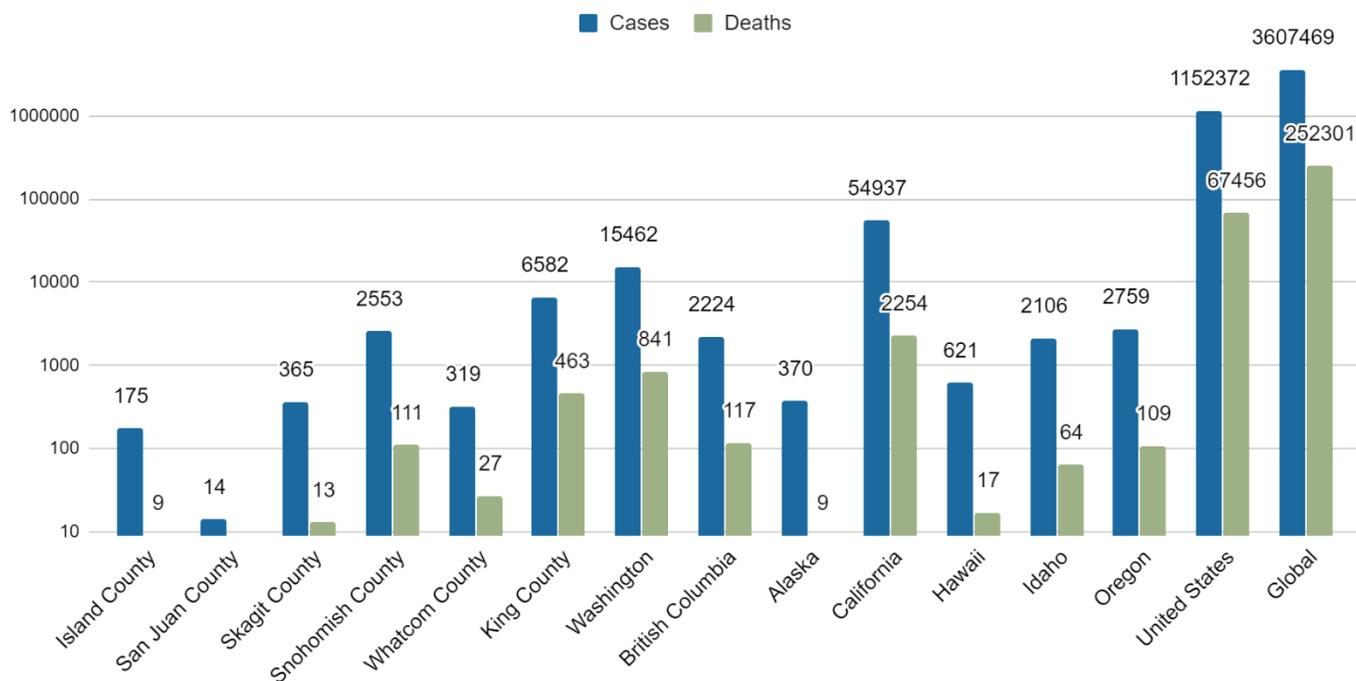
*Note: Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

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

***Situation Unit working with Peace Health liaison to confirm N/A data.

[COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region, Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia \(as of May 5, 2020\)](#)

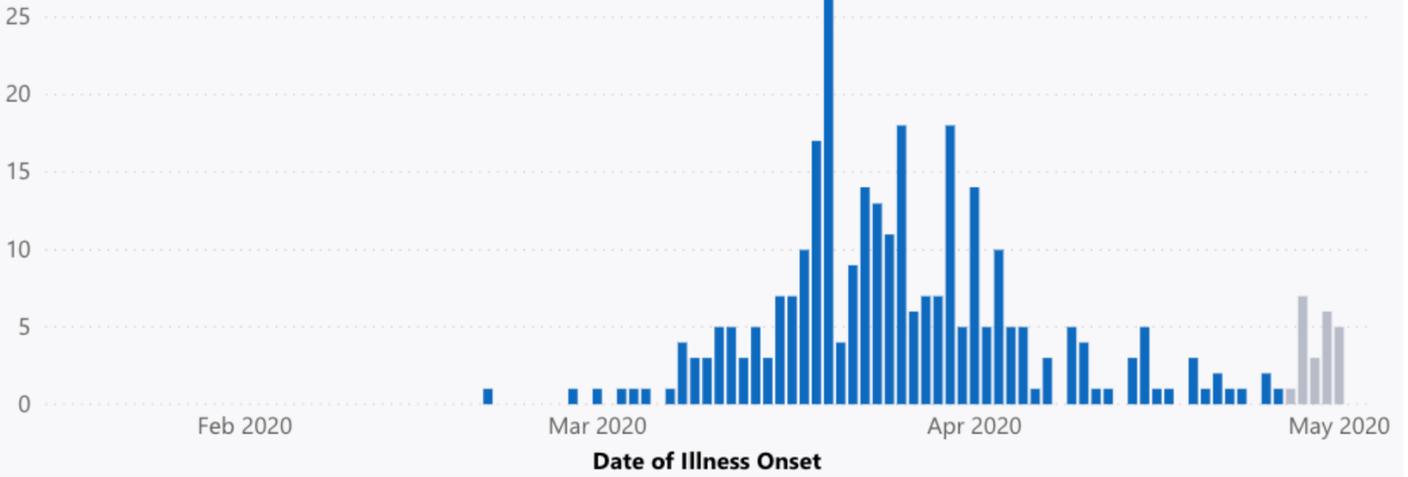
Regional COVID-19 Cases and Deaths (5/5/20)



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

Confirmed Case Counts

Data Incomplete

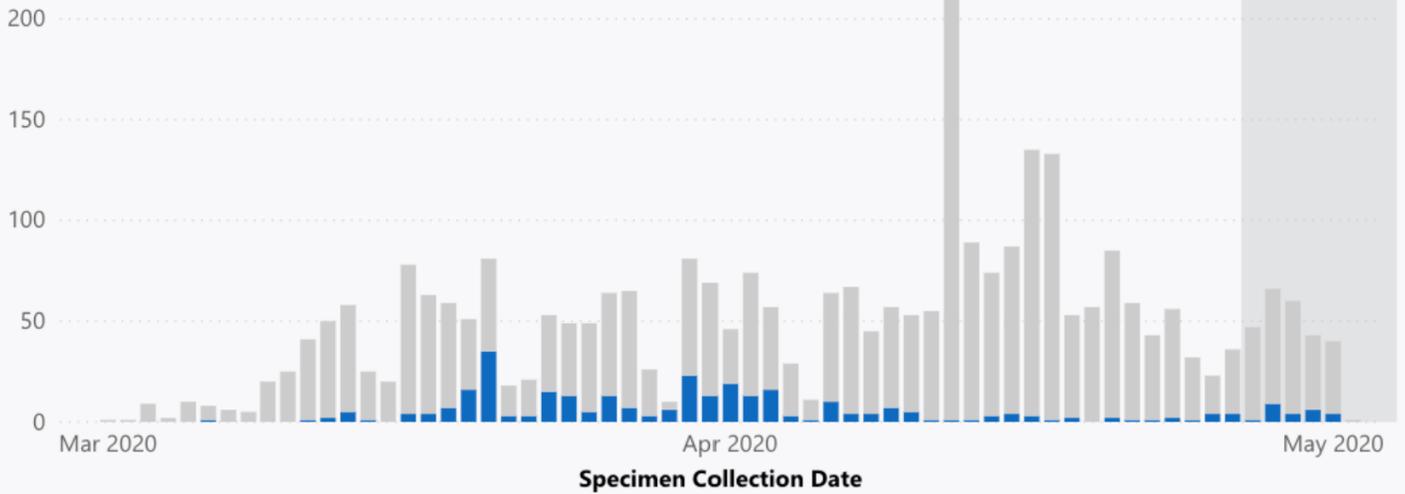


Number of Individuals Tested

10.2% of individuals tested positive

Data may be incomplete for the most recent dates.

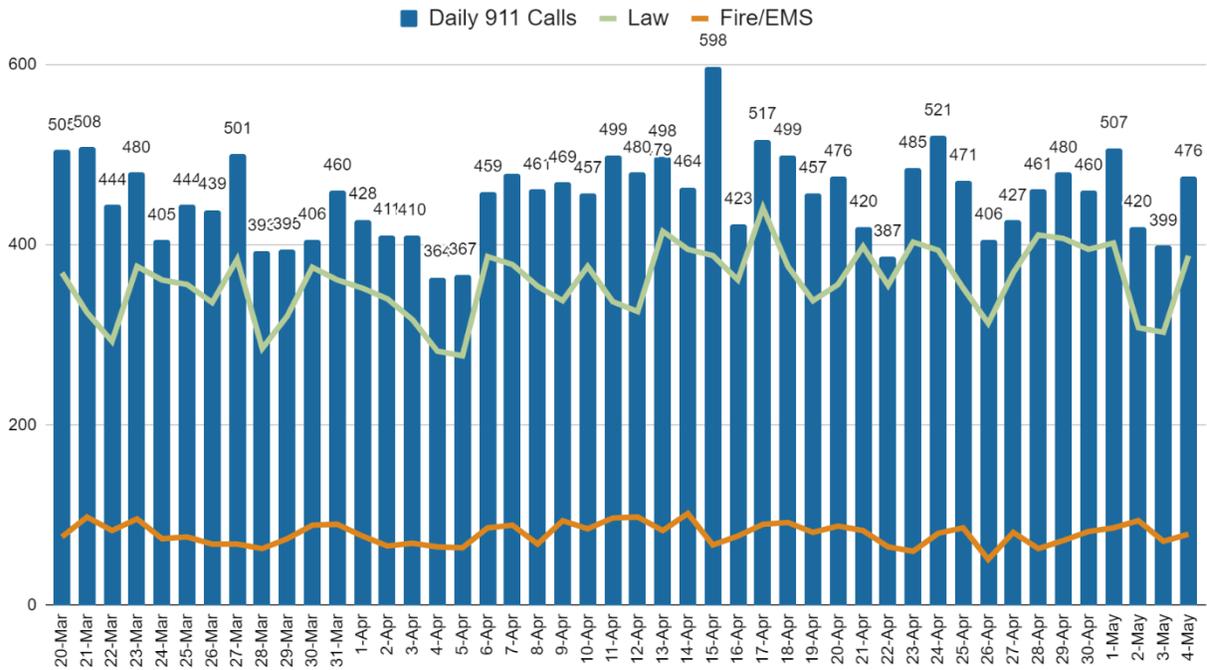
● Positive ● Negative



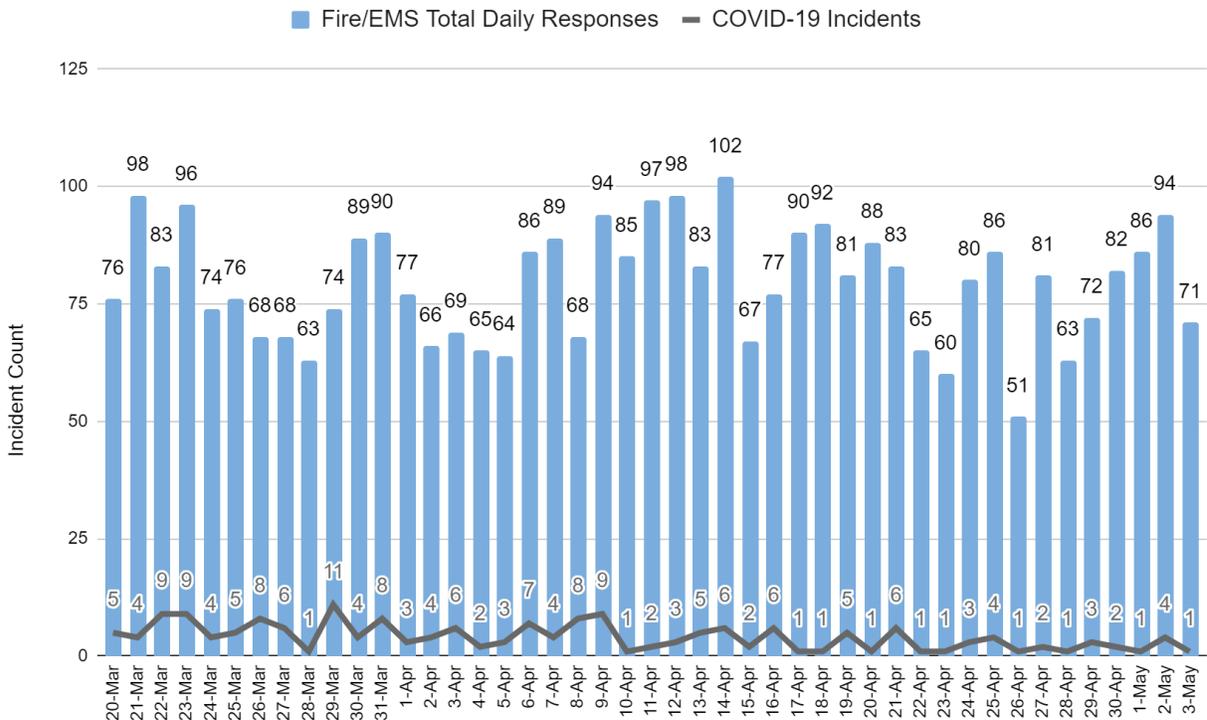
*Graph last updated May 3, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.

**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; May 3, 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: <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
 - Sent Public Health News Flashes on:
 - Mental Health
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Updated information on COVID and pregnancy in both English and Spanish
 - Responded to inquiries submitted to the website
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Social distancing restrictions Phase 1
 - Giving Tuesday
 - May is Mental Health Awareness Month
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Giving Tuesday
- Other
 - Filmed "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Q & A recordings
- Ongoing conversations with media
 - COVID-19 Media Briefing

State and Local Headlines

- Bellingham Herald: "[People getting together in small private gatherings leads to Whatcom's COVID-19 surge](#)" (May 4, 2020) (links to May 4 WCHD Media Briefing)
- Bellingham Herald: "[Lummi Nation reports possible coronavirus exposure for food assistance group](#)" (May 4, 2020)
- Komo News: "[3 nursing homes to open specific COVID-19 units](#)" Including Avamere Bellingham Health Care and Rehab center. (May 5, 2020)

- Seattle Times: "[What you should know as Washington's outdoor lands reopen Tuesday after coronavirus lockdown](#)" (May 4, 2020)

National Headlines

- NPR: "[Gov. Newsom announces California will begin easing coronavirus closures this week](#)" Some retail businesses to reopen with modifications. (May 4, 2020)
- NPR: "[Virologist spends his days 'hunting the thing that wants to hunt us'](#)" A new lab at George Washington University works to unlock the pathogen's secrets. (May 5, 2020)
- New York Times: "[A lawsuit filed by immigration rights activists challenges a relief act.](#)" May 5, 2020)

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives.
- 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.
- Communicate changes in Stay Home, Stay Healthy order as they are made public.
- Keep public informed of opportunities to contribute and participate in re-opening businesses.
- Communicate about importance and reliability of antibody testing.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 10

1. Anticipate and develop plans to address potential second peak of COVID-19 infections.
2. Prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
3. Provide for the most vulnerable members of the community.
4. Ensure adequacy of First Responder/Healthcare personnel and equipment/supplies.
5. Enable continuity of Essential Services.
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://hawaii-covid19.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. Continuing to expand sourcing options for PPE.

OPERATIONS

2. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

PLANNING

3. Working to update the documentation policy and system for filing incident records.

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Situation Unit	Incident Command	05/05/20	16:00