

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200506.1	DATE: 5/06/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 10	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

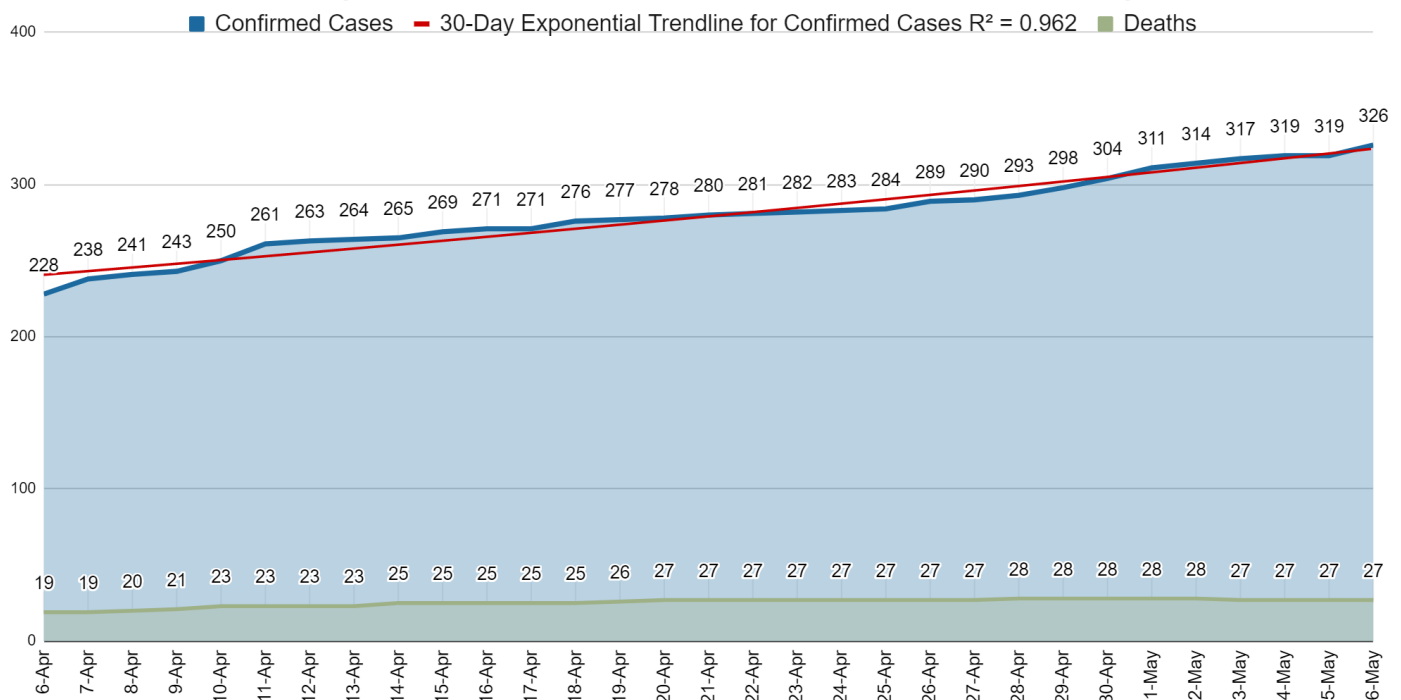
ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 8am – 5pm
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## GENERAL SITUATION

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### WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

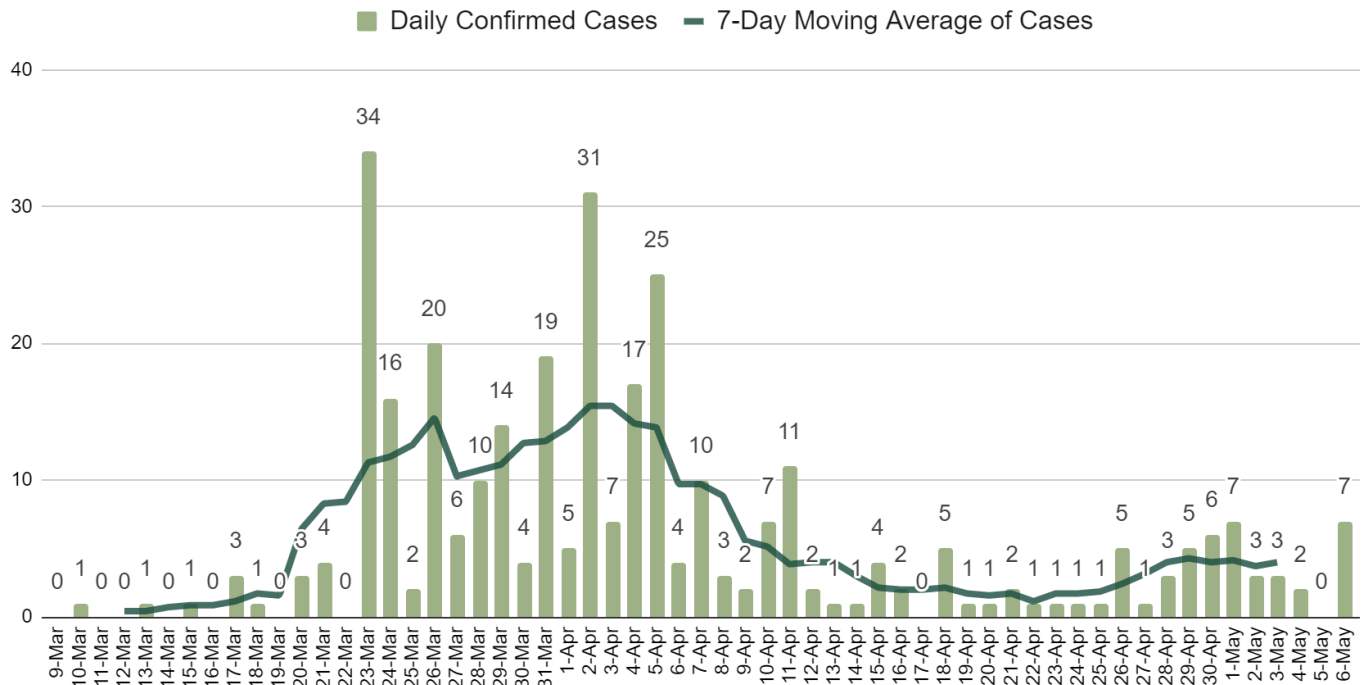
#### 30-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



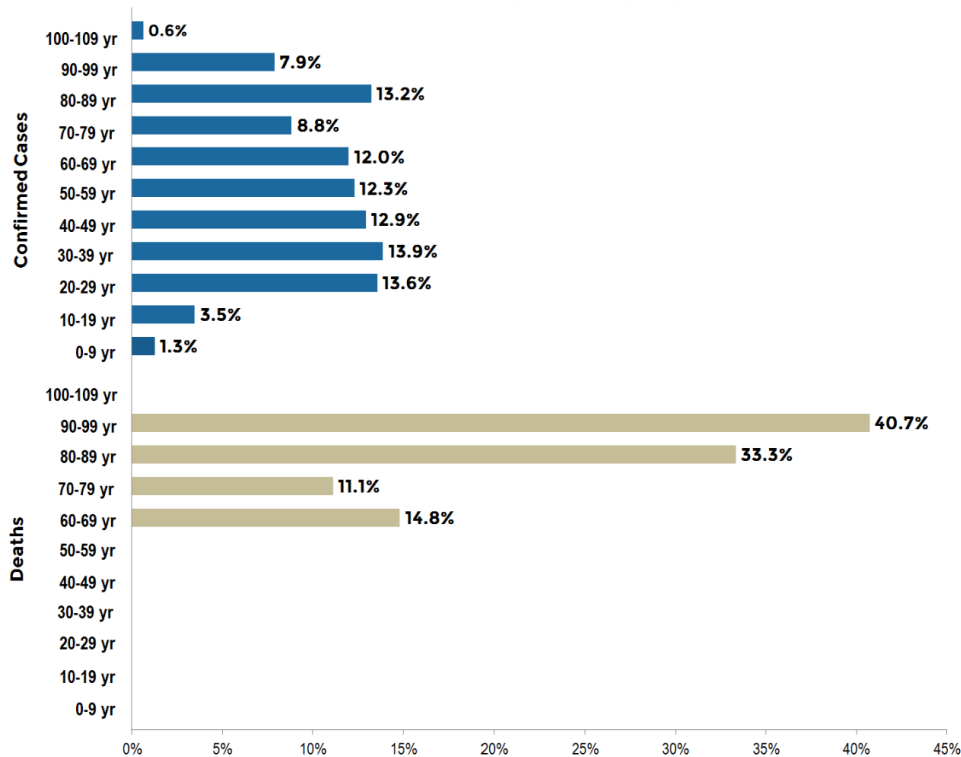
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/06/2020	326	27
05/05/2020	319	27
05/04/2020	319	27
05/03/2020	317	27*
05/02/2020	314	28

\*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

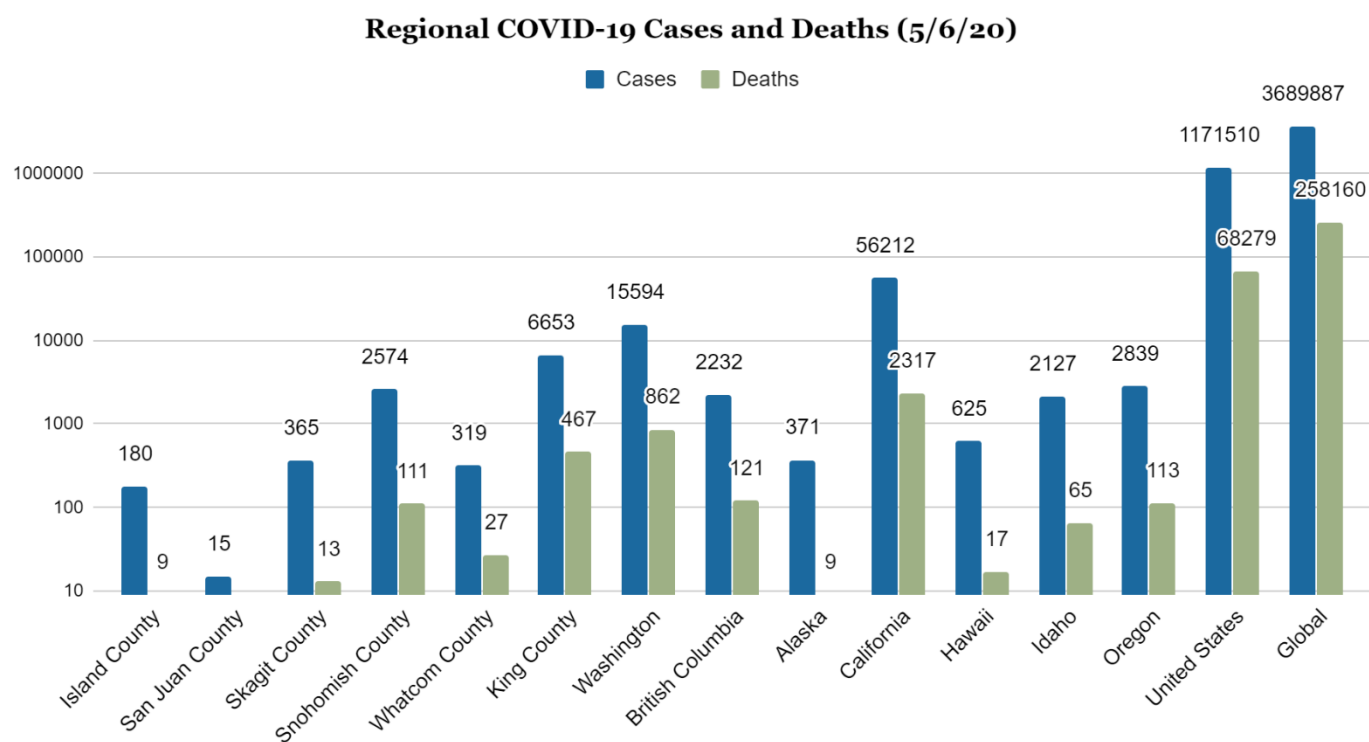
\*Daily Hospital Data for PeaceHealth St. Joseph has not been updated on the Washington State Hospital Association webpage since April 28, 2020. Whatcom Unified Command Situation Unit is working with the PeaceHealth liaison to reconcile data gap.

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	05/06/20	05/05/20	05/04/20	05/03/20	05/02/20
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

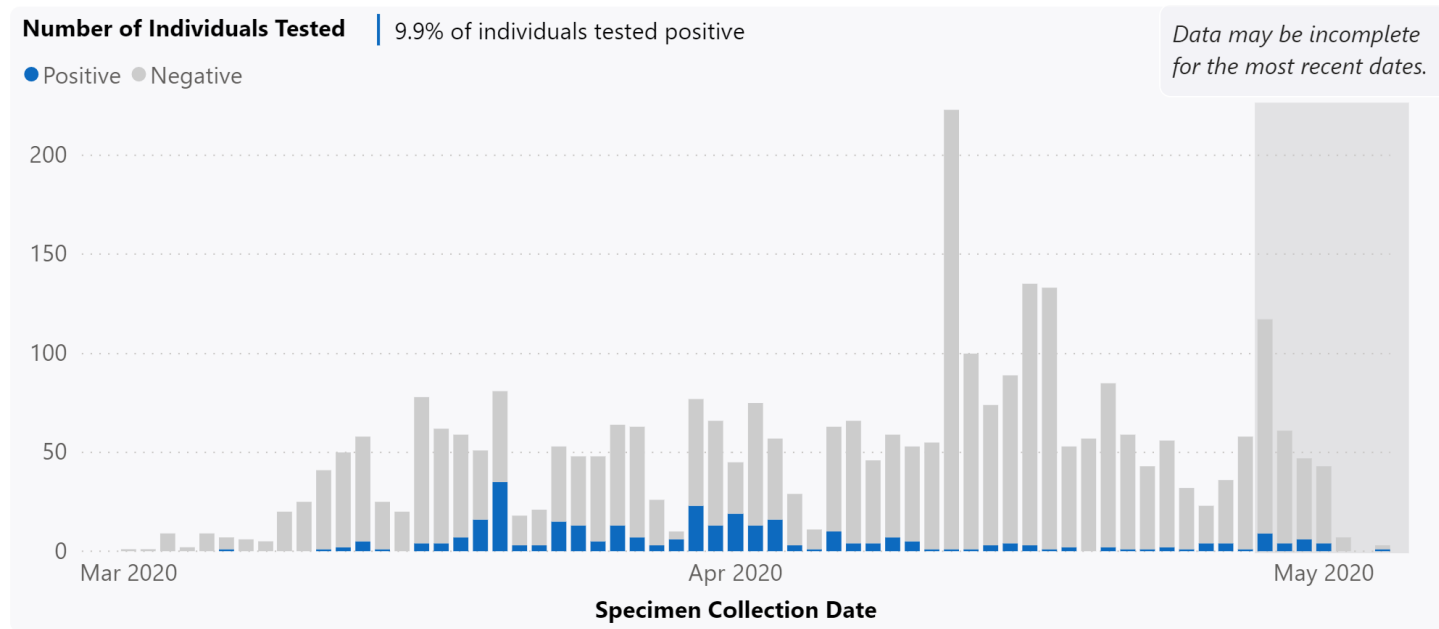
\*\*Note: Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

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

[COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region](#), Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia (as of May 6, 2020)



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

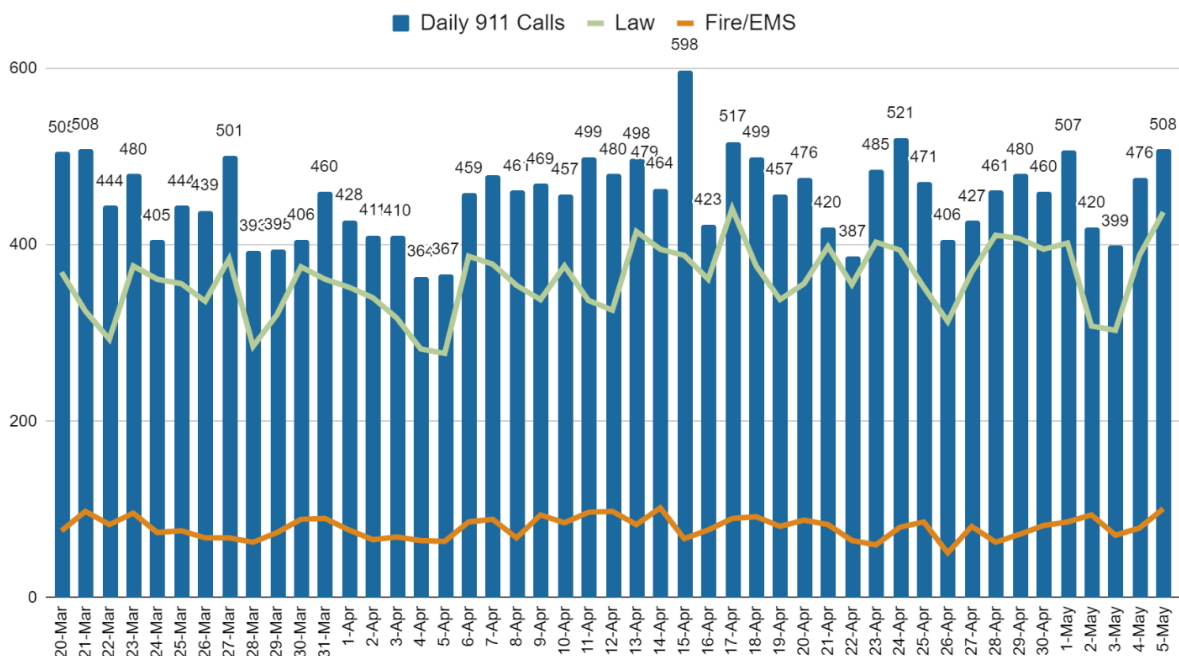


\*Graph last updated May 4, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.

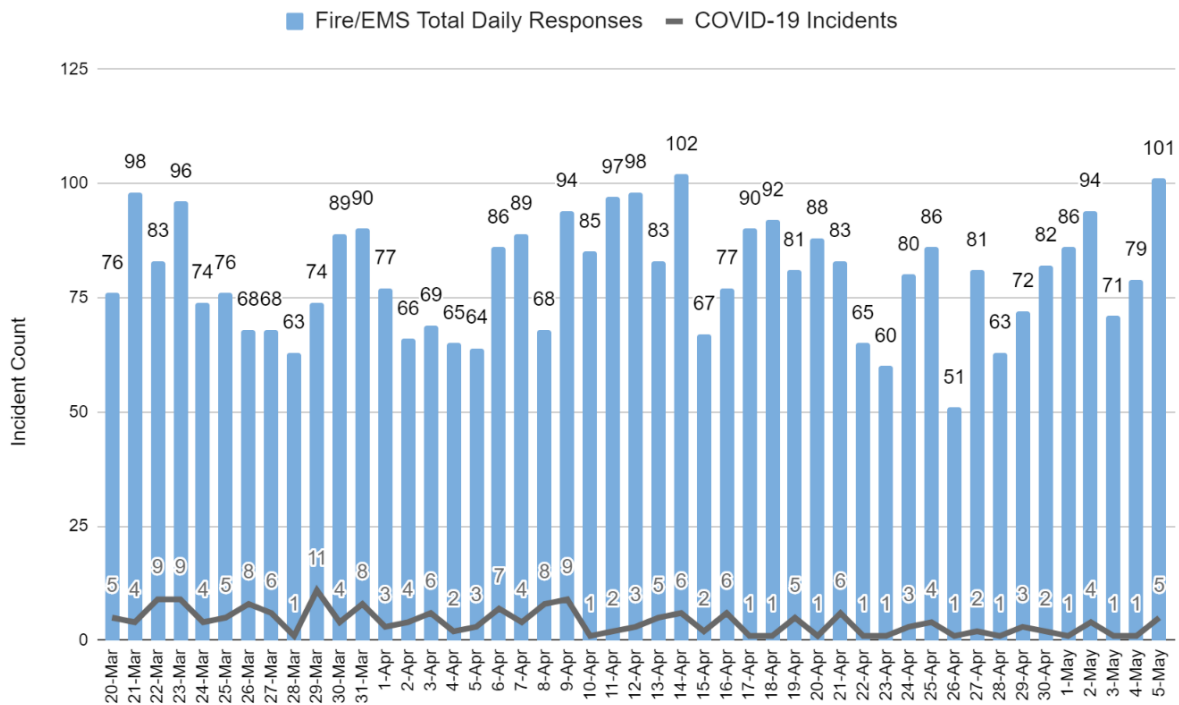
\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>

#### 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](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)
  - Sent Public Health News Flashes on:
    - Continuity of Operations at WCHD
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
  - Updated Sit Report with 5/5/20 report
  - Responded to inquiries submitted to the website
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - Phase 1 overview (5/5/20 PM)
    - Safely access routine medical care
    - Continuity of operations
  - WUC Facebook Updates
    - Census reminder
- Other
  - Edited Stay Home, Stay Healthy Q & A recordings
- Ongoing conversations with media
  - Responding to questions from various reporters

## State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: "[GOP lawmakers file federal lawsuit aimed at ending Inslee's stay-at-home order](#)" (May 5, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "[With some coronavirus restrictions lifted, Whatcom construction industry resumes slowly](#)" (May 6, 2020)
- KGMI: "[Aquatic invasive species boat inspections resume](#)" As recreation across the state begins to reopen, AIS inspections continue. An example of reopening and what that looks like. (May 6, 2020)
- My Northwest: "[Gov. Inslee introduces three advisory groups to reopen Washington State](#)". Representatives in three groups (public health & health care, safe work & economic recovery, and social support) will inform state decision making processes. (May 5, 2020)
- Seattle Times: "[As sick as you can get: How a Seattle man, hospitalized for 2 months, beat the corona virus and lived to tell about it.](#)" (May 6, 2020)
- Seattle Times: "[Nordstrom permanently closing 16 full-line stores as it adapts to coronavirus era](#)" (May 6, 2020)
- Seattle Times: "[Some tribal casinos reopen amid coronavirus pandemic, despite Washington state's stay-home order](#)". (May 5, 2020)

## National

- NPR: "[Eerie emptiness of ERs worries doctors: where are the heart attacks and strokes?](#)" (May 6, 2020)
- The Atlantic: "[What's behind South Korea's COVID-19 exceptionalism?](#)" (May 6, 2020)
- New York Times Updates May 6, 2020
  - [Trump contradicts his administration's plans to shut down the coronavirus task force.](#)
  - [A deep recession and ballooning unemployment in Europe darken the global economic picture.](#)
  - [China assails United States over Wuhan lab leak allegations.](#)
  - [As the push to reopen the economy continues, new reports illustrate a fragmented federal response.](#)
  - [Comparing recent deaths to historical figures hints at the real toll in each U.S. state.](#)
  - [Read this Times investigation: Jared Kushner's volunteer force prioritized medical supplies from Trump allies.](#)

- [Churches consider how they can restart services.](#)

### Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives.
- 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 developments relating to Public Health Advisory Board's Reopening Task Force.
- Communicate about importance and reliability issues of antibody testing.
- Provide connections for survivors of domestic violence.

## 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://hawaiicovid19.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, and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.

### OPERATIONS

2. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

### PLANNING

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

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Incident Command

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