

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200511.1	DATE: 5/11/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 11	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

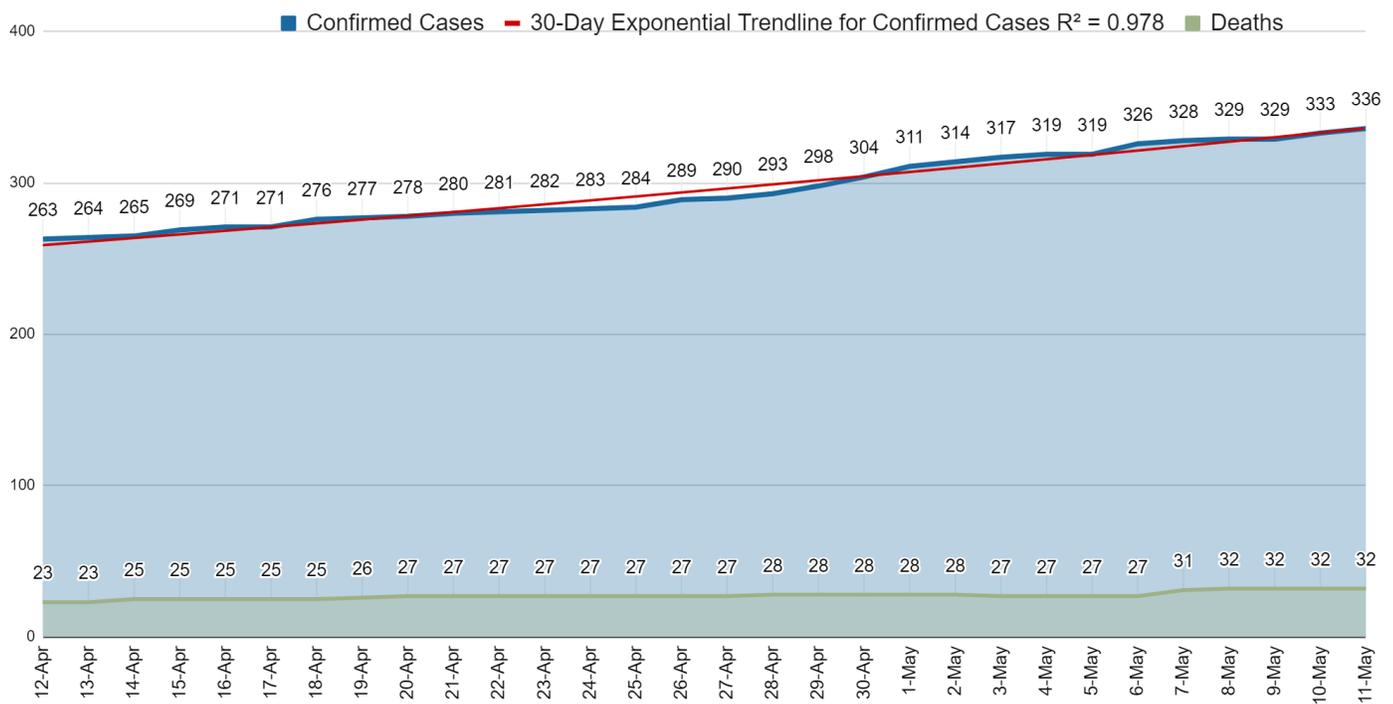
ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 8am – 5pm
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GENERAL SITUATION

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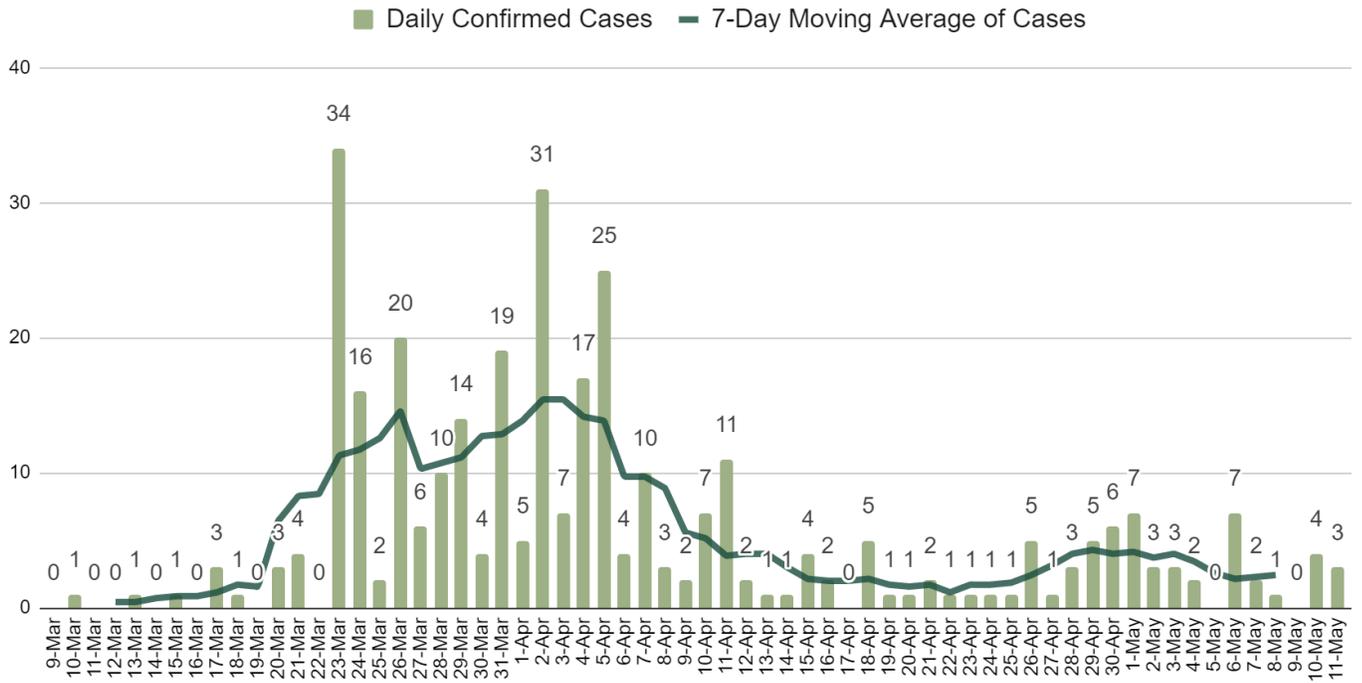
WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

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



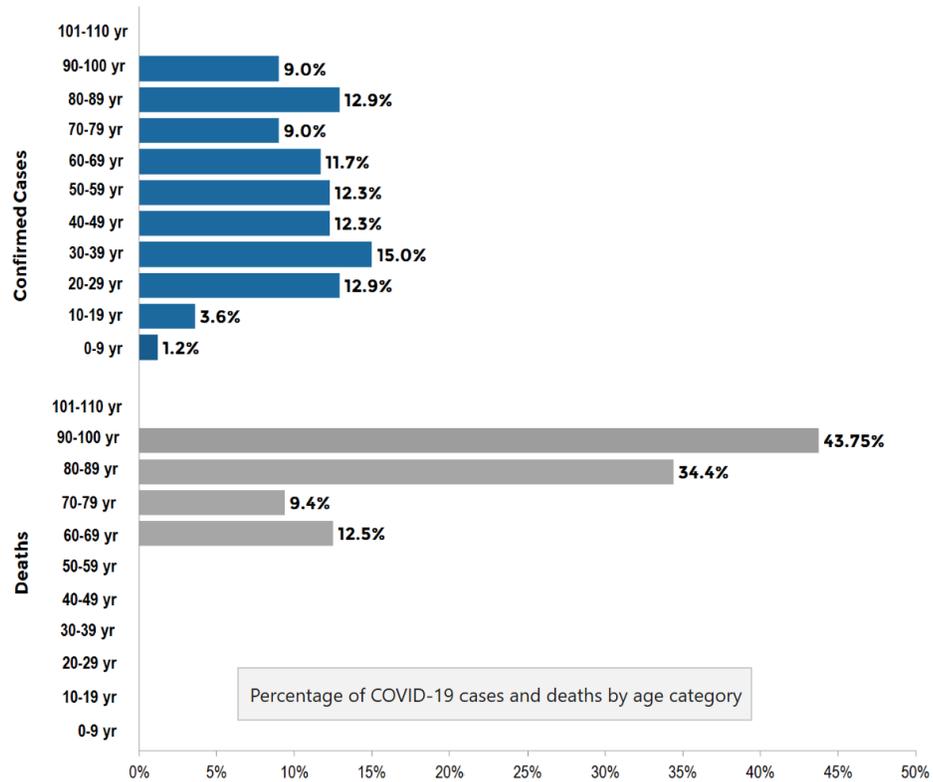
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/11/2020	336	32
05/10/2020	333	32
05/09/2020	329	32
05/08/2020	329	32
05/07/2020	328	31

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



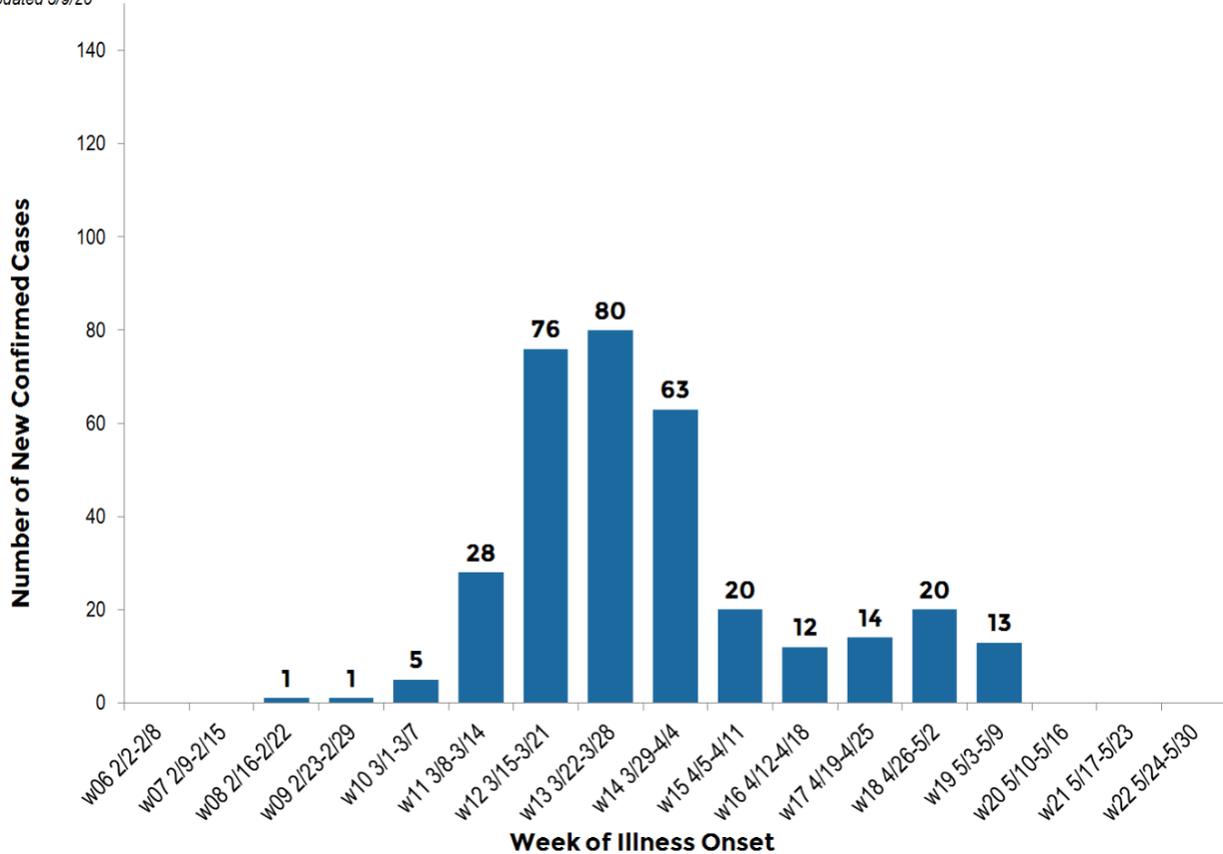
Percentage of Confirmed Cases And Deaths by Age Category

Updated 5/9/20



Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Whatcom County, by Week

Updated 5/9/20



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

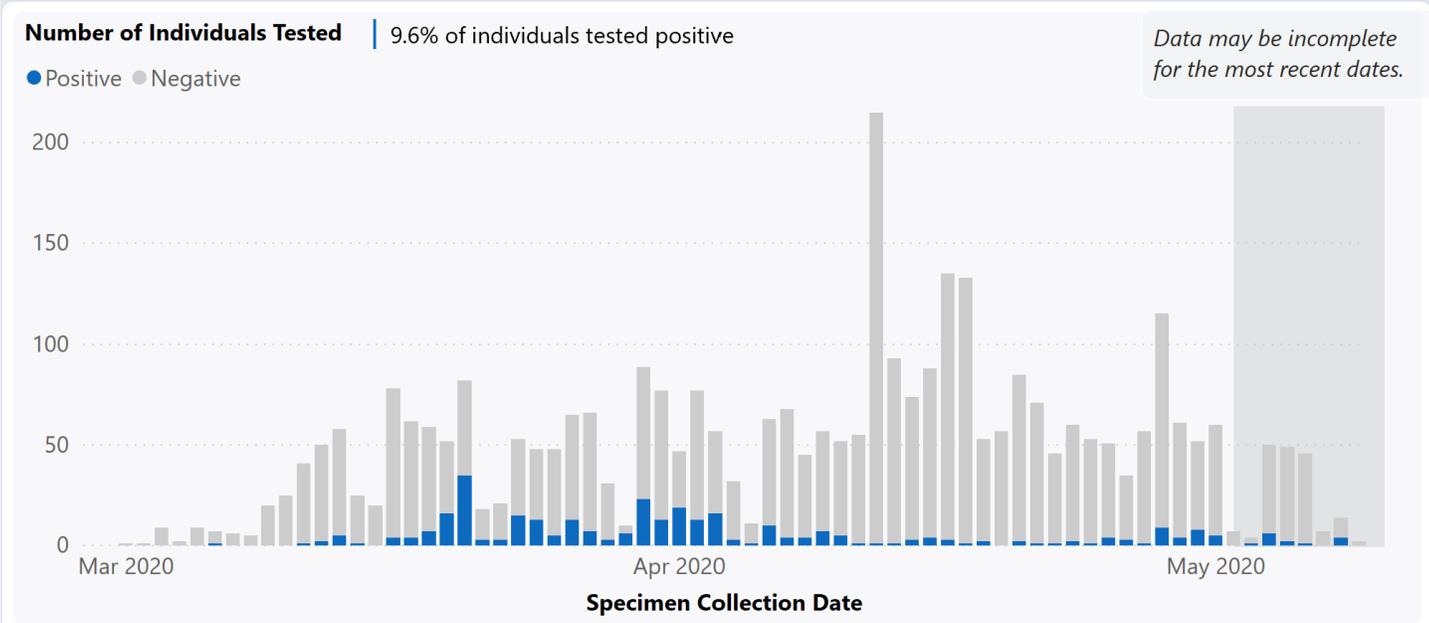
*PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center data is not updated on the Washington State Hospital Association webpage during the weekends. Updated numbers will be provided May 12, 2020.

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	05/08/20	05/07/20	05/06/20	05/05/20	05/04/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	139	139	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A
Total Beds Available	93	93	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

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

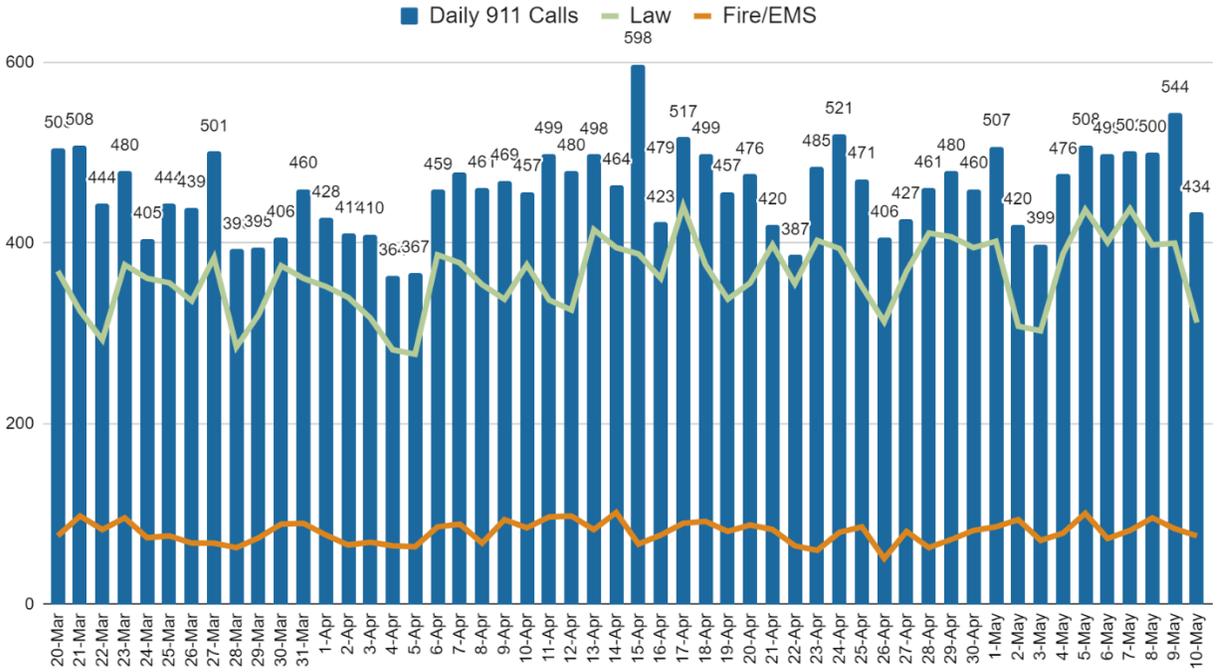
**Source: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Washington State Hospital Association

Graph depicting "Regional COVID-19 Total Case and Death Counts" from data provided by the Washington State Department of Health and other regional health agencies will be updated on Tuesdays due to lag time in data collection over the weekends.

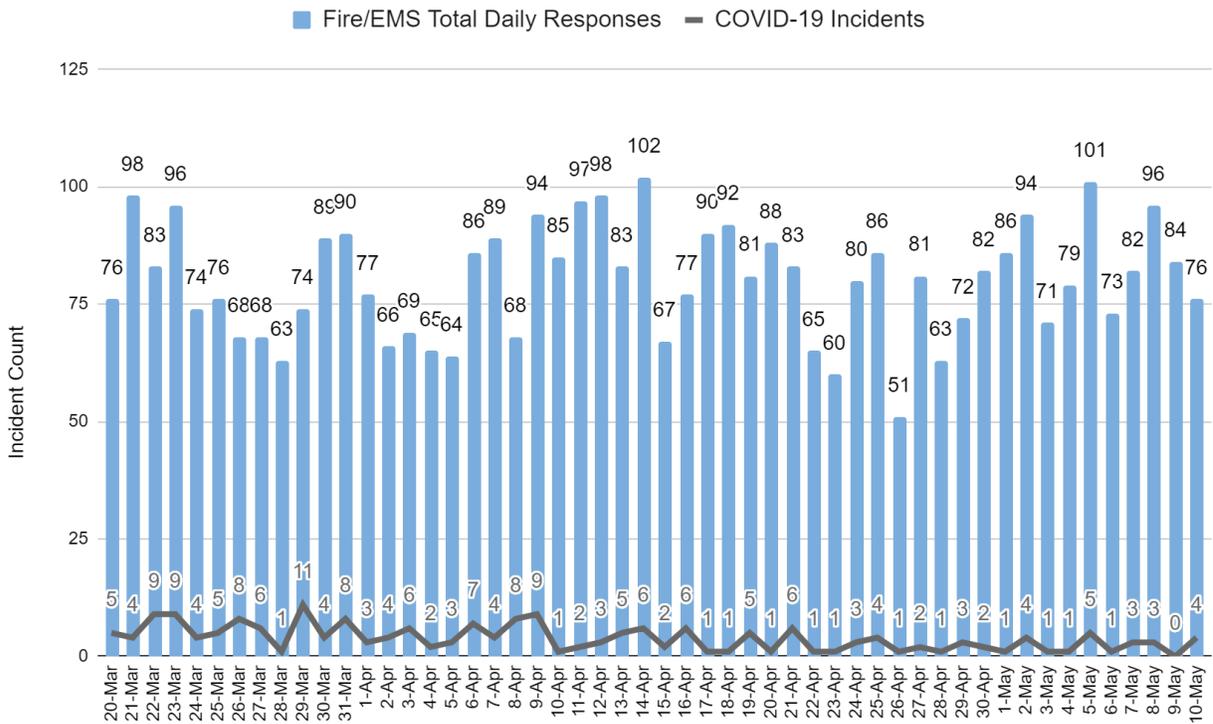


*Graph last updated May 9, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.
 **Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>

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
- [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>

- Washington State Department of Health provides guidance on wearing cloth face coverings <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf>
- [Governor's phased approach](#)

JIC Updates

- WCHD Website www.whatcomcounty.us/covid
 - Updated fact sheets & FAQs with fact sheet for case contact investigation
 - Sent Public Health News Flashes on:
 - Weekly data update (5/11)
 - Becoming a parent during COVID-19 Pandemic (5/10)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Updated Sit Report with 5/8/20 report
 - Page maintenance & information additions
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Keep routine immunizations
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Safe Start approach
- Press Releases
 - Whatcom County Provides Relief for Food Establishments by Extending Permit Expiration Dates
- Other
 - Edited Stay Home, Stay Healthy Q & A recordings
- Ongoing conversations with media
 - Responding to questions from various reporters

State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: "[Bellingham teachers still adapting to online ed, trying hard to keep kids involved](#)" (May, 11, 2020)
- Seattle Times: "[King County to issue new directives on face coverings](#)" (May 11, 2020)

National

- Nature: "[Coronavirus research updates: high risk of COVID-19 death for minority ethnic groups is a troubling mystery](#)" (May 11, 2020)
- Native News: "[Oglala Sioux Tribe Is 'Ready To Stand Against Foreign Intrusion'](#)" (May 11, 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 and progression of phased reopening.
- Communicate changes in Stay Home, Stay Healthy order as they are made public.
- Keep public updated on Public Health Advisory Board's Reopening Task Force.

- Publish Q&A video segments from local experts about Stay Home, Stay Healthy and transitioning through Governor Inslee’s phased approach to reopenings.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 11

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. Providing support and supplies to Byron Avenue I/Q Facility.
2. Continuing to expand sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.
3. Finalizing operations for new hand-sewn mask donation site at the Whatcom County Courthouse.

OPERATIONS

1. Initiated operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q Facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine.

PLANNING

1. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

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 Situation Unit

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 Incident Command

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