

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200513.1	DATE: 5/13/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 11	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

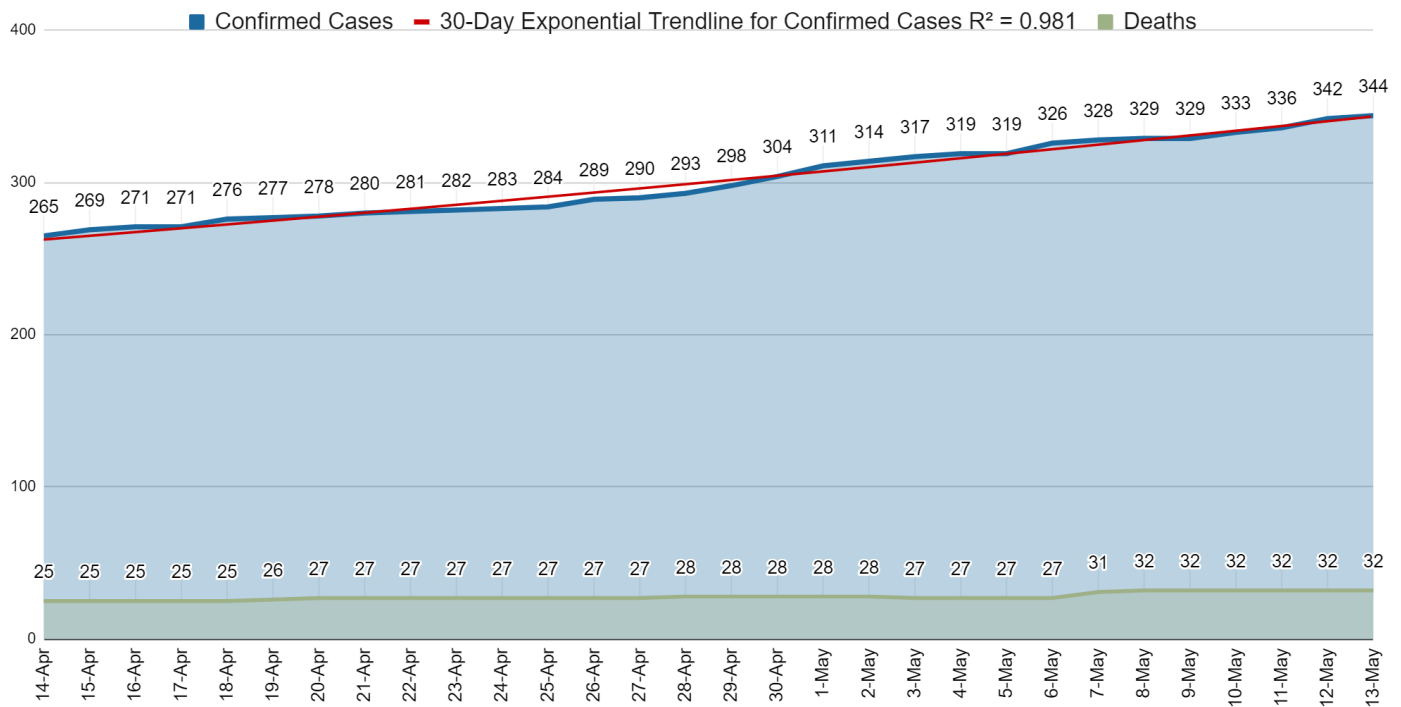
ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 8am – 5pm
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GENERAL SITUATION

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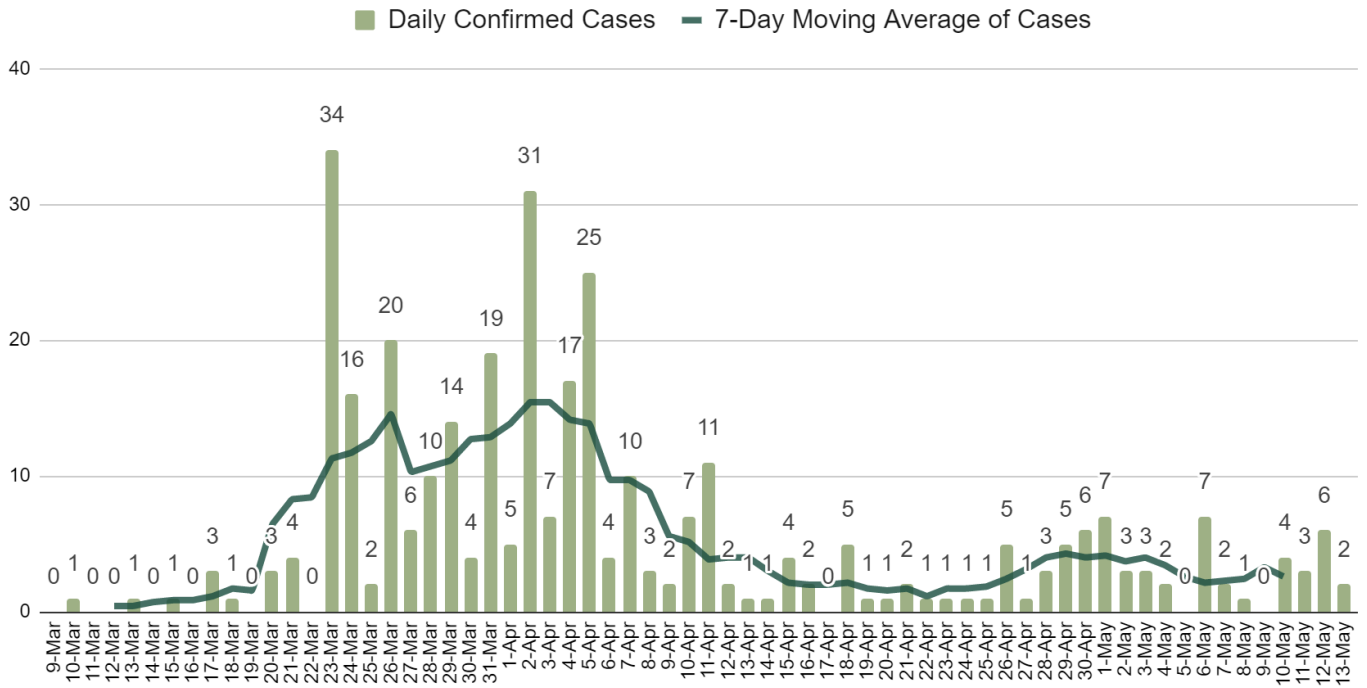
WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

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



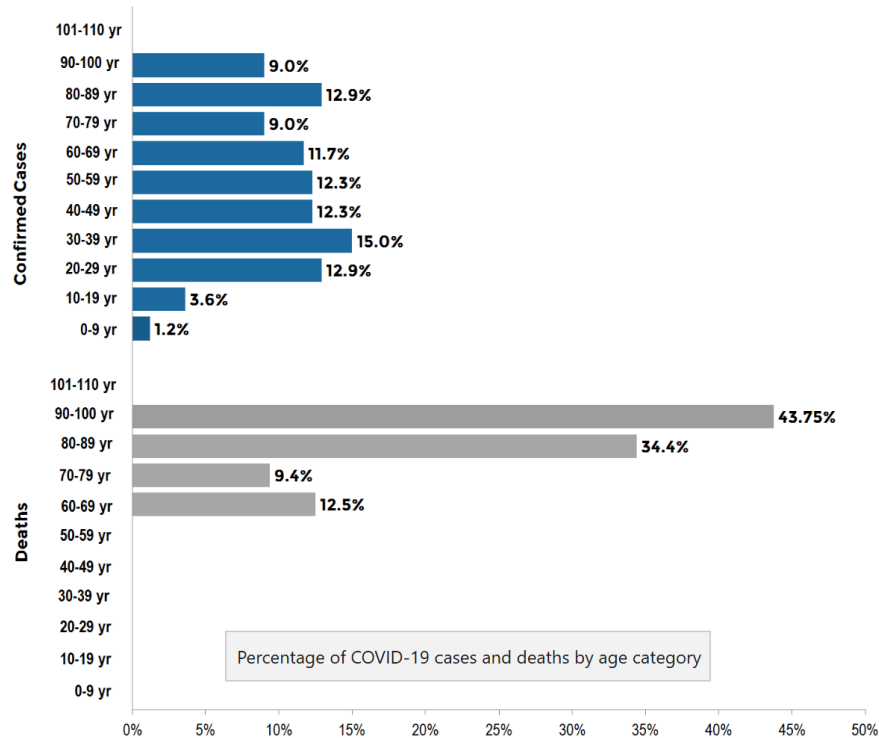
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/13/2020	344	32
05/12/2020	342	32
05/11/2020	336	32
05/10/2020	333	32
05/09/2020	329	32

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



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

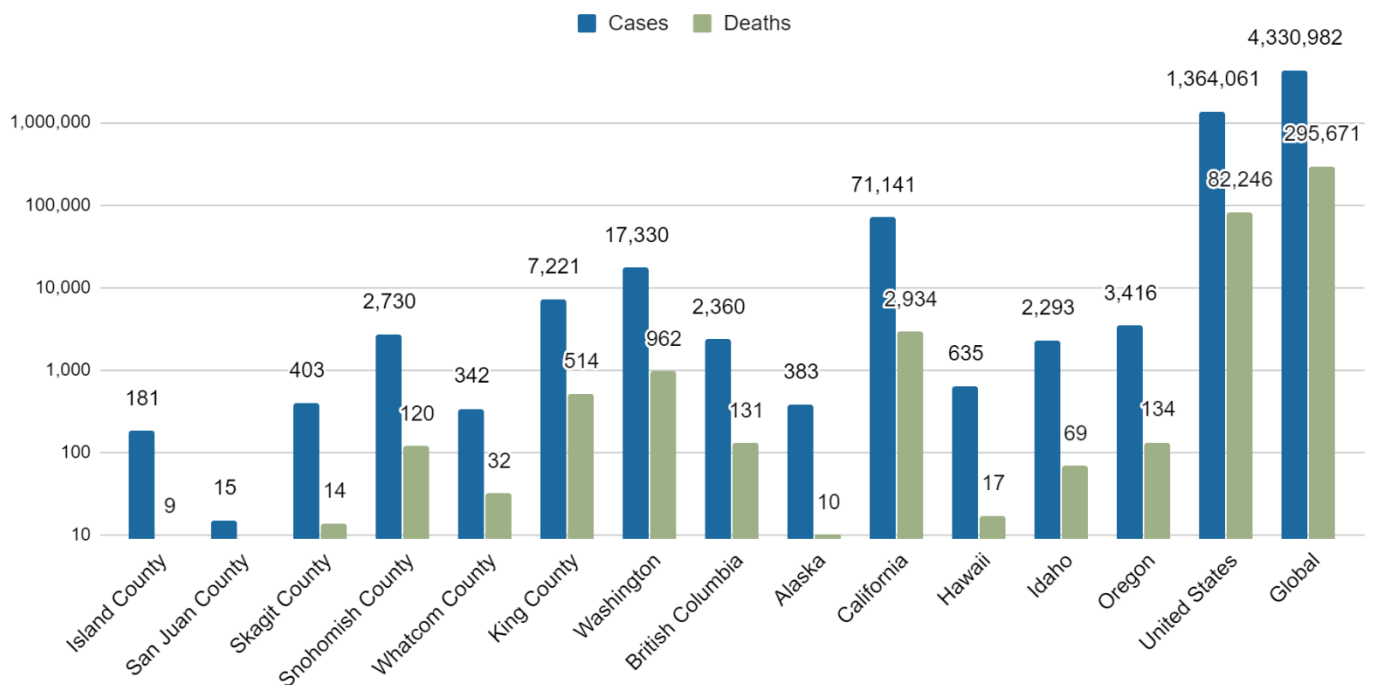
INTELLIGENCE REPORT

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	05/12/20	05/11/20	05/10/20	05/09/20	05/08/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	166	162	162	162	162
Total Beds Available	66	70	70	70	70
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

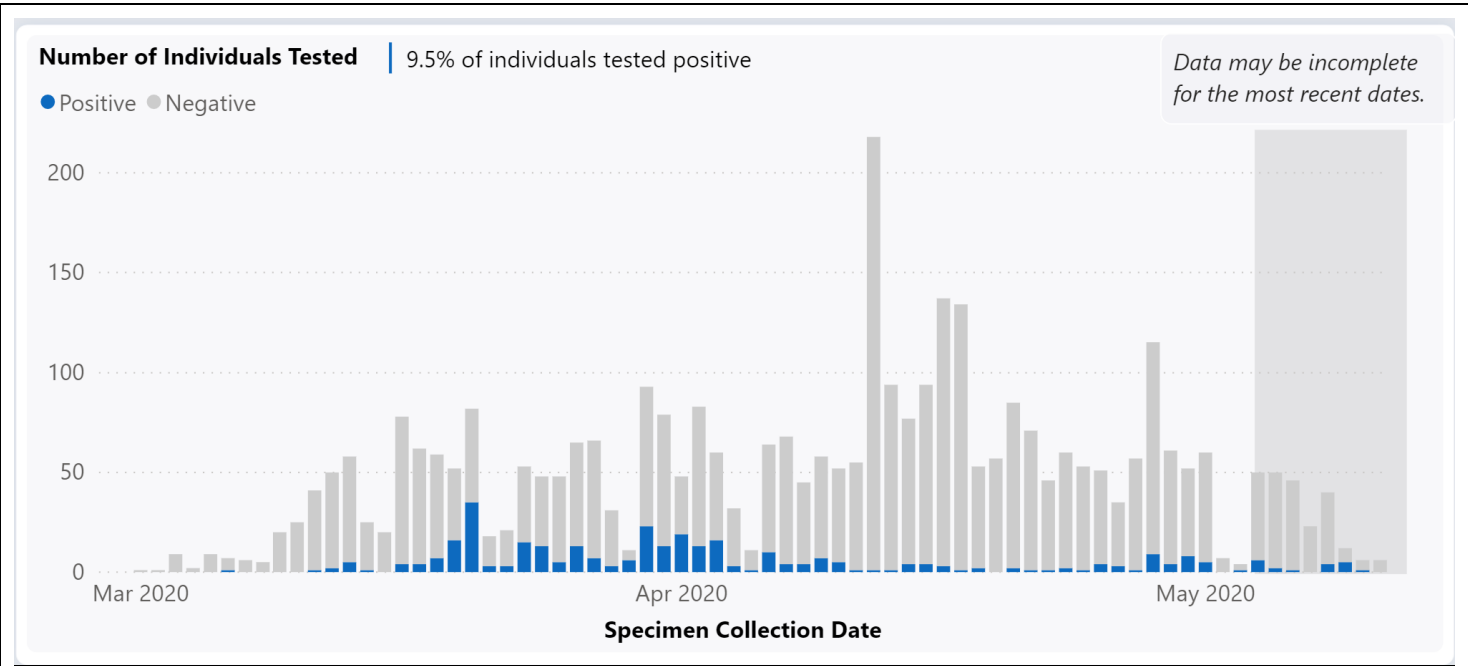
*Note: Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

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

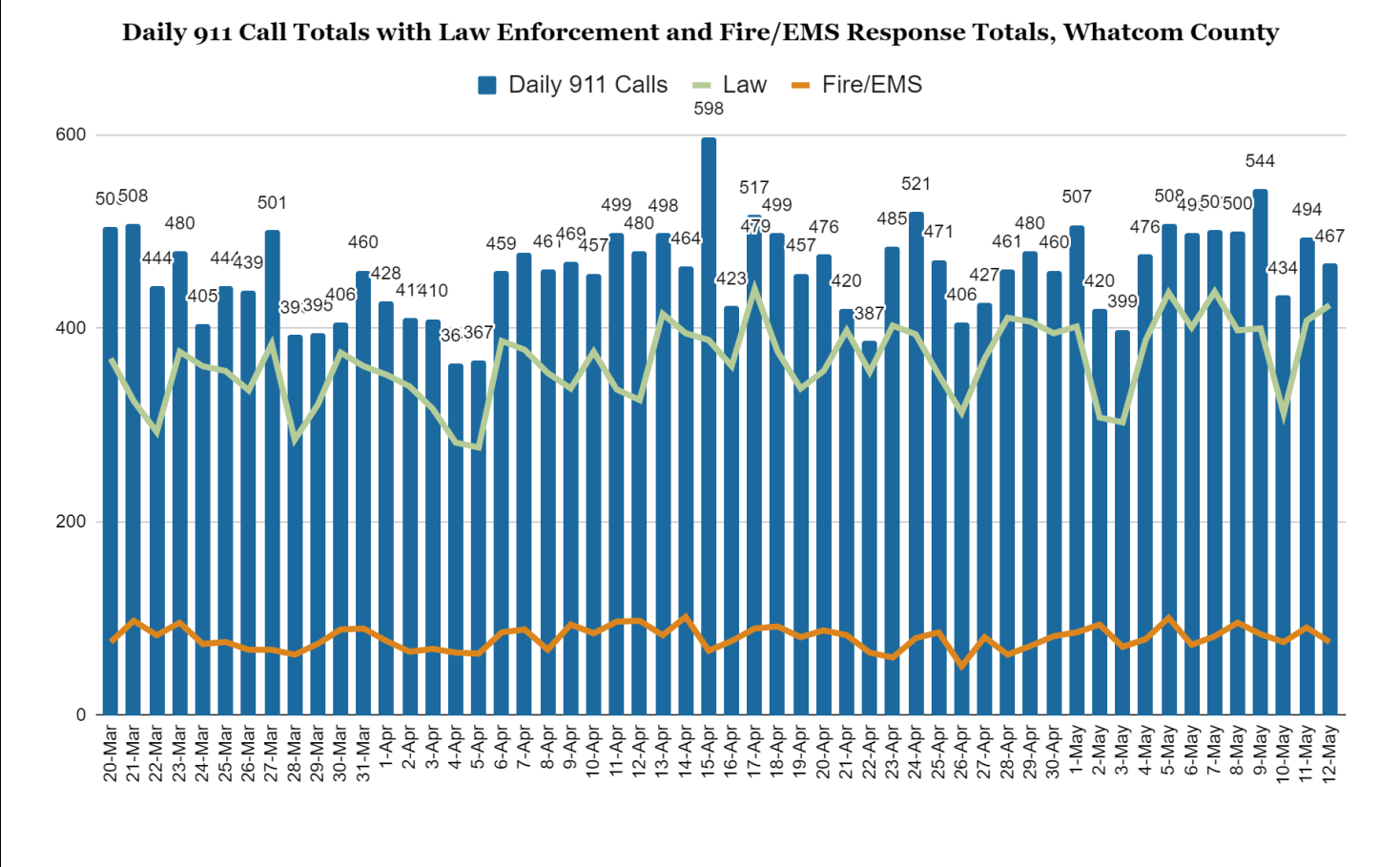
Regional COVID-19 Cases and Deaths (Data Compiled 5/13/20)



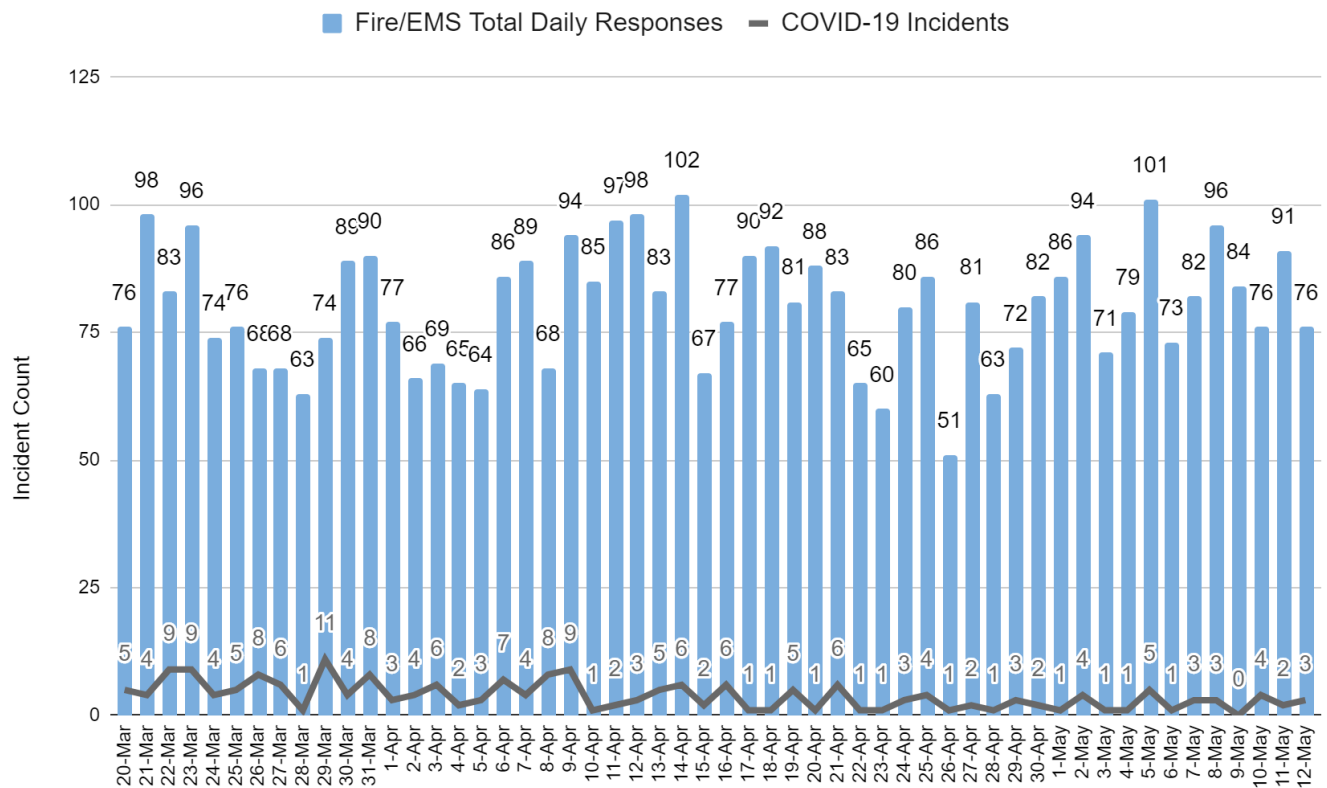
*Data is compiled from various regional health agencies. Each agency updates their data at different times daily, and the chart is intended to be a general snapshot of numbers. Actual numbers may vary and are dependent on when the data was reported by the agency and collected for this report.



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



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
 - Sent Public Health News Flashes on:
 - COVID-19 Employer Task Force
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Updated Sit Report with 5/12/20 report
 - Page maintenance & information additions
 - Responded to website inquiries
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - COVID-19 Employer Task Force notice
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Keep up healthy habits (5/12)
 - Spanish language Stay Home, Stay Healthy PSA from WCHD staff
- Other
 - Ongoing conversations with media/reporters

State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: "[Coronavirus updates: Inslee announces contact tracing initiative](#)" (May 13, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "[Small classes. Masks. Limits on visitors as Western plans for students' return in fall](#)" (May 13, 2020)
- MYNorthwest: "[Live updates: WA unemployment office asks public to slow calls while it clears backlog](#)" (May 13, 2020)
- Go Skagit: "[Chorale COVID-19 cases subject of national report](#)" (May 12, 2020)

National

- NPR: "[Dr. Fauci warns states not to jump over guidelines to reopening](#)" (May 12, 2020)
- CNN: "[Airlines are having trouble enforcing their face mask policies](#)" (May 13, 2020)
- The Washington Post: "[Children are falling ill with perplexing inflammatory syndrome thought to be linked to covid-19](#)" (May 13, 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 and overseeing operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q Facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine.
2. Continuing weekly food distributions in coordination with the food banks and other related organizations.
3. Coordinating food deliveries to approximately 1000 homes in the county.
4. Monitoring county childcare needs and capacity within the open facilities.

PLANNING

1. Continuing surge planning.
2. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.
3. Continuing development of a remobilization plan for Unified Command.

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Incident Command

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