

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



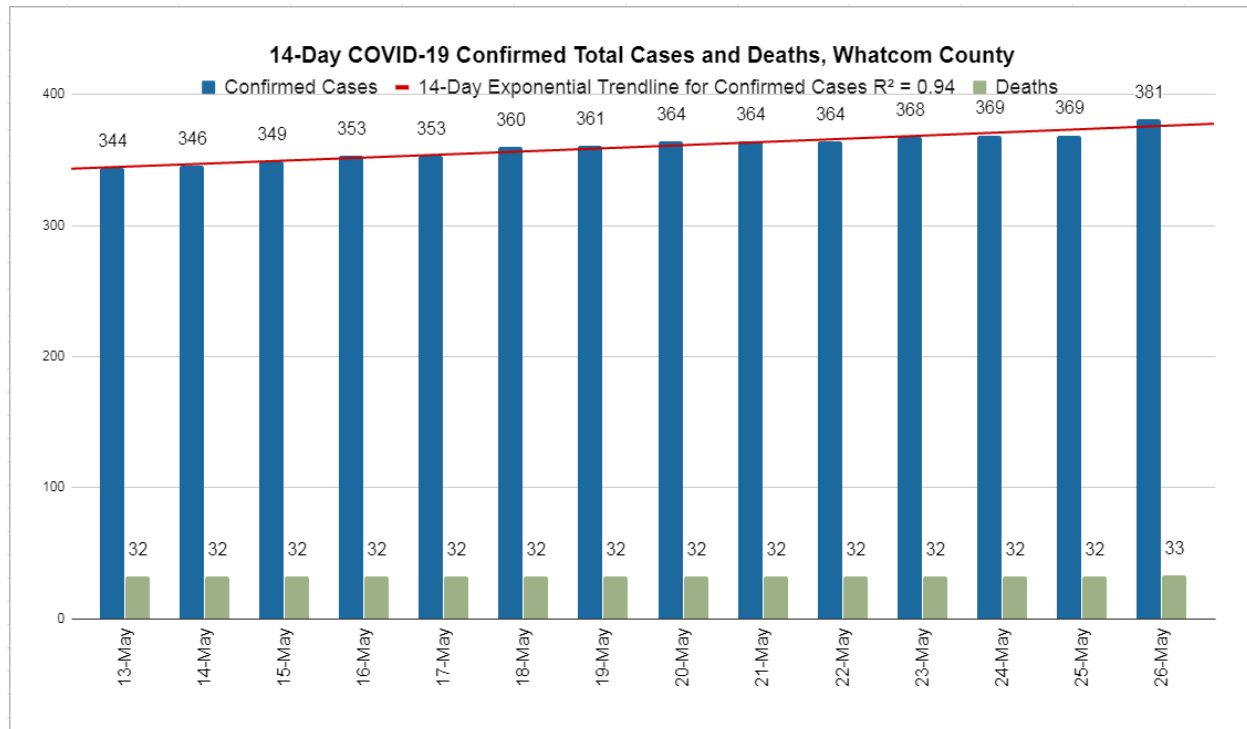
REPORT #: 20200526.1	DATE: 5/26/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 12	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

ACTIVATION: Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	ACTIVATION STATUS: Partial	HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
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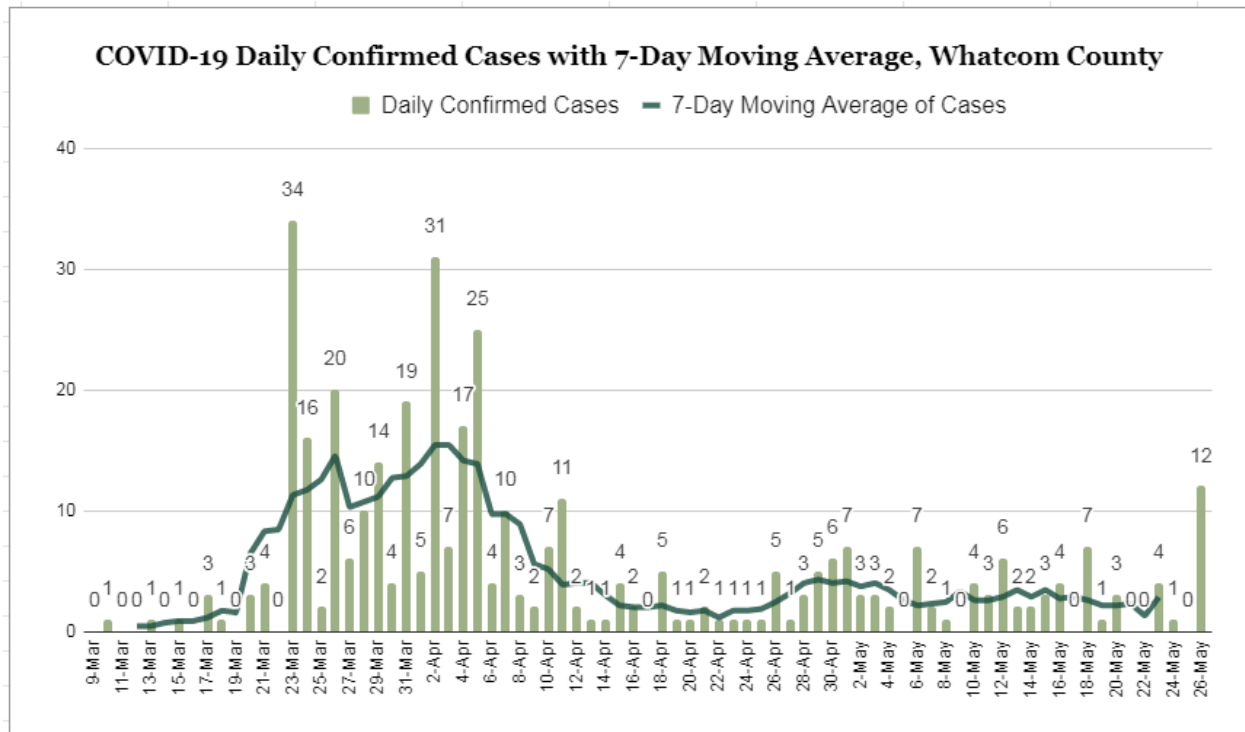
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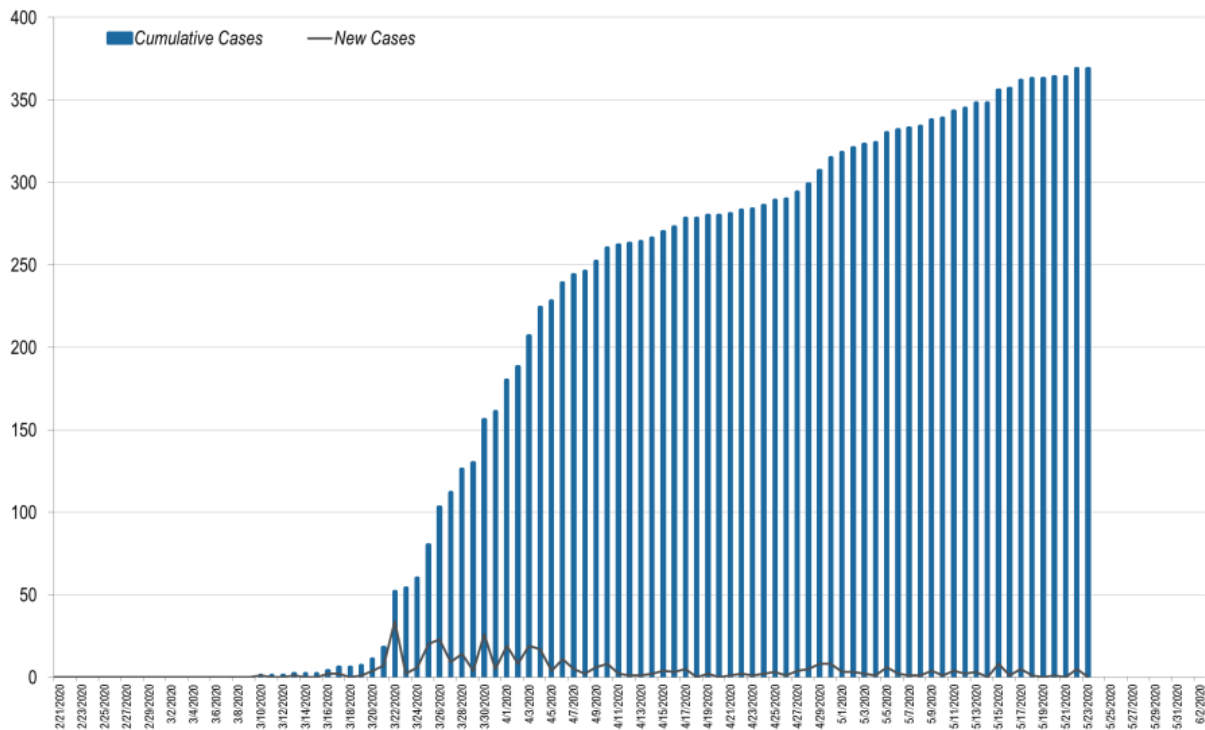


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/26/2020	381	33
*05/25/2020	-	-
05/24/2020	369	32
05/23/2020	368	32
05/22/2020	364	32

*Confirmed cases and deaths were not reported on 05/25/2020 due to observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

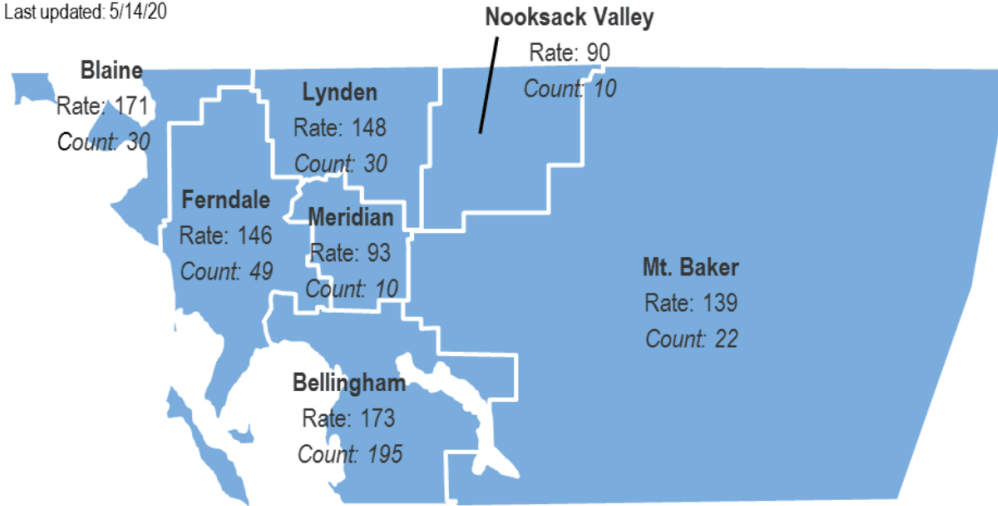


Cumulative Count of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Whatcom County, by Day



Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Whatcom County, by School District

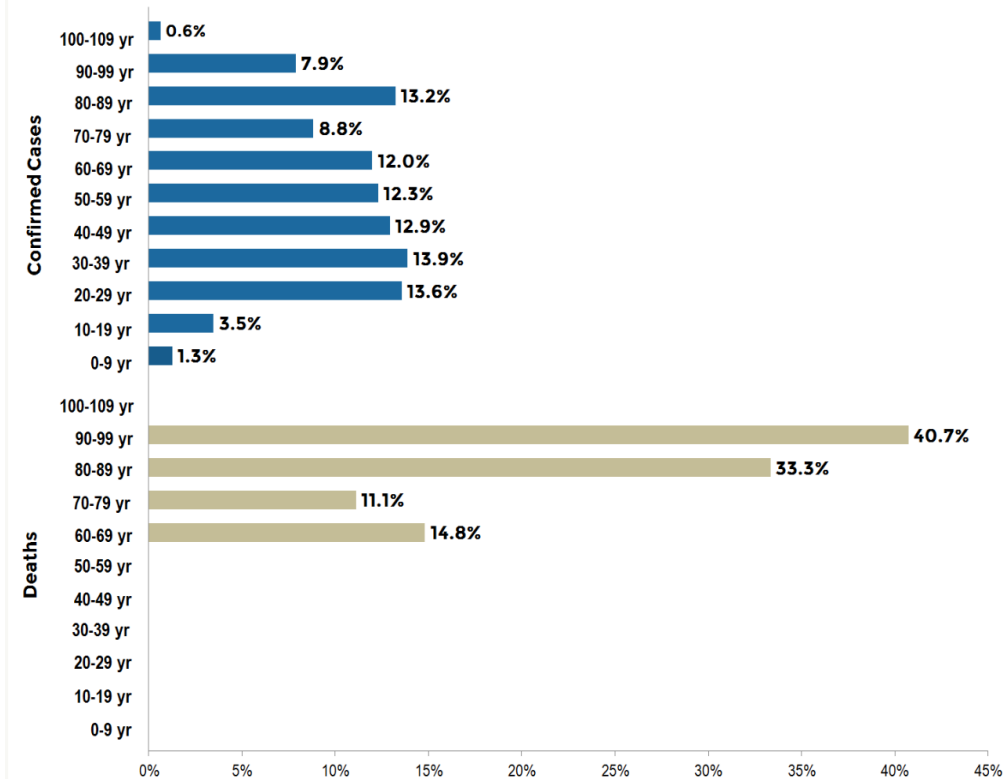
Last updated: 5/14/20



Rate: Confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents

Count: Cumulative cases of COVID-19

Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category



*Source: Whatcom County Health Department: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3329/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Current PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center data will be updated as it becomes available.

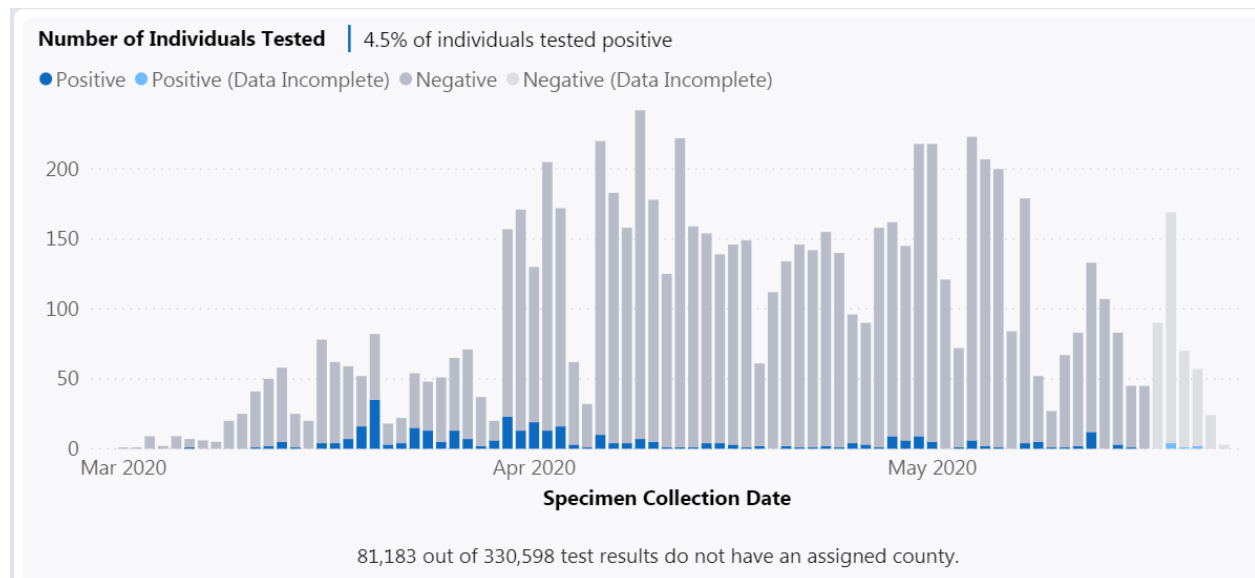
PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	05/14/20	05/13/20	05/12/20	05/11/20	05/10/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	165	167	166	162	162
Total Beds Available	67	65	66	70	70
Total Ventilators Available	43	43	43	43	43

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

**Source: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Washington State Hospital Association as of May 15, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

***PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center is one of multiple facilities that monitor and treat confirmed and/or suspected COVID cases in the County.

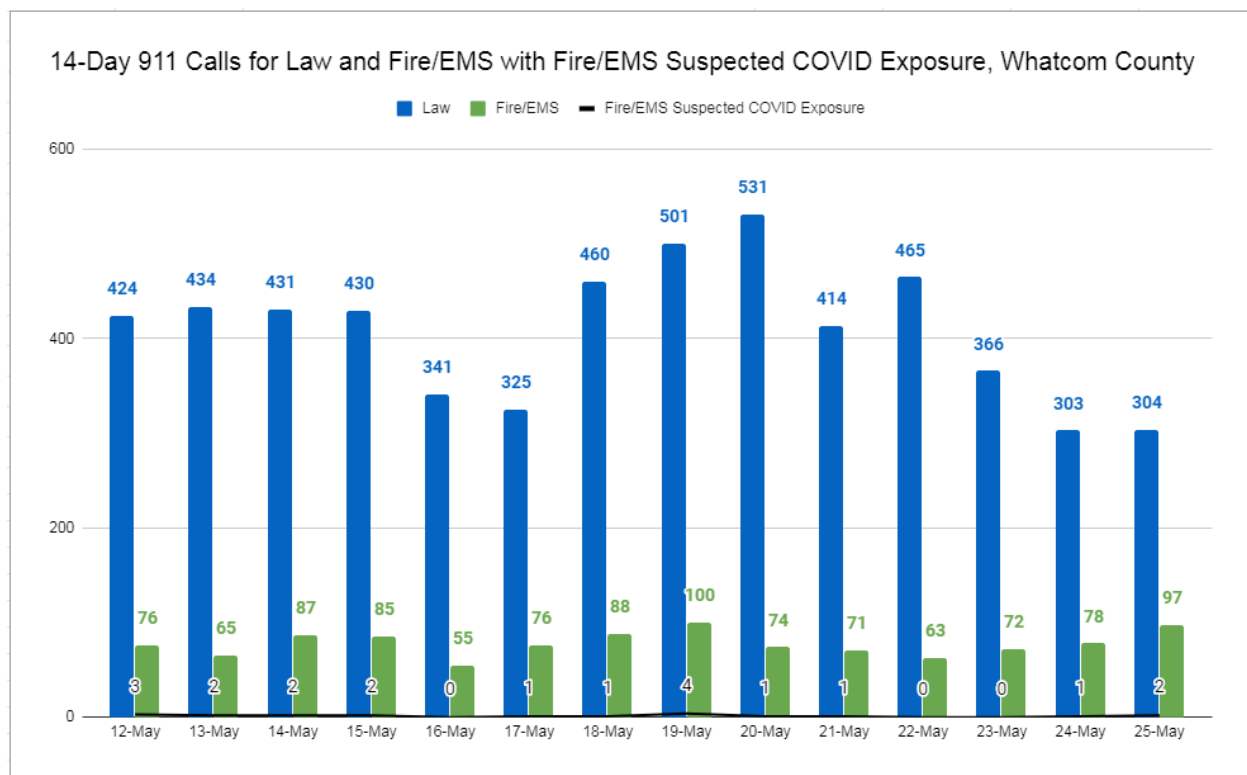
WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED



*Whatcom County data as of May 24, 2020 11:59 PM

**Source: Washington State Department of Health

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



*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 case numbers and weekly data
 - Updated documents to reflect current guidance
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Updated resources page
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - We're hiring!
 - Phase 1
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Video PSA: Testing
 - Phase 1
- Other
 - Attended Border Task Force meeting
 - Attended COVID-19 Response Update Telebriefing hosted by DOH
 - Ongoing conversations with media/reporters

State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: [The state wants to increase COVID-19 testing to reopen. What that could mean in Whatcom](#) - May 24, 2020
- Seattle Times: [White House goal on testing nursing homes unmet](#) - May 24, 2020

National

- Los Angeles Times: [With Masks, temperature checks and anxiety, California's retail economy gingerly reopens](#) - May 22, 2020
- NPR: [From Camping To Dining Out: Here's How Experts Rate The Risks Of 14 Summer Activities](#) - May 24, 2020
- CNN: [4 reasons why the rush to reopen churches goes beyond politics](#) - May 24, 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 expectations for 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.
- Provided further encouragement and direction on mask use and information about masks.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 12

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://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. Continuing to provide support and supplies to Byron Avenue I/Q Facility.
2. Continuing to research and identify additional I/Q facilities for surge planning.
3. Continuing to research and compile sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.
4. Conducting outreach to businesses and facilities in Whatcom County to understand and plan for future PPE needs in the community.
5. Continuing to support Drop-In Center.

OPERATIONS

1. Assessing need for face coverings for vulnerable populations in Whatcom County, and determining a plan for addressing that need.

2. Continuing operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q Facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, two rooms are occupied.
3. Conducting site research and planning for a new, temporary Drop-In Center for transitioning from current location at Bellingham High.
4. Continuing to monitor and assess county childcare needs and capacity within the open facilities and inform the public of options.

PLANNING

1. Supporting Unified Command meetings.
2. Continuing surge planning.
3. Finalizing demobilization plan for Unified Command.
4. Developing remobilization plan for Unified Command.

REPORT PREPARED BY:
Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:
Incident Command

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05/26/20

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