

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200529.1	DATE: 5/29/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 12	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

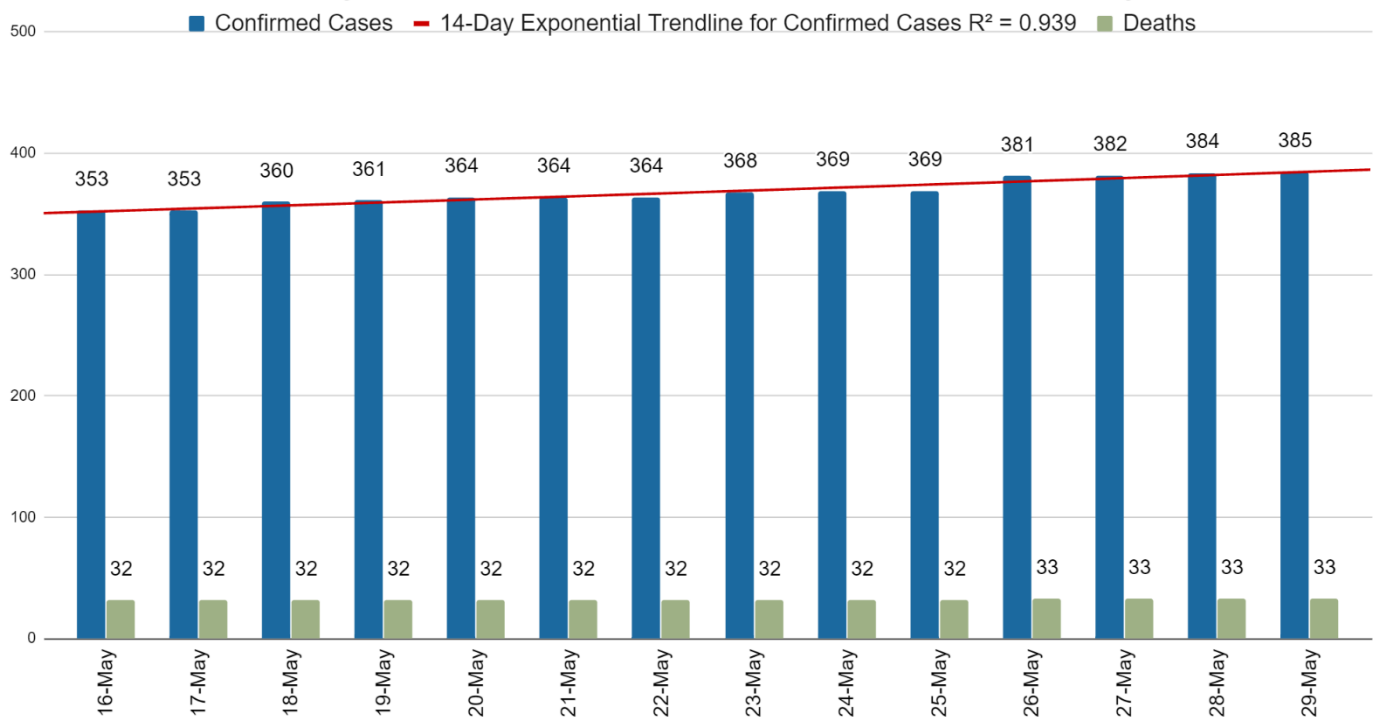
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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

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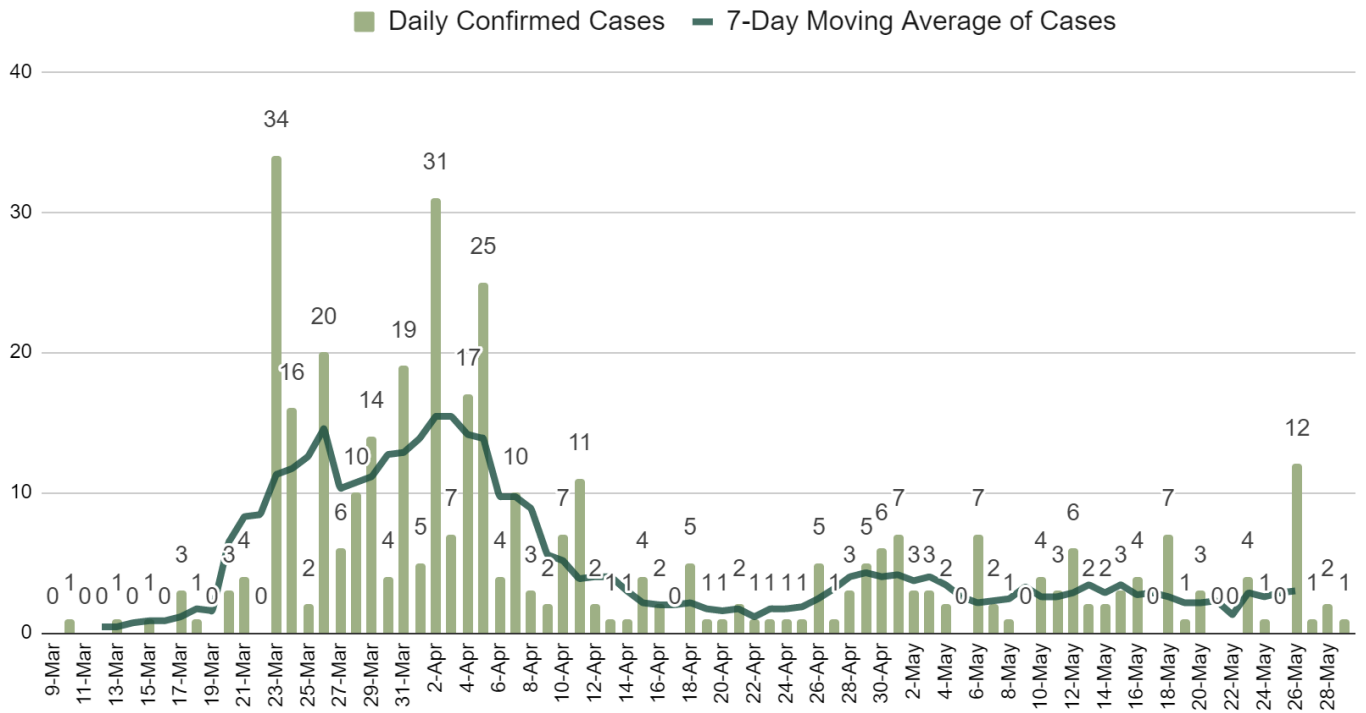
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



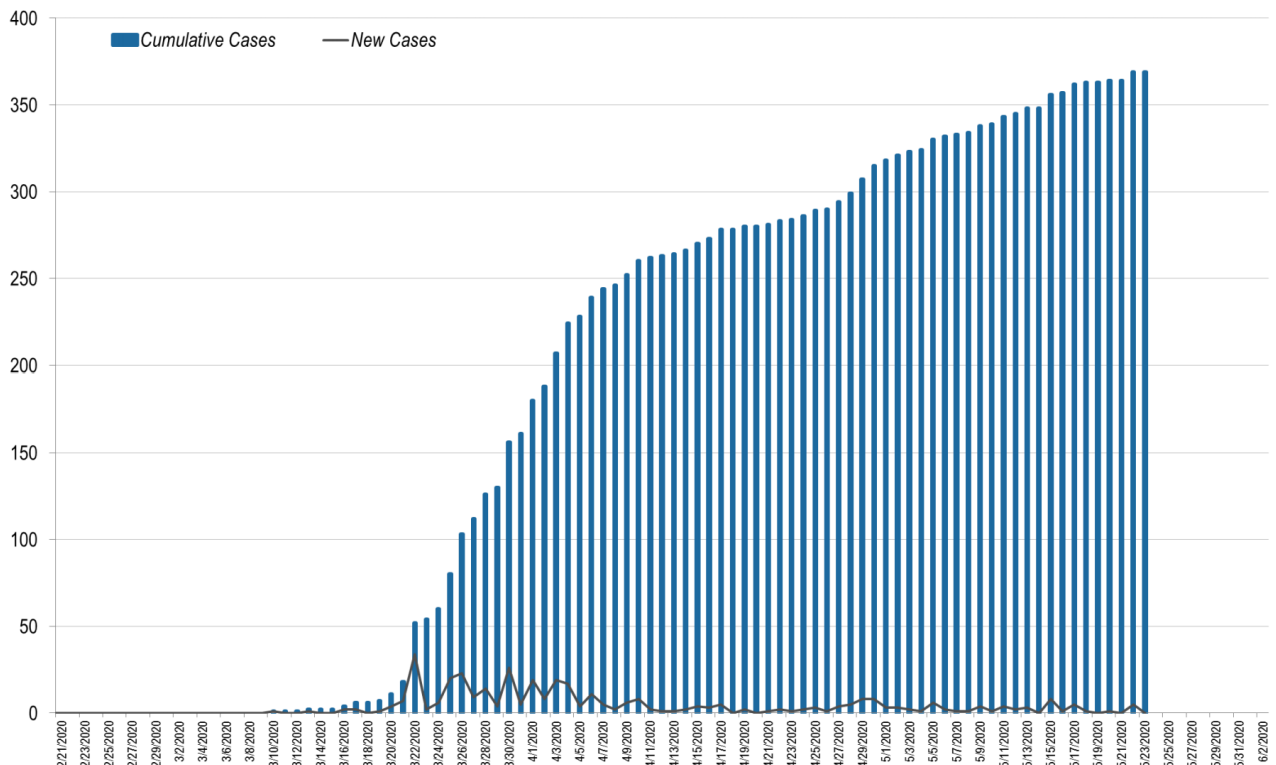
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
05/29/2020	385	33
05/28/2020	384	33
05/27/2020	382	33
05/26/2020	381	33
*05/25/2020	-	-

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

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

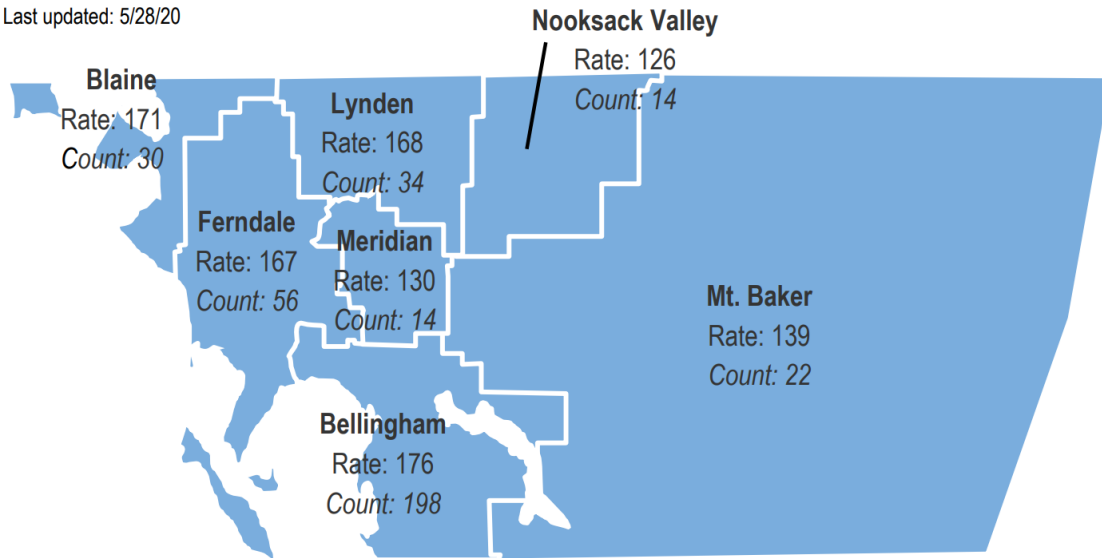


Cumulative Count of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Whatcom County, by Day



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

Last updated: 5/28/20

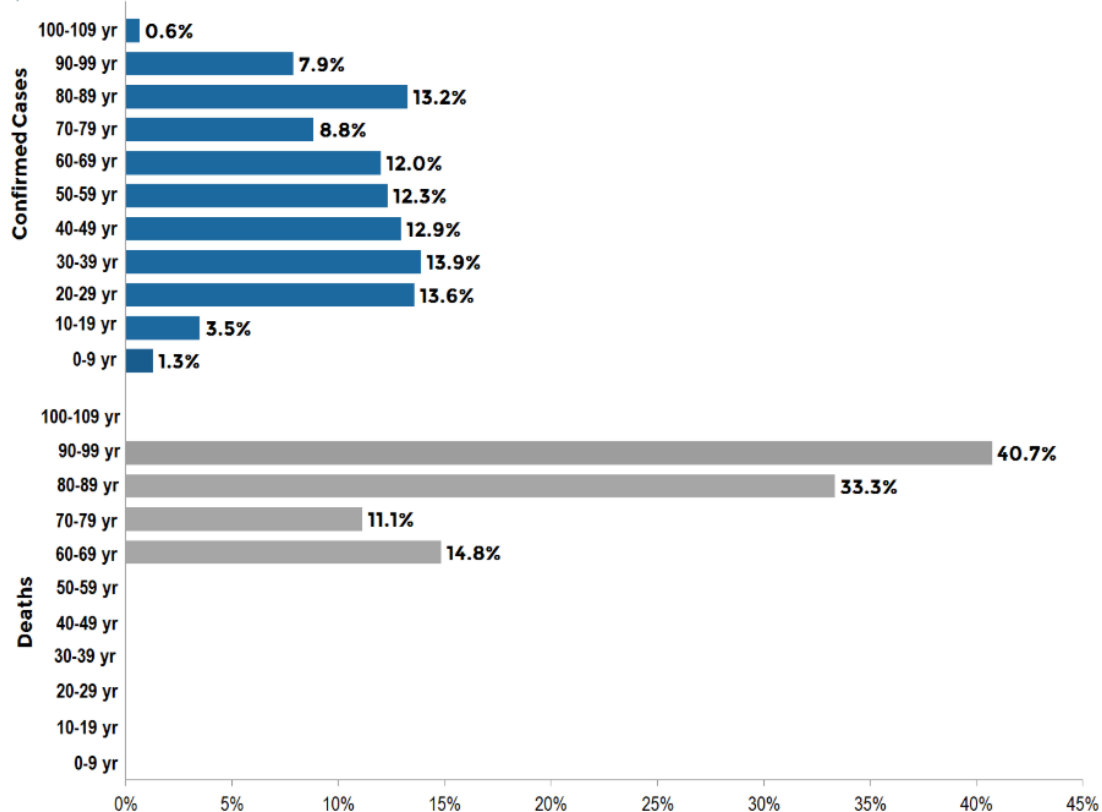


Rate: Confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents

Count: Cumulative cases of COVID-19

Confirmed Cases and Deaths, by Age Category

Updated 5/24/20



*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.

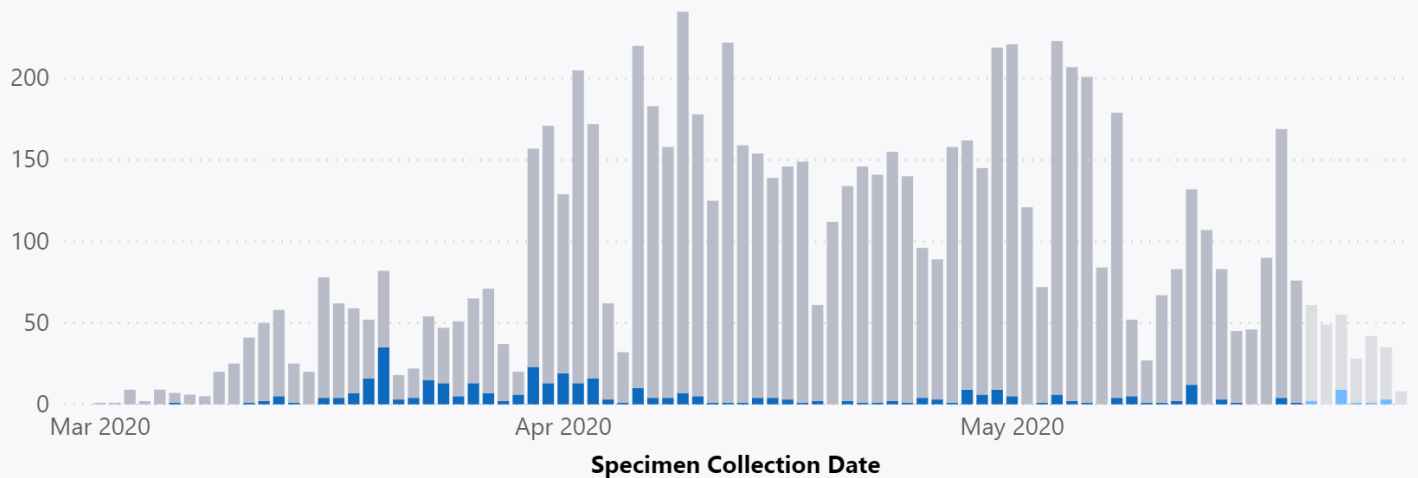
**Source: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Washington State Hospital Association as of May 15, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

***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

Number of Individuals Tested | 4.6% of individuals tested positive

● Positive ● Positive (Data Incomplete) ● Negative ● Negative (Data Incomplete)



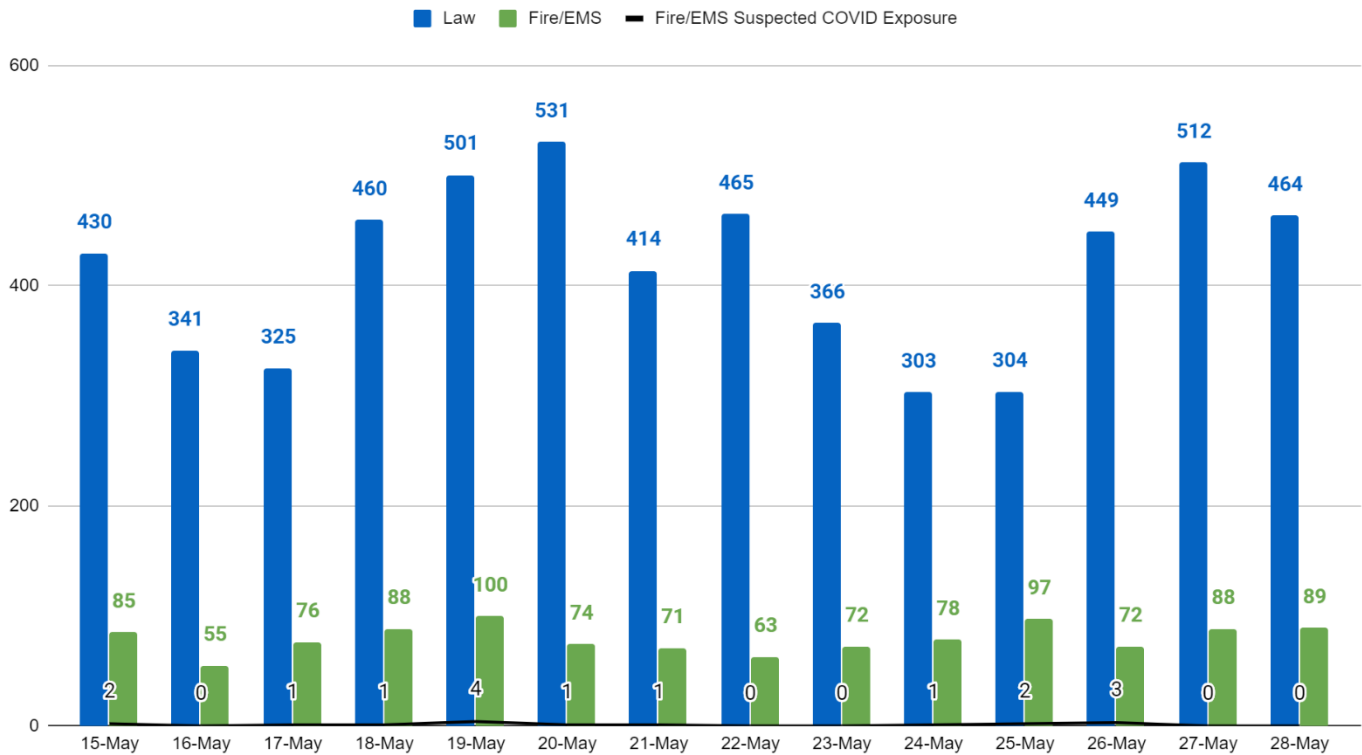
82,990 out of 343,091 test results do not have an assigned county.

*Whatcom County data as of May 27, 2020 11:59 PM

**Source: Washington State Department of Health

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

14-Day 911 Calls for Law and Fire/EMS with Fire/EMS Suspected COVID Exposure, 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 documents to reflect current guidance
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Updated Situation Report
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Shared WUC's post with video with answers to Safe Start Questions
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Video with Answers to Safe Start Questions and More
- Other
 - Ongoing conversations with media/reporters

State and Local

- Bellingham Herald [Study finds most Canadians hoping U.S. border closure extends through the summer](#) May 29, 2020
- Bellingham Herald [Survey: Whatcom child care providers struggling amid COVID-19 could close for good](#) May 29, 2020
- The Northern Light [Blaine City council makes virus-related budget reductions](#) May 27, 2020
- KGMI [Fired PeaceHealth ER doc files lawsuit](#) May 29, 2020
- KGMI [North Cascades National Park opens more day use areas](#) May 29, 2020
- My Northwest [What struggles of child care centers could mean for Washington parents](#) May 29, 2020

National

- NPR [Colleges Face Student Lawsuits Seeking Refunds After Coronavirus Closures](#) May 29, 2020
- NPR [Tracking the Pandemic: How Quickly is The Coronavirus Spreading State by State?](#) May 29, 2020
- New York Times [As the C.D.C recommends workplace changes, millions of the unemployed have more immediate concerns](#) May 29, 2020
- New York Times [Scientists are questioning the validity of an influential hydroxychloroquine study](#) May 29, 2020
- Vox [I will not reopen our church for Trump. I love our congregants too much to risk their lives.](#) May 29, 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 re-openings.
- 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.
3. Continue to support the Drop-In Center by researching enablers (shower and bathroom trailers) availability and price.
4. Finalizing recommendation for purchasing cloth face masks.

5. Continuing to research and compile sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.

OPERATIONS

1. Supporting Friday's scheduled food distribution to estimated 900 families.
2. Assessing need for face coverings for vulnerable populations in Whatcom County, and determining a plan for addressing that need.
3. Continuing operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q Facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, two rooms are occupied.
4. Continuing to monitor and assess county childcare needs and capacity within the open facilities and inform the public of options.

PLANNING

1. Continuing to support Unified Command meetings.
2. Continuing surge planning.
3. Finalizing demobilization plan for Unified Command.
4. Developing remobilization and transitional recovery plans for Unified Command.
5. Developing plans for new, temporary Drop-In Center.

REPORT PREPARED BY:
Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:
Incident Command

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