

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



REPORT #: 20200605.1	DATE: 6/5/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 13	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

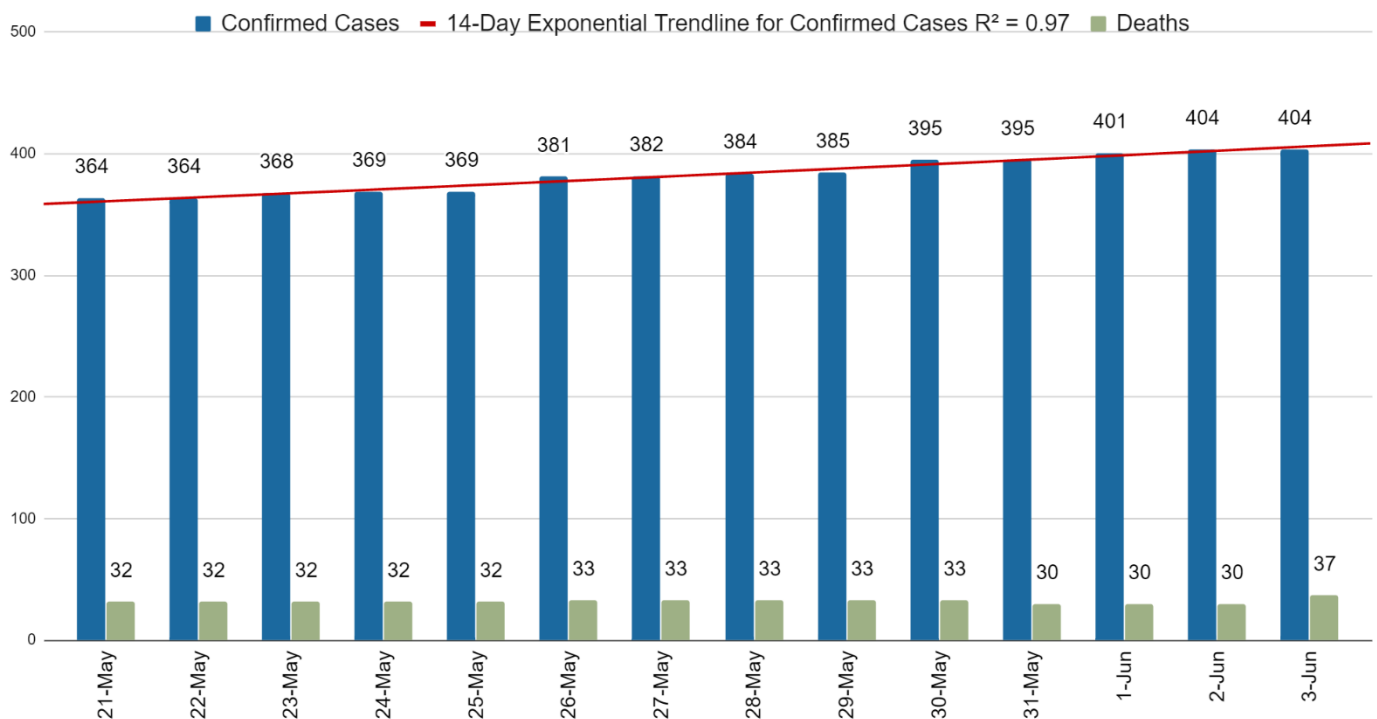
## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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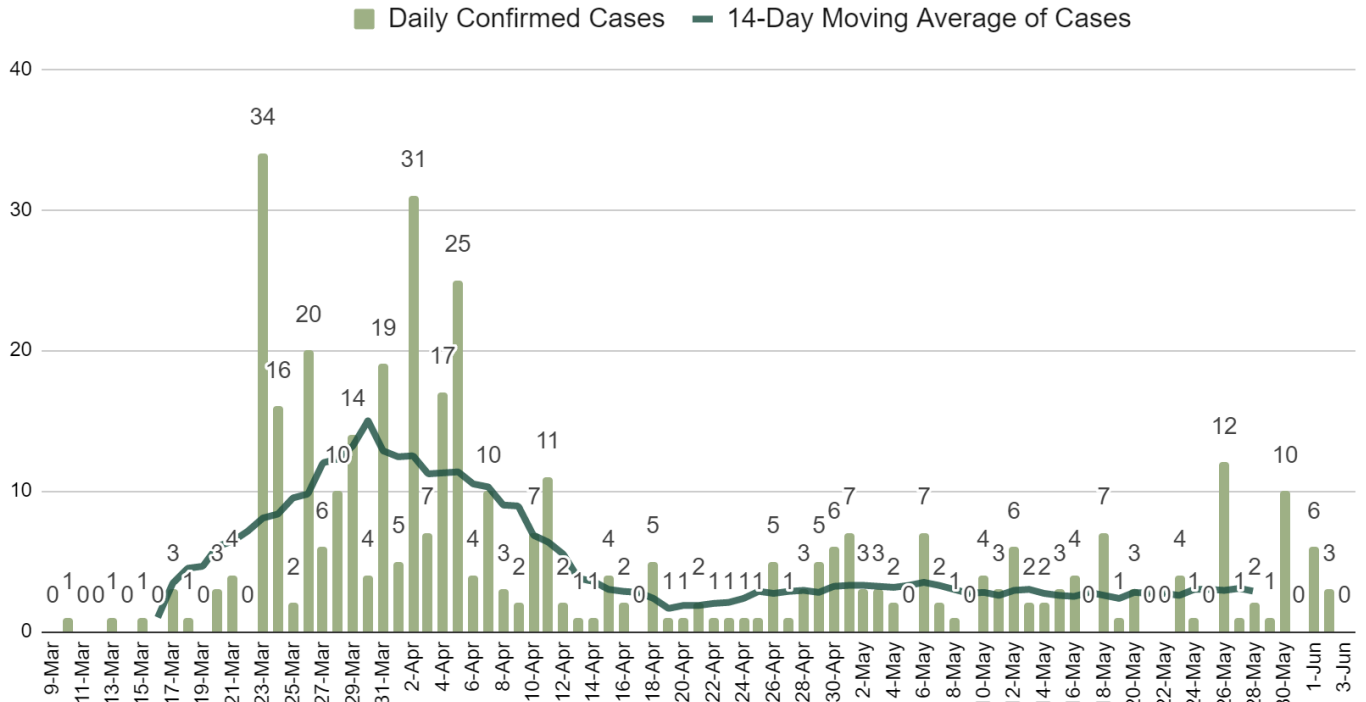
### 14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
06/05/2020	*	*
06/04/2020	*	*
06/03/2020	404	37
06/02/2020	404	30
06/01/2020	401	30

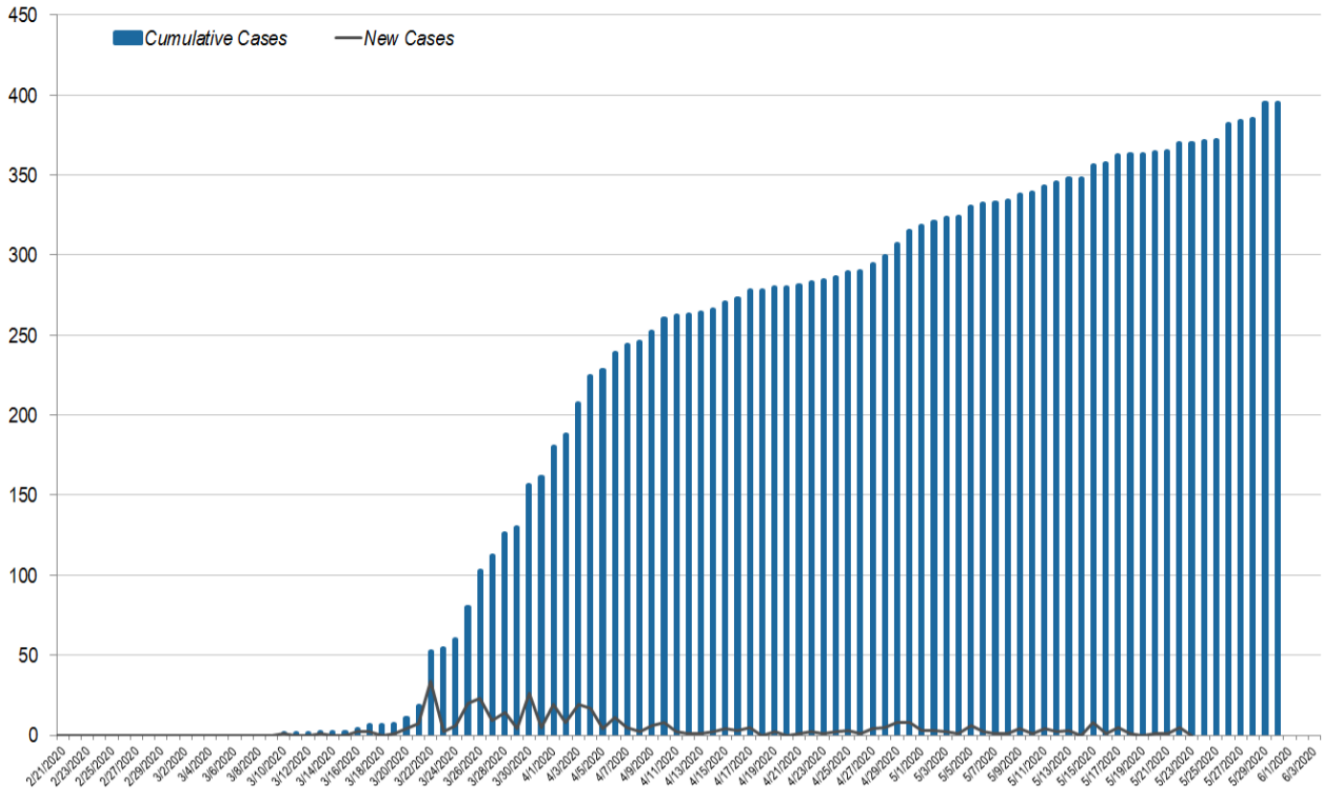
\*Data provided by the Whatcom County Health Dept is considered preliminary. As they verify cases, we can expect delays and fluctuations in data reported.

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



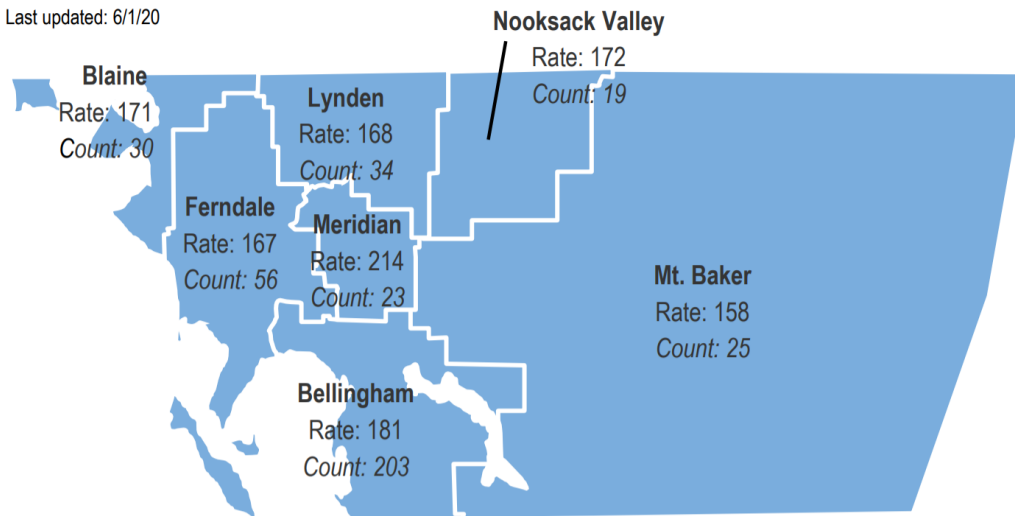
## Cumulative Count of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Whatcom County, by Report Date

Updated 5/31/20



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

Last updated: 6/1/20



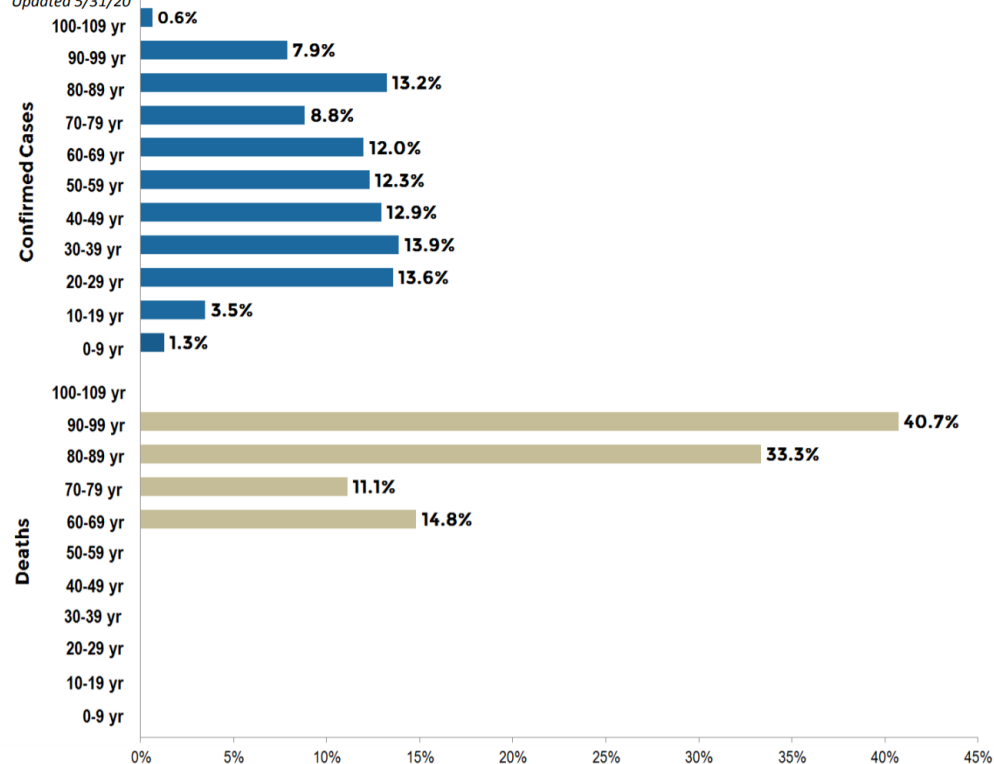
**Rate:** Confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents

**Count:** Cumulative cases of COVID-19

- Limited testing may cause mapping to misrepresent the geographic impact of COVID-19 illness in Whatcom County.
- When analyzing data geographically, school districts are used as community boundaries because people often identify their community in connection to schools and school districts.

## Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category

Updated 5/31/20



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

## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

### Data for PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center

Updated as of 6/2/2020:

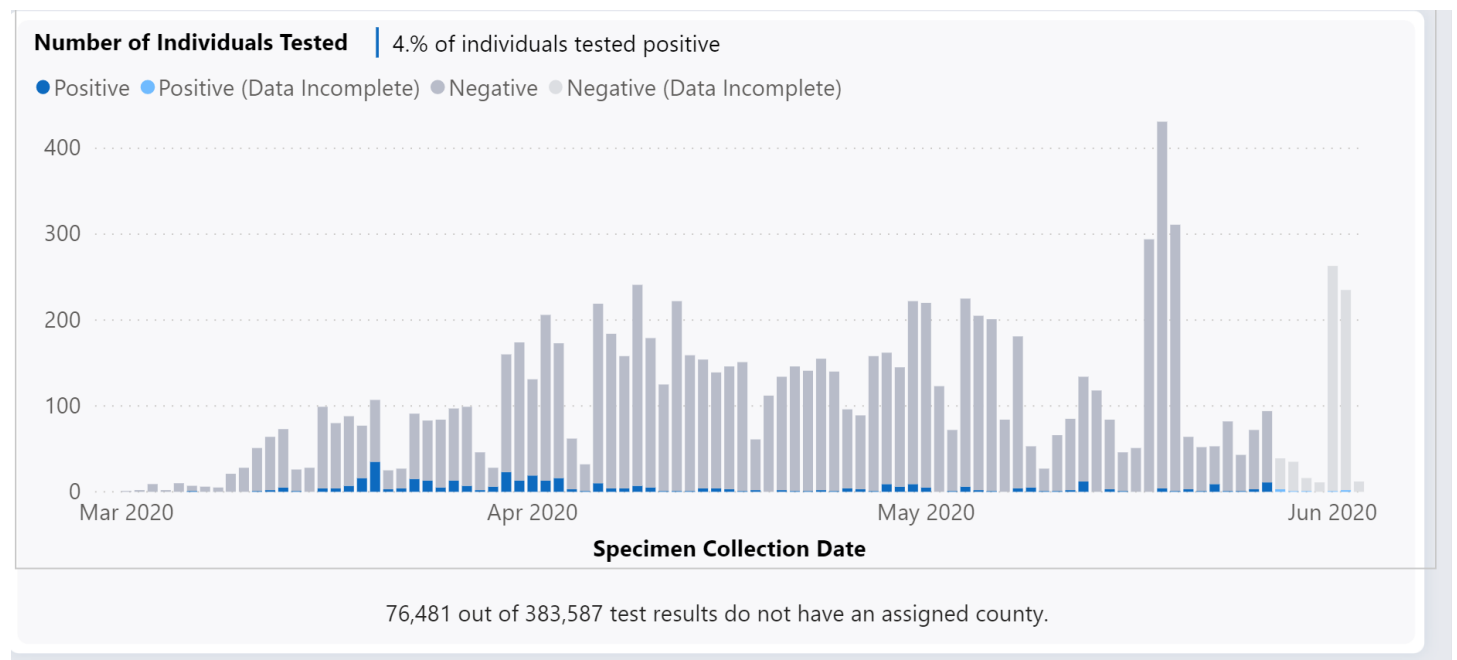
- 154 patients were seen in the ED yesterday
- We have 38 open beds today

**Inpatients:**

- PeaceHealth St. Joseph COVID-19 inpatient daily status – 2 pending; 1 positive
- Zero ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients

*\* Current PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center data is updated on a periodic basis when substantial changes occur.*

### WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

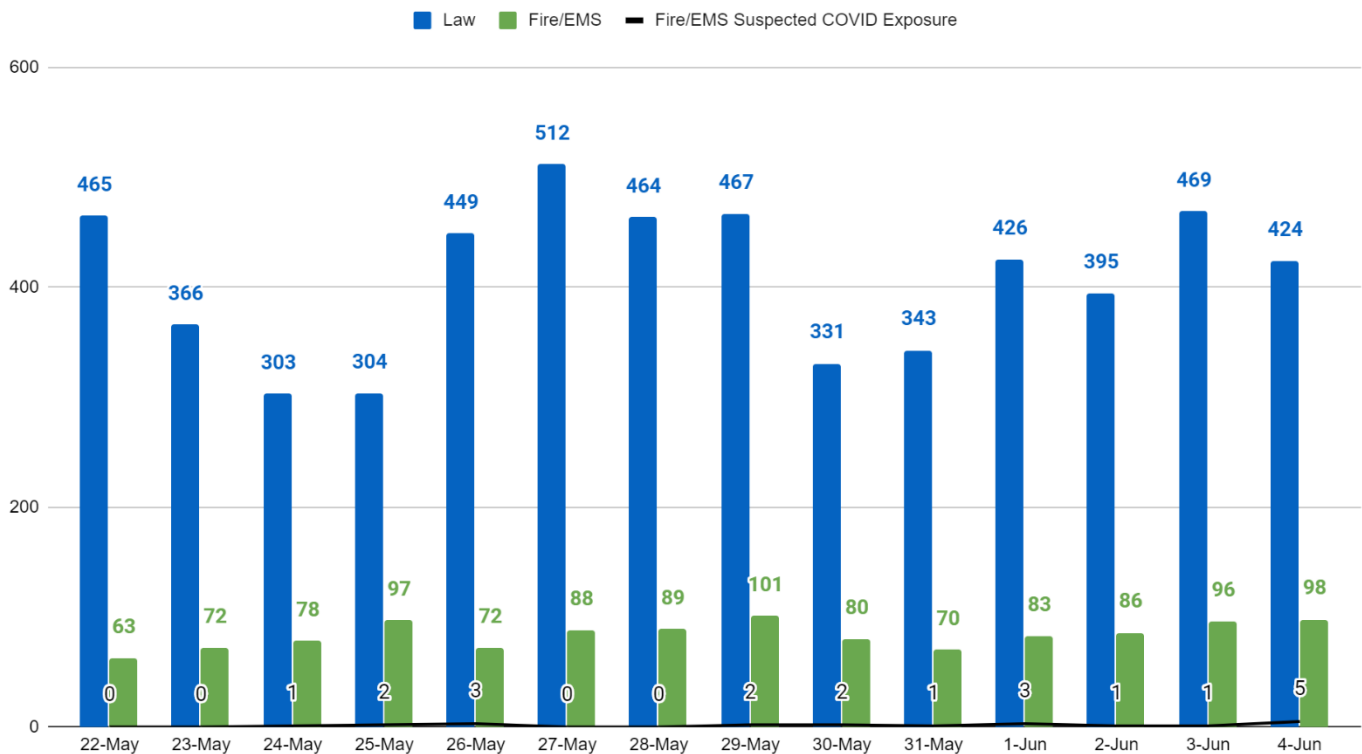


*\*Whatcom County data as of June 3, 2020 11:59 PM*

*\*\*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](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>

- 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](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid)
  - Updated documents to reflect current guidance
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - Racism and Public Health
    - Twin Sisters Market opening this weekend
    - Whatcom County moves to phase 2
  - WUC Facebook Updates
    - Whatcom County moves to phase 2
- Other
  - Media Release on moving to Phase 2
  - Newsflash on moving to phase 2

#### State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: [Crew from two more American Seafoods' ships test positive for COVID-19 in Bellingham](#) - 6.4.20
- Seattle Times: [After months of pleading for social distancing, health officials support protests. Seattle Black Lives Matter warns of dangers](#) - 6.5.20
- My Northwest: [Gov. Inslee clears way for return of professional sports in Washington](#) - 6.5.20
- My Northwest: [Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms now advised to get tested](#) - 6.4.20

#### National

- New York Times: [Coronavirus in the U.S.: Latest Map and Case Count](#) - 6.5.20
- NPR: [COVID-19 Outbreak In Pacific Northwest Seafood Industry As Season Ramps Up](#)
- The Guardian: [Black and minority Americans more likely to get Covid-19, House panel hears](#) - 6.5.20
- Washington Post: [Authors retract study showing hydroxychloroquine was dangerous to hospitalized covid-19 patients](#)

#### Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- 4th of July messaging.
- Communication about Phase 2.
- 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 13

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 investigate, research, and identify additional I/Q facilities.
3. Continue to support the Drop-In Center by researching shower and bathroom trailers availability and price. Support Temporary Drop-In Center site, as needed.
4. Finalizing purchase of cloth face masks for vulnerable populations.
5. Continuing to research and compile sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.
6. Continue to interact with the state for meeting PPE requirements.
7. Looking into providing face masks for local farmers.
8. Looking at sourcing requirements for supplies for additional rooms at Byron Ave.

### OPERATIONS

1. Supporting Friday's scheduled food delivery effort to over 900 Whatcom County families.
2. Supporting transition between WUC Distribution volunteers and Food Bank volunteers, as they take over Food Bank staffing next week.
3. Assessing need for face coverings for vulnerable populations in Whatcom County, and determining a plan for addressing that need.
4. Continuing operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q Facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, 15 rooms are occupied.
5. Working towards making all rooms available for use at Byron Ave I/Q Facility, in the event of a sudden need for multiple rooms.

### PLANNING

1. Continuing to support Unified Command meetings.
2. Strategic planning working with Health Department.
3. Continuing surge planning.
4. Developing remobilization and transitional recovery plans for Unified Command.
5. Developing a contingency plan for an interim Drop-In Center location.
6. Identifying and compiling useful COVID-19 related data to report.

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Incident Command

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06/05/20

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16:00