

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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| REPORT #: 20200612.1      | DATE: 6/12/2020        | TIME: 16:00             |
| INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019 | OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 13 | MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265 |

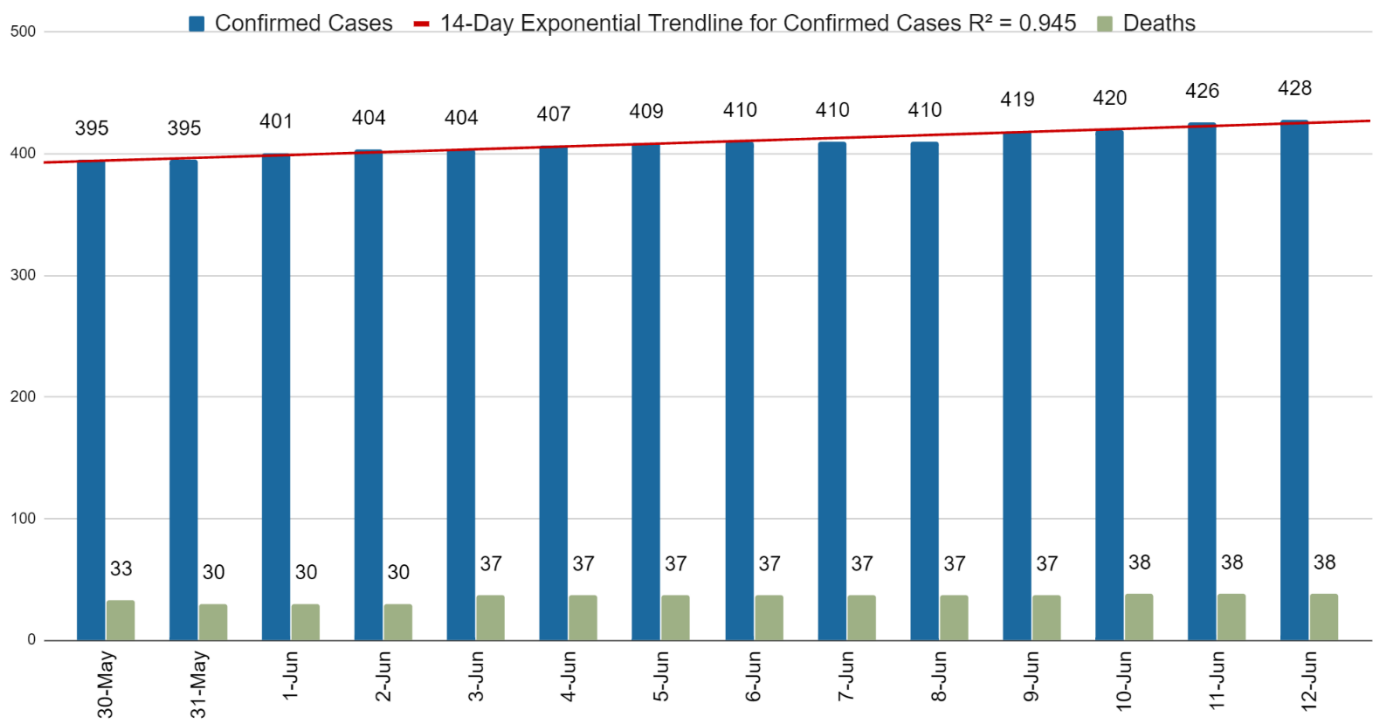
## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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

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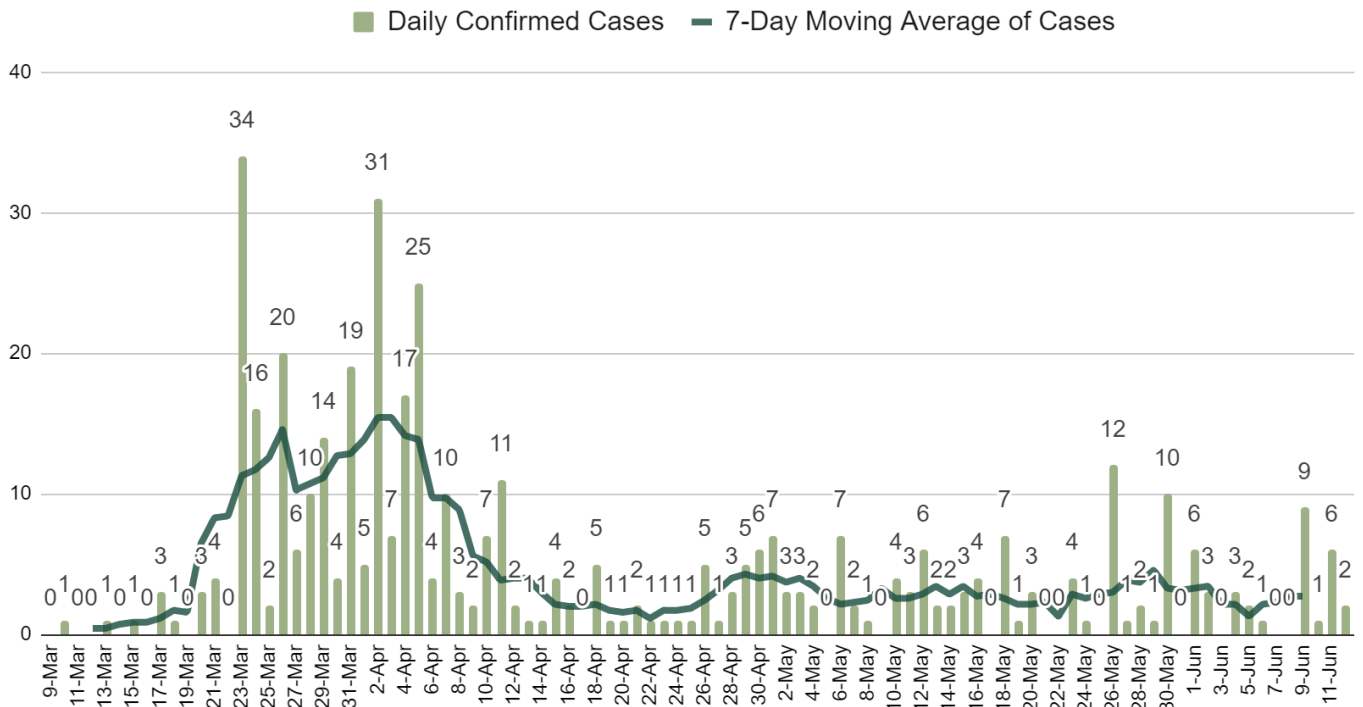
### 14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



| DATE        | CONFIRMED CASES | DEATHS |
|-------------|-----------------|--------|
| 06/12/2020* | 428             | 38     |
| 06/11/2020* | 426             | 38     |
| 06/10/2020  | 420             | 38     |
| 06/09/2020  | 419             | 37     |
| 06/08/2020  | 410             | 37     |

\*Data provided by the Whatcom County Health Dept is considered preliminary. As they verify cases, we can expect delays and fluctuations in data reported. Data was last updated 06/10/2020.

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



### ES, HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS

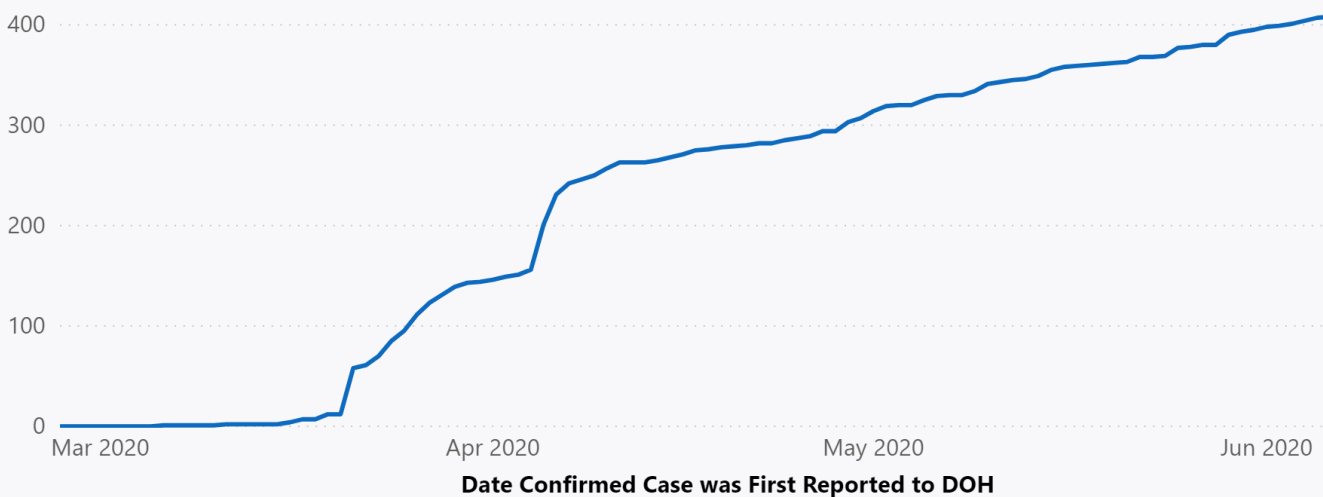
Data as of June 10, 2020 11:59PM

#### COVID-19 in Whatcom County

##### Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

This chart shows the cumulative cases or the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

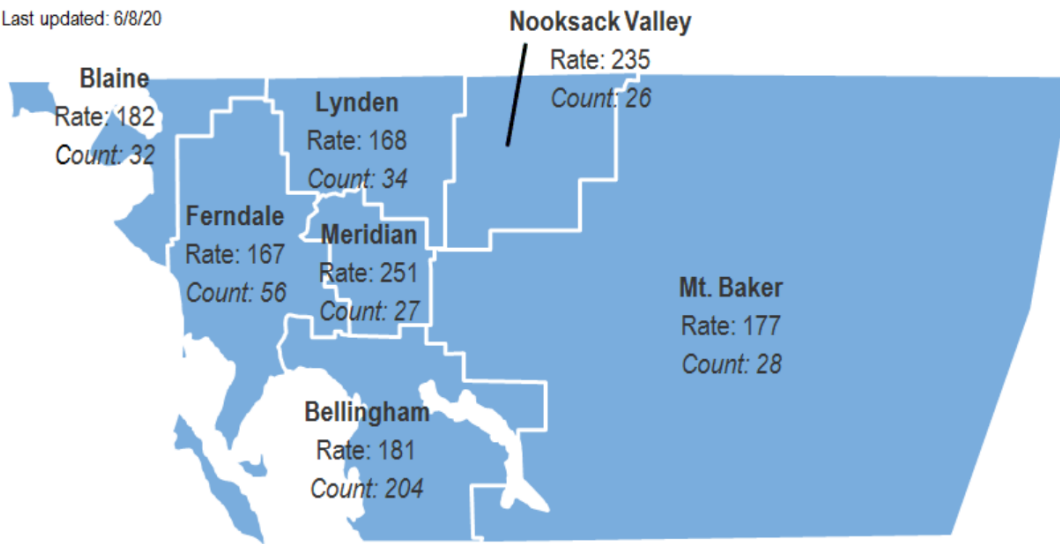
#### Cumulative Case Counts



20 of 24,779 statewide confirmed cases do not have an assigned county.

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

Last updated: 6/8/20



**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.

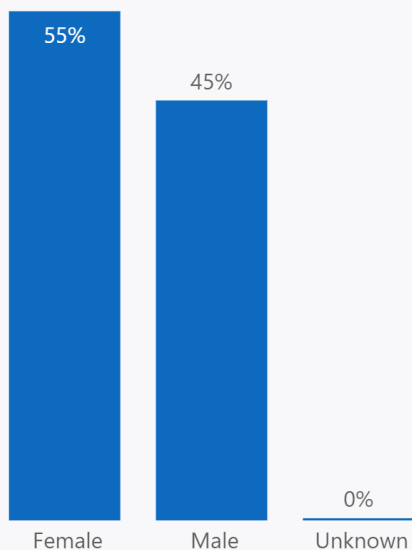
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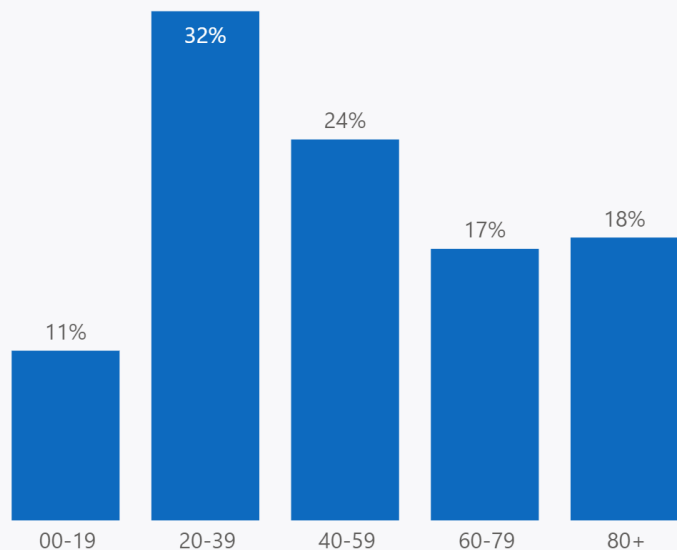
#### Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths by Sex & Age Group

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#### Confirmed Cases by Sex



#### Confirmed Cases by Age Group

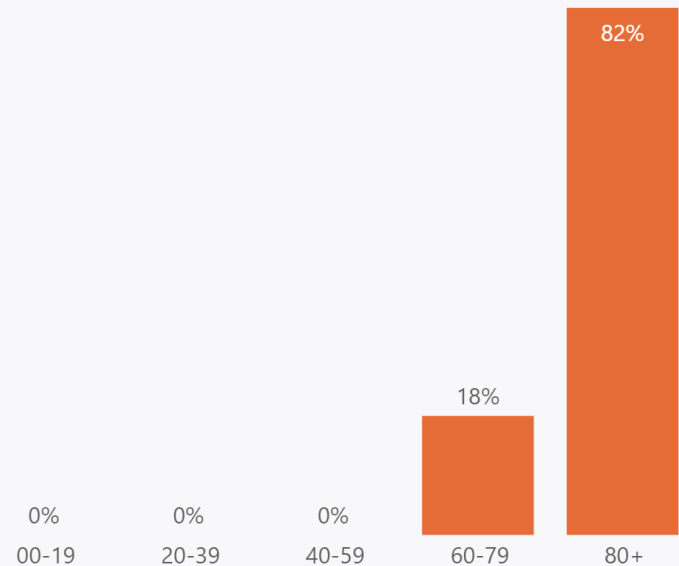


\*Source: Whatcom County Health Department: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3329/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>

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**Deaths by Sex****Deaths by Age Group**

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**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

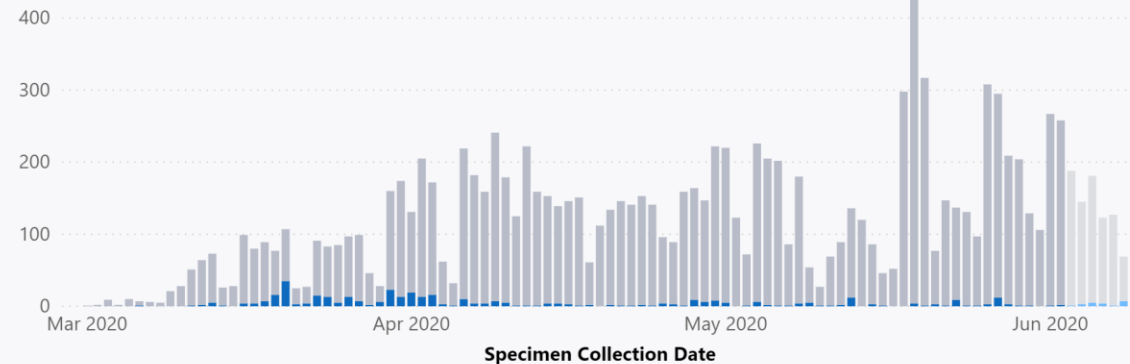
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### COVID-19 in Whatcom County

#### Number of Individuals Tested by Specimen Collection Date

Testing for COVID-19 has been steadily increasing in Washington. Beginning in late March, drive-through testing became available in some communities, which increased testing availability.

**Number of Individuals Tested** | 3.4% of individuals tested positive  
 ● Positive ● Positive (Data Incomplete) ● Negative ● Negative (Data Incomplete)

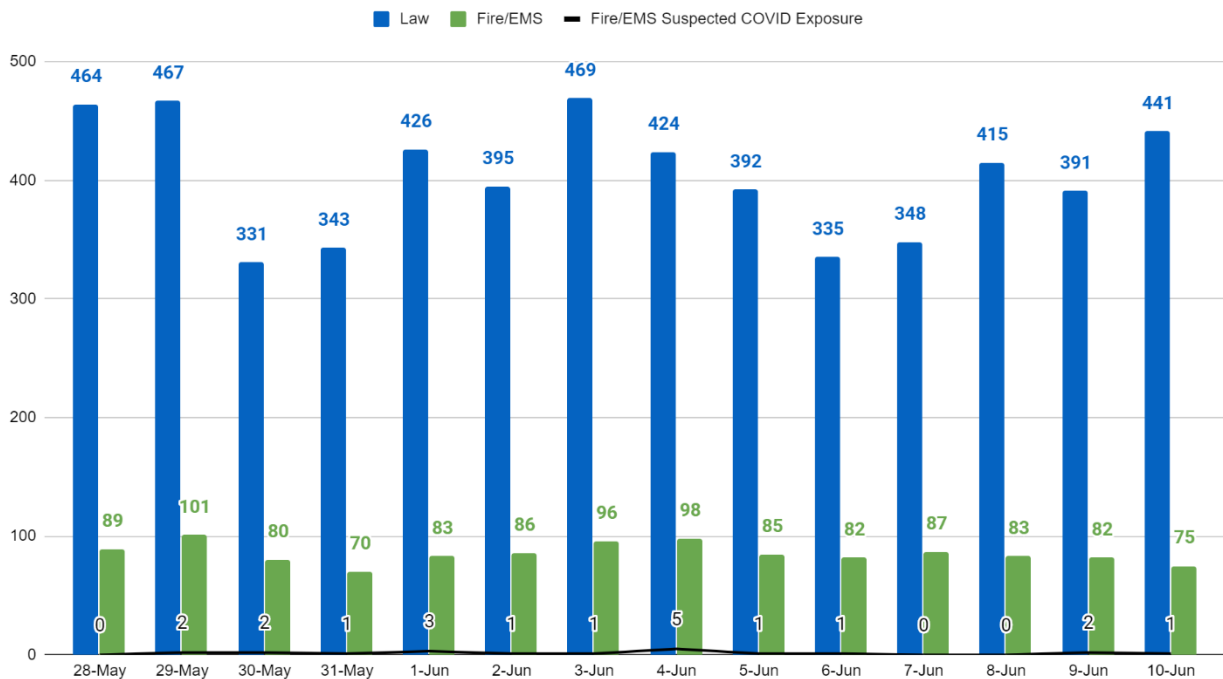


80,577 out of 415,342 statewide test results do not have an assigned county.

**\*\*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 childcare documents
  - Updated restaurant and food establishment guidance
- Whatcom Unified Command website ([www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com))
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - Helping young people cope with COVID-19
    - Keep gatherings small
  - WUC Facebook Updates
- Other
  - Working on press release and news flash to be published late Friday or Saturday

### 6-12-2020

#### State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: [State expects schools to open for in-person instruction this fall](#) – 6-12-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Two in Whatcom test positive for COVID-19; Lummi Nation extends shelter order](#) – 6-11-20
- Seattle Times: [Why are Washington state's coronavirus cases on the rise again? The answers depend on where you look, health officials say](#) – 6-12-20
- Seattle Times: [Crew worries after American Seafoods opts against more COVID-19 screening for fishing vessel](#) – 6-12-20

#### National

- NPR - [1st-Known U.S. Lung Transplant For COVID-19 Patient Performed In Chicago](#) – 6-12-20
- Washington Post: [Jobless workers face new delays in payments as states race to stamp out nationwide scam](#) – 6-12-20

- Route Fifty: [Many Faithful Say It's Time to Gather. Some Governors Disagree.](#)
- LA Times: [A revolt against wearing masks creates a new coronavirus danger](#) – 6-12-20
- LA Times: [Nearly 160 vaccines are in the works. A closer look at the science](#) – 6-12-20

#### Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Super spreader event messaging.
- 4th of July messaging.
- Communication about Phase 2.
- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives.
- Continue to work with Liaison to determine local COVID-19 call center needs and the best tool to address local phone inquiries.
- 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.
- Working on increasing messaging for Spanish-speakers.
- 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.
- 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. Continuing to research and compile sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.
4. Continue to interact with the state for meeting PPE requirements.
5. Purchasing at sourcing requirements for supplies for additional rooms at Byron Ave.
6. Continue to work on acquiring staffing for Friday's food delivery efforts.
7. Developing site selection matrix for medical surge unit.
8. Submitted plan for distributing cloth masks provided by the State.

### OPERATIONS

1. Supporting Friday's scheduled food distribution efforts and food deliveries for 935 households.
2. Supporting Food Bank volunteers, as they take over Food Bank staffing this 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, 0 rooms 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.
6. Planning and preparing for next operational period.

### PLANNING

1. Continuing to support Unified Command meetings.
2. Strategic planning working with Health Department.
3. Continuing medical 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.
7. Developing transition to recovery plan for staff returning to regular assignments.

REPORT PREPARED BY:  
Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:  
Incident Command

DATE:  
06/12/20

TIME:  
16:00



