

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



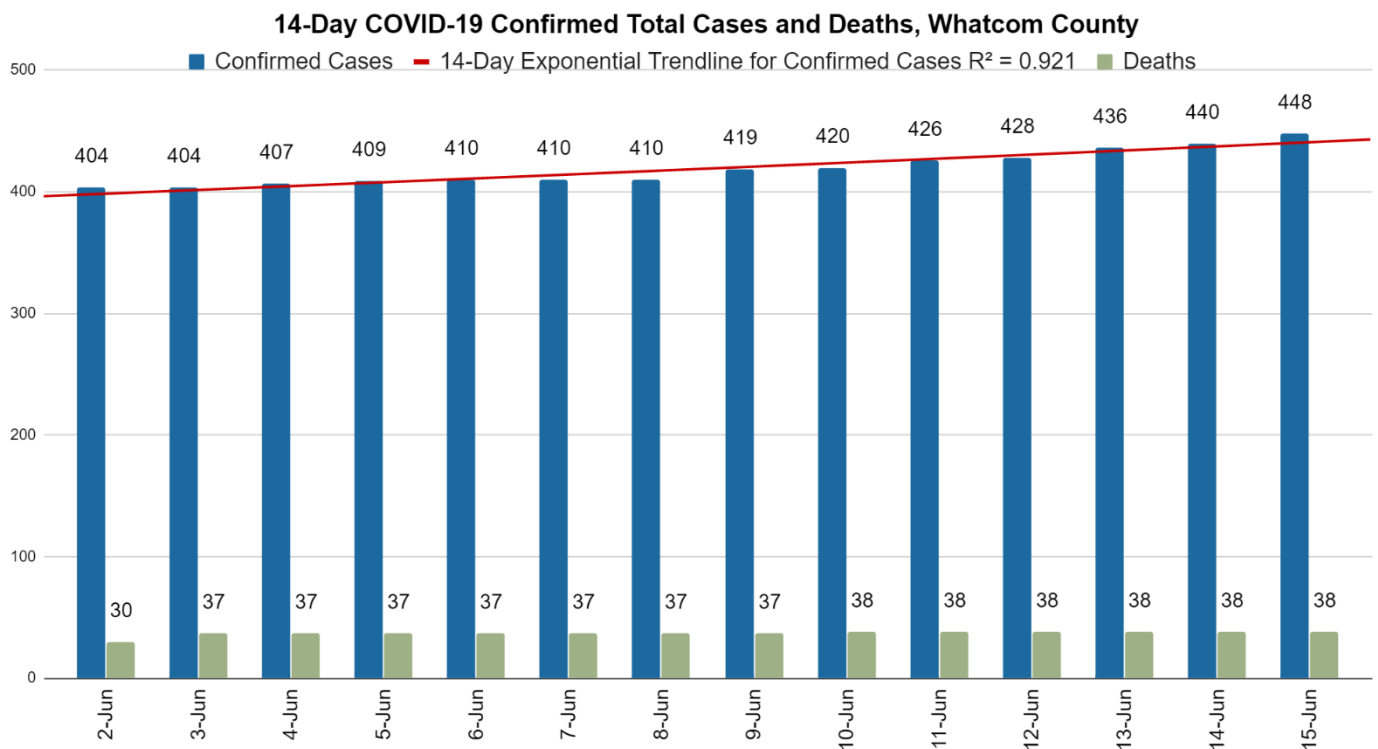
REPORT #: 20200615.1	DATE: 6/15/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 14	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

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

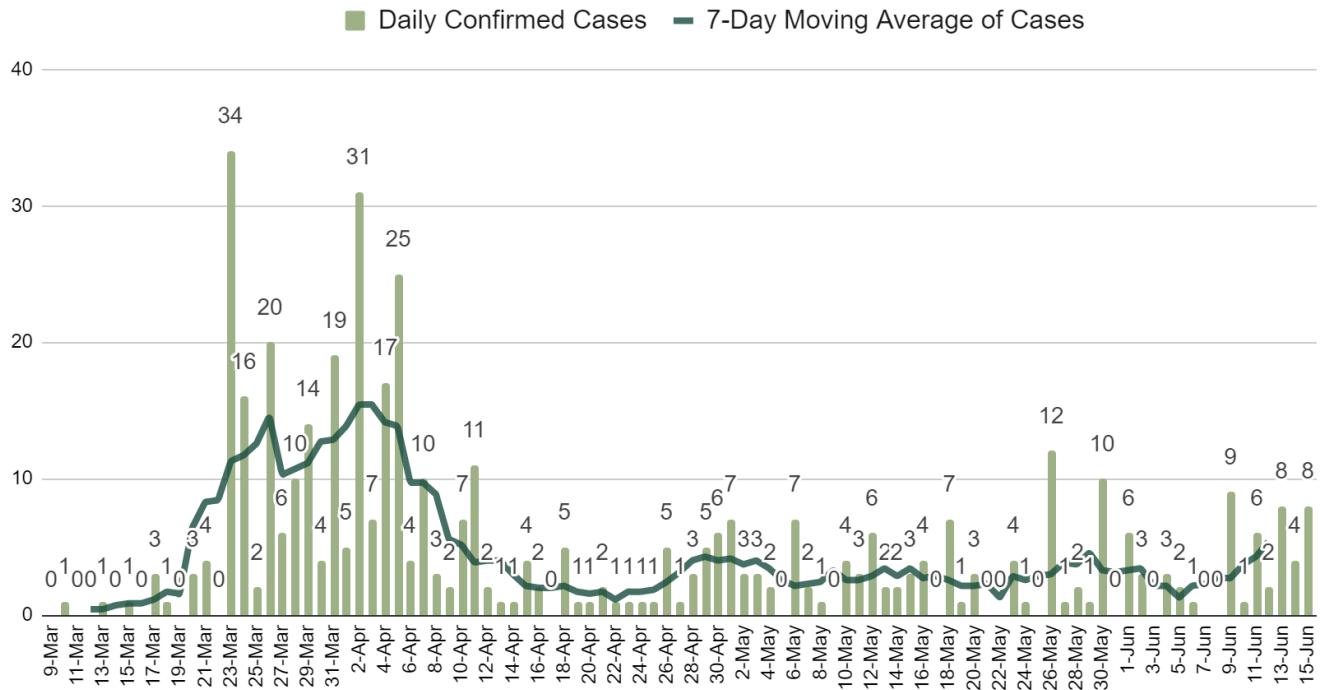
ICS 202



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
06/15/2020*	448	38
06/14/2020*	440	38
06/13/2020	436	38
06/12/2020	428	38
06/11/2020	426	38

*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 06/13/2020.

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



CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS

Data as of June 13, 2020 11:59PM PT

COVID-19 in Whatcom County

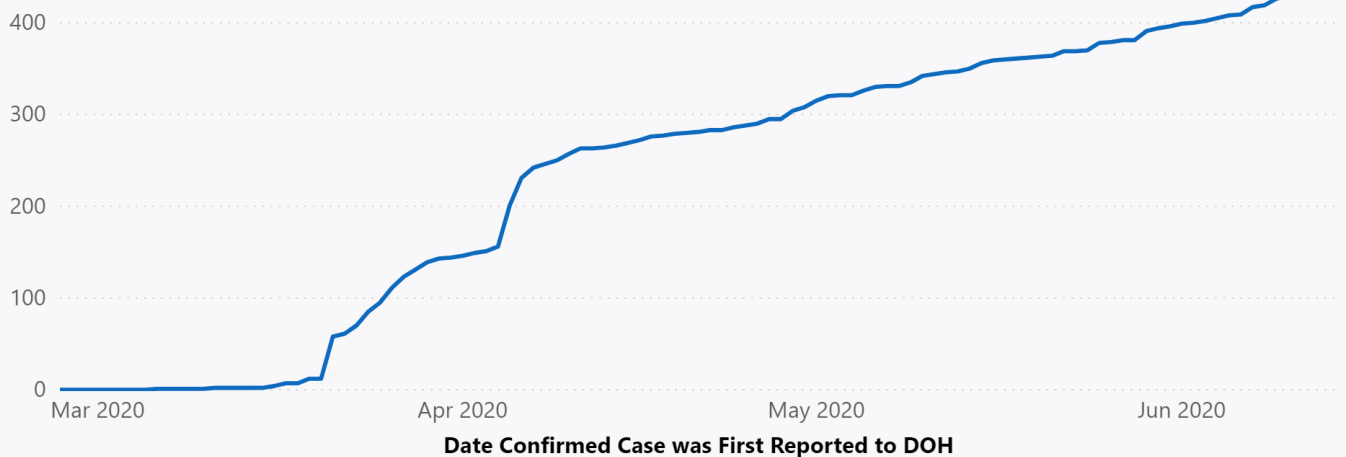
Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

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.

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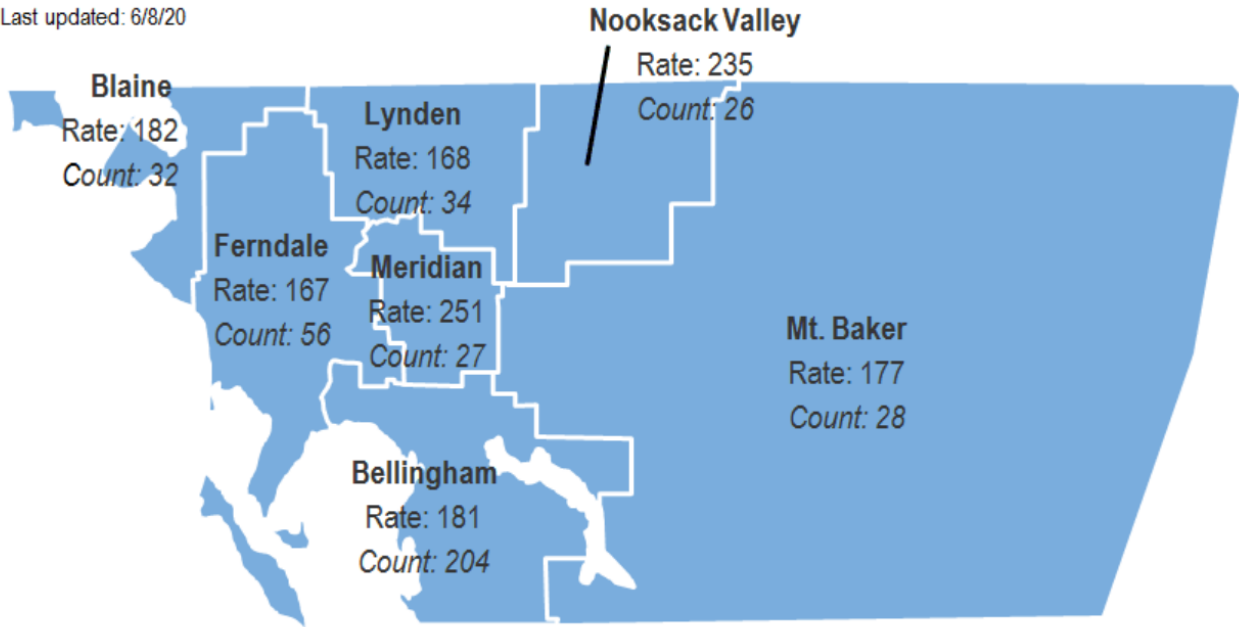
Cumulative Case Counts



48 of 25,834 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.

COVID-19 in Whatcom County

Confirmed Cases and Deaths by Illness Onset Date, and Hospitalizations by Admission Date

This chart shows the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak in Whatcom County by cases, hospitalizations and deaths over time and is known as an epidemiologic curve. The epidemiologic curve is the curve referred to in the phrase, 'flatten the curve'.

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The table includes cases, hospitalizations and deaths by County and Age Group. Given the sensitivity of the data, counties with 5 or fewer cases have been removed.

County	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whatcom County			
Age 20-39	147	6	0
Age 40-59	104	13	0
Age 80+	75	15	31
Age 60-79	74	17	7
Age 0-19	48	2	0
Unknown Age	0	0	0

*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

Data as of June 13, 2020 11:59PM

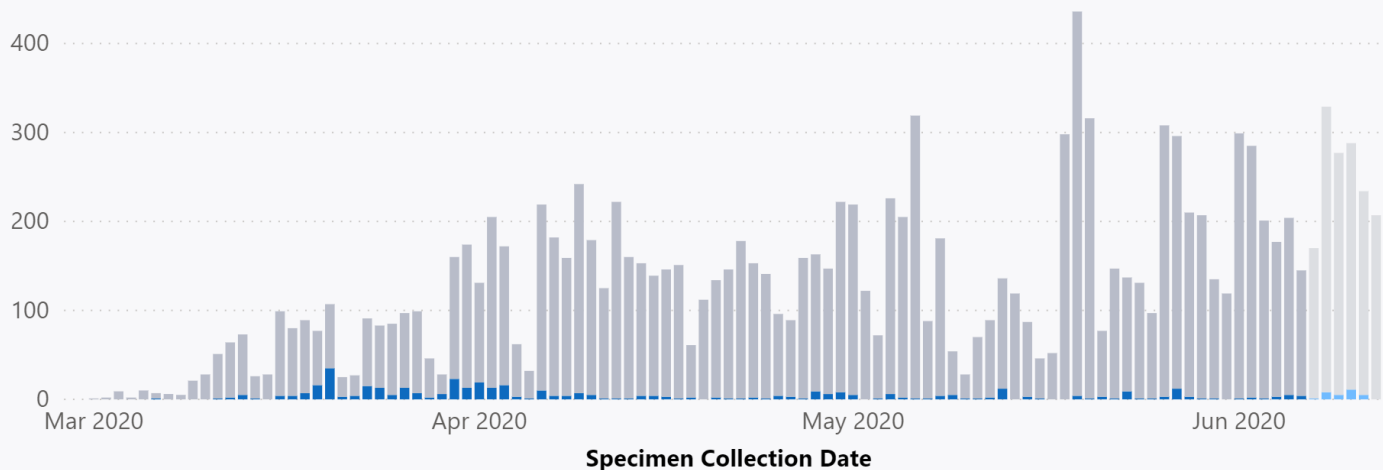
COVID-19 in Whatcom County

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 | 3.2% of individuals tested positive

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

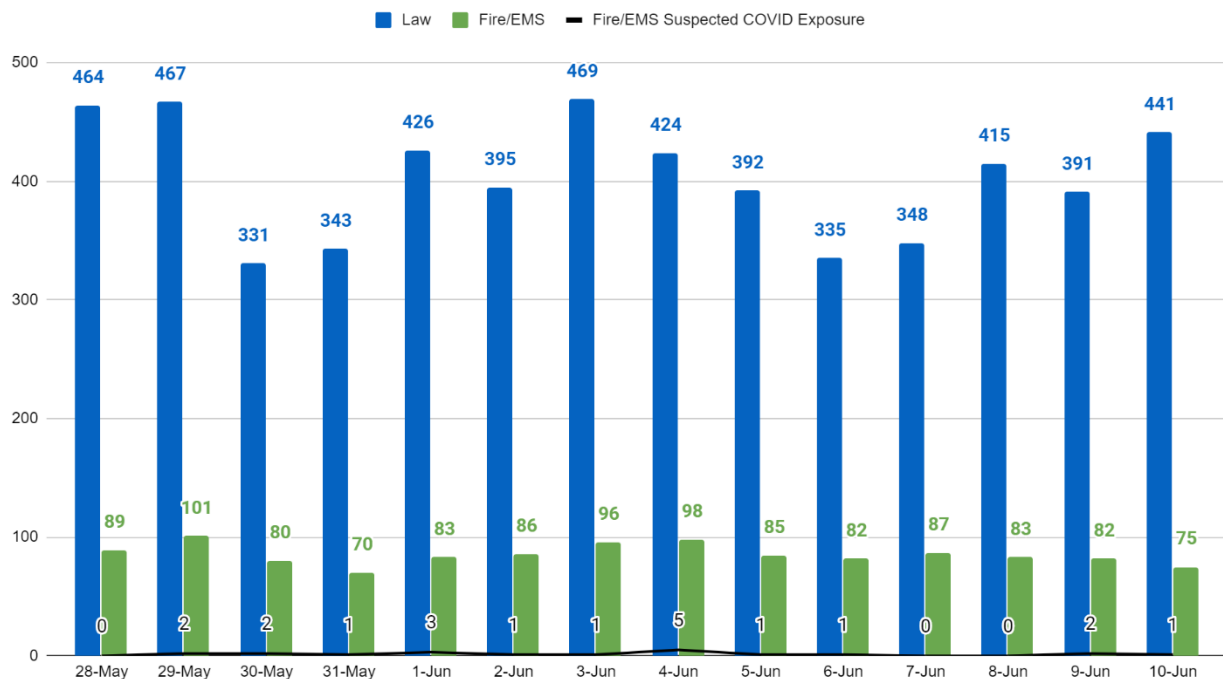


94,361 out of 462,602 statewide test results do not have an assigned county.

**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
- [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
 - FAQ update in progress
 - Resources for workers news flash published
 - Removed links to out of date documents
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries from the public submitted via the website (volume has significantly increased the last two weeks)
 - Posted daily status report
 - New latest updates posts (in process)
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - Stay safe when celebrating graduations
 - Keep up healthy habits
 - Outbreaks linked to parties
 - It's still safest to stay home
 - WUC Facebook Updates
 - Outbreaks connected to parties
- Other

6-15-20

State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: [New Bellingham rule could help businesses use outside spaces to aid social distancing](#) 6-15-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Coronavirus updates: More than 100 cases reported at state prison](#) 6-14-20
- KGMI radio: [State coronavirus infections on the rise, Whatcom County series of outbreaks](#) 6-14-20
- My Northwest: [Washington DOH concerned over recent increase in COVID-19 cases](#) 6-15-20
- My Northwest: [COVID-19 updates: New cases 'likely to rise' as schools reopen, warns UW model](#) 6-15-20
- CBC: [2 weeks in, a mix of relief and anxiety over B.C. kids' return to school](#) 6-14-20
- Seattle Times: [UW Medicine shuts psychiatric unit amid financial shortfall](#) (paywall) 6-15-20
- KGMI: [State coronavirus infections on the rise, Whatcom County sees series of outbreaks](#) 6-15-20

National

- Associated Press: [Poll: Black Americans most likely to know a COVID-19 victim](#) 6-15-20
- Associated Press: [US revokes emergency use of malaria drugs vs. coronavirus](#) 6-15-20
- Reuters: [Meatpacking workers often absent after Trump order to reopen](#) 6-15-20
- Washington Post: [Since the pandemic, 39 percent of Americans use cleansers and disinfectants in risky ways](#) 6-15-20
- KUOW updates: [Lawsuit filed over church gatherings during the pandemic](#) 6-15-20
- The Atlantic: [Fear of Public Transit Got Ahead of the Evidence](#) 6-14-20
- The Atlantic: [The Pandemic Hunger Crisis Is Only Just Getting Started](#) 6-14-20
- New York Times: [In the rush to improve virus treatments, some medical journals are losing prestige](#) 6-15-20
- New York Times: [In the U.S., some officials are threatening renewed shutdowns or pausing reopenings](#) 6-15-20

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Super-spreader event messaging.
- Communication about Phase 2.
- 4th of July messaging.
- 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 manage expectations for progression of phased reopening.
- Keep public updated on Public Health Advisory Board's Reopening Task Force.
- Provided further encouragement and direction on mask use and information about masks.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 14

1. Anticipate and develop plans to address additional waves 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. Support maintenance of Phase 2 status for Whatcom County.
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 Monday's scheduled food distribution efforts.
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.
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.

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Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:
Incident Command

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