

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



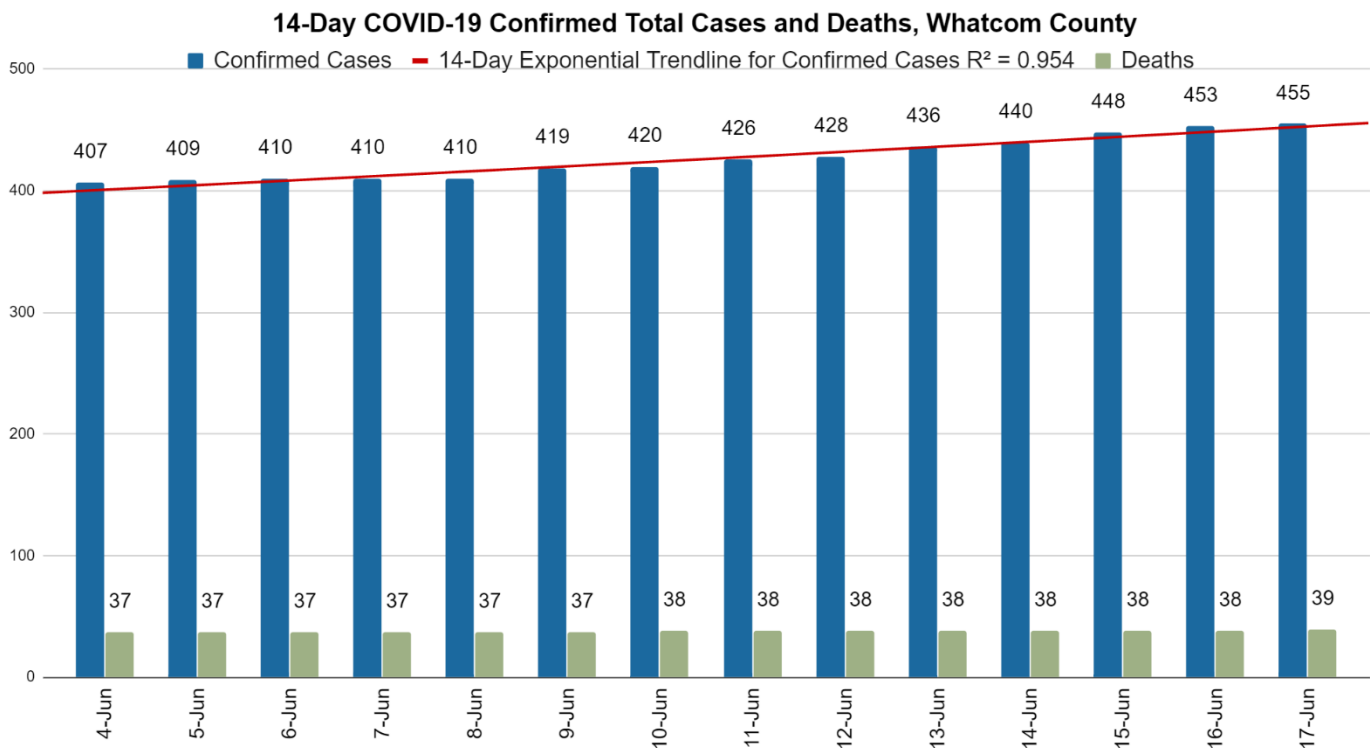
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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 14	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

## 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

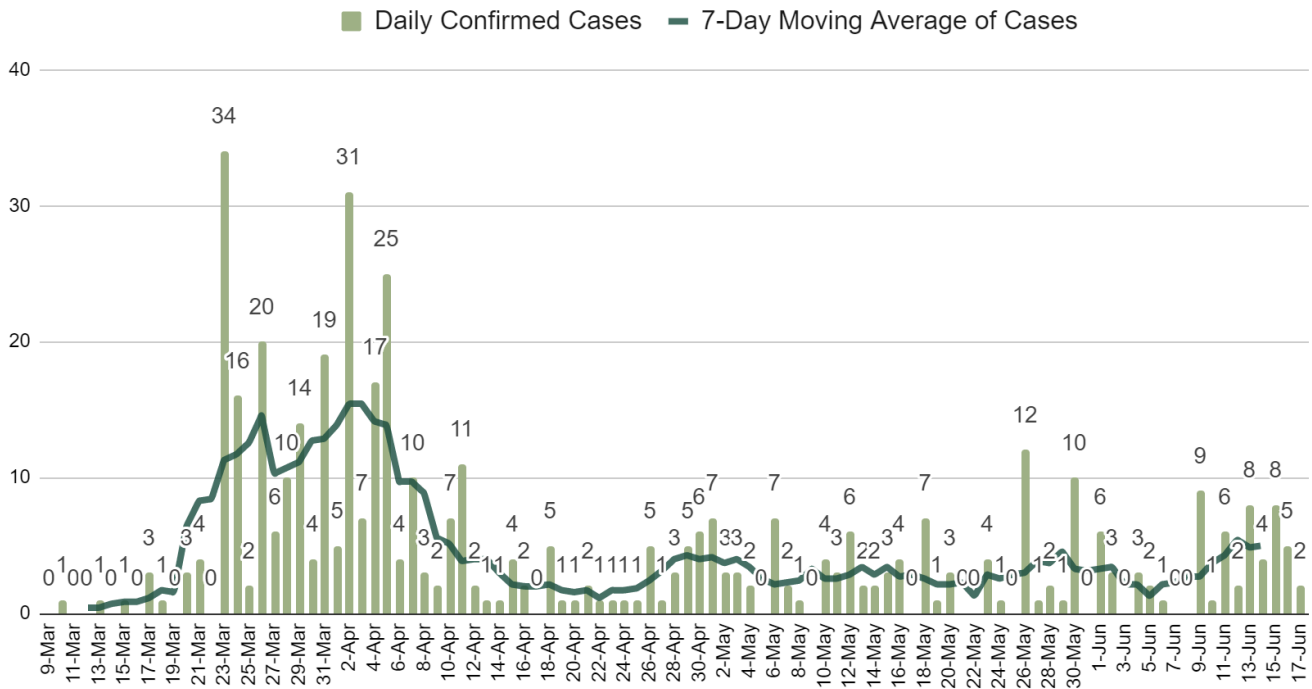
ICS 202



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
06/17/2020*	455	39
06/16/2020*	453	38
06/15/2020	448	38
06/14/2020	440	38
06/13/2020	436	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 06/15/2020.

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



### COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS

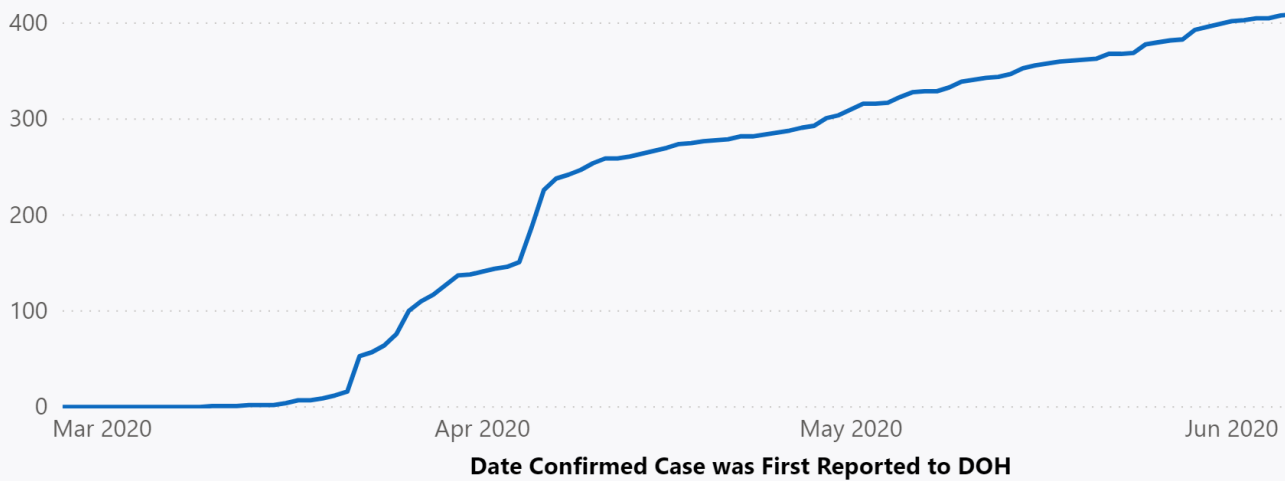
Data as of June 15, 2020 11:59PM

#### COVID-19 in Whatcom County

##### Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

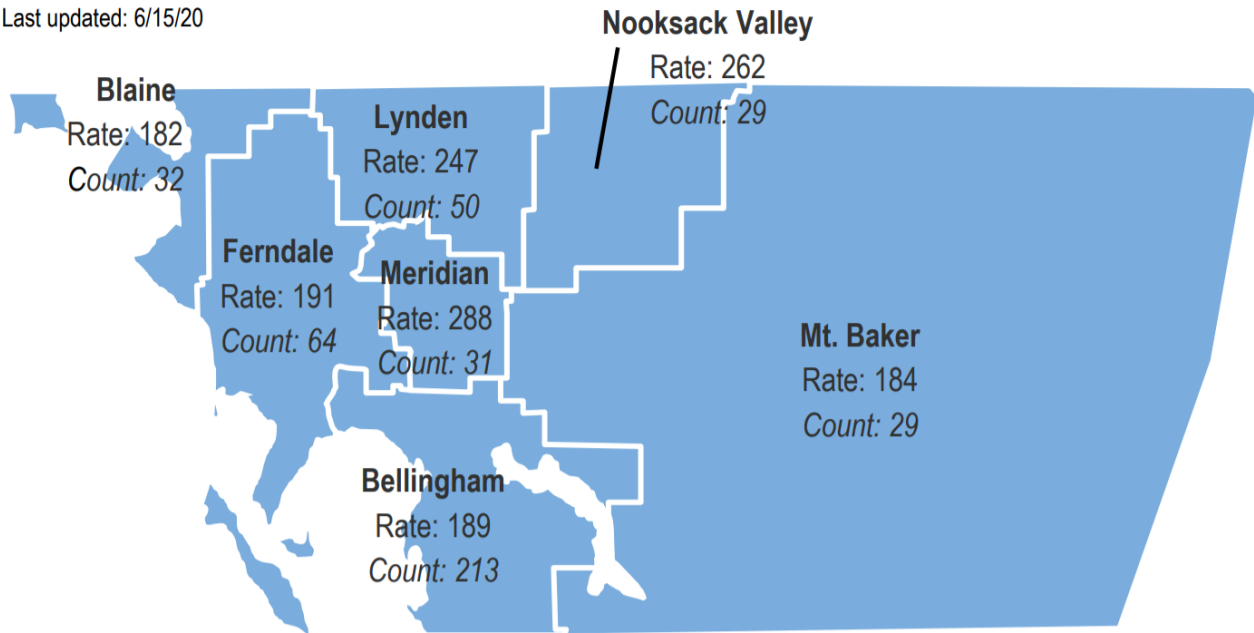
This chart shows the cumulative cases or the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

#### Cumulative Case Counts



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

Last updated: 6/15/20



**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'.

[Learn More](#)



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 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 15, 2020 11:59PM

#### COVID-19 in Whatcom County

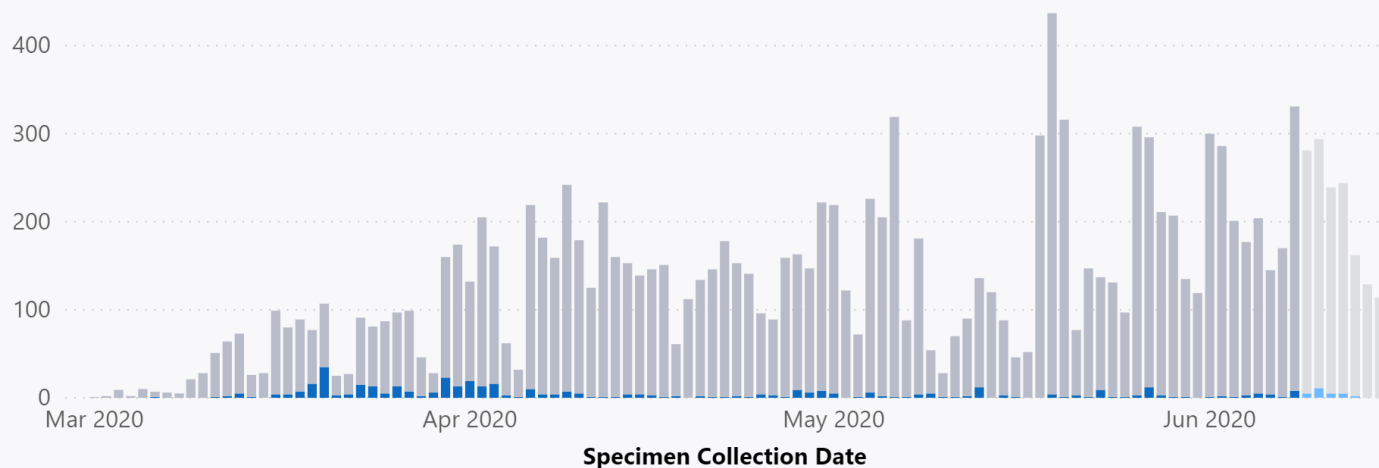
##### Number of Individuals Tested by Specimen Collection Date

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

3.1% of individuals tested positive

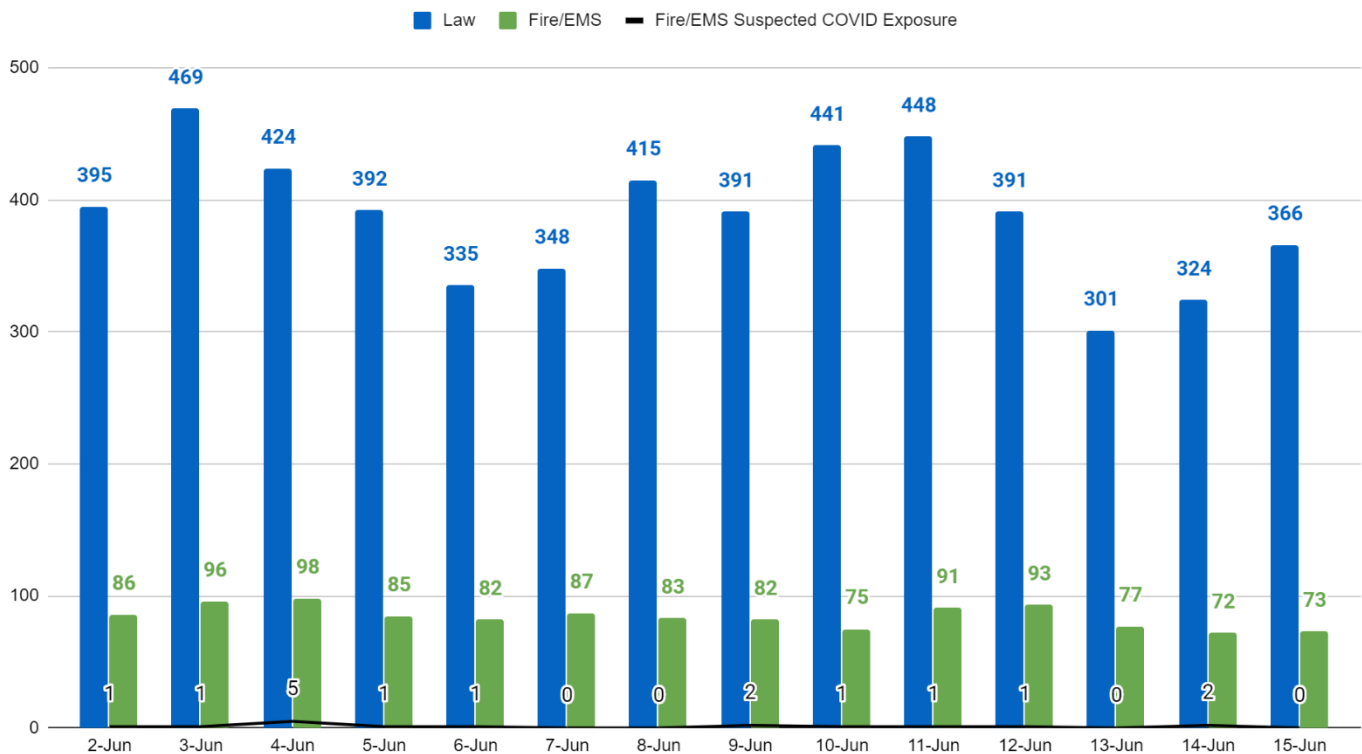
● Positive ● Positive (Data Incomplete) ● Negative ● Negative (Data Incomplete)



\*\*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))
  - FAQ update in progress
  - Added Provider alert
- Whatcom Unified Command website ([www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com))
  - Responded to inquiries from the public submitted via the website (volume has significantly increased the last two weeks)
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - Cloth face covering care
    - WA Warm line for mental health
    - DOH Video share; from exposure to feeling better
  - WUC Facebook Updates

#### 6-17-20

##### State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom misses 2 of 5 Phase 2 goals as state reports 1 death, 2 COVID-19 cases Tuesday](#) 6-16-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Bellingham City Council takes emergency action to lease new site for homeless shelter](#) (paywall) 6-17-20
- KGMI: <https://kgmi.com/news/007700-us-canada-border-will-remain-closed-for-another-30-days/> 6-17-20
- My Northwest: [Gov. Inslee says Yakima County is headed for disaster if no changes are made](#) 6-17-20
- My Northwest: [Examples of resilience from US history serve 'as a refuge' in present times](#) 6-17-20
- Go Skagit: [County's COVID-19 cases on the rise](#) 6-16-20
- Seattle Times: ['Getting sick has gotten political': One Yakima woman's struggle to say the pandemic's hurt is real](#) 6-17-20

##### National

- The Oregonian: [Oregon's biggest coronavirus outbreak yet is linked to Union County church, state officials confirm](#) 6-16-20
- CNN: [16 friends test positive for coronavirus after an outing at a Florida bar](#) 6-17-20
- Associated Press: [What are the potential long-term effects of having COVID-19?](#) 6-16-20
- Route Fifty: [The High Cost of Panic-Moving - Fleeing a big city because of the pandemic is a bigger gamble than it might seem](#) 6-16-20
- Route Fifty: [CDC: Patients With Pre-Existing Conditions 12 Times More Likely to Die From Coronavirus](#) 6-16-20
- [New York Times live updates](#): 6-17-20
  - Florida, Texas, and Arizona all set records for the most cases they have reported in a single day.
  - U.S. cities that initially avoided the worst of the virus see surge in cases since reopening.
- CBC: [Canadians can still travel to the U.S. during the COVID-19 pandemic — just not by car](#) 6-12-20
- LA Times: [We're turning into two Americas: Masked and unmasked](#) 6-17-20
- Reuters: [New U.S. pandemic watchdog says data, tech issues challenge oversight work](#) 6-17-20

#### Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Schools reopening plan messaging
- 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
- 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. Received cloth face masks and developing distribution plan for getting to local businesses and individuals.
9. Identifying agency locations for distributing face masks by next Monday.

### OPERATIONS

1. Supporting Wednesday's scheduled food distribution efforts.
2. Supporting staffing of Food Bank volunteers.
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, two 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.
6. Working towards making rooms at Byron Avenue I/Q Facility operable at double capacity to increase the number of beds available for individuals.
7. Planning and preparing for next operational period.

### PLANNING

1. Continuing to support Unified Command meetings.
2. Strategic planning working with Health Department.
3. Developed food distribution and delivery transition plan developed.
4. Continuing planning for medical surge planning.
5. Developing remobilization and transitional recovery plans for Unified Command.
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

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