

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



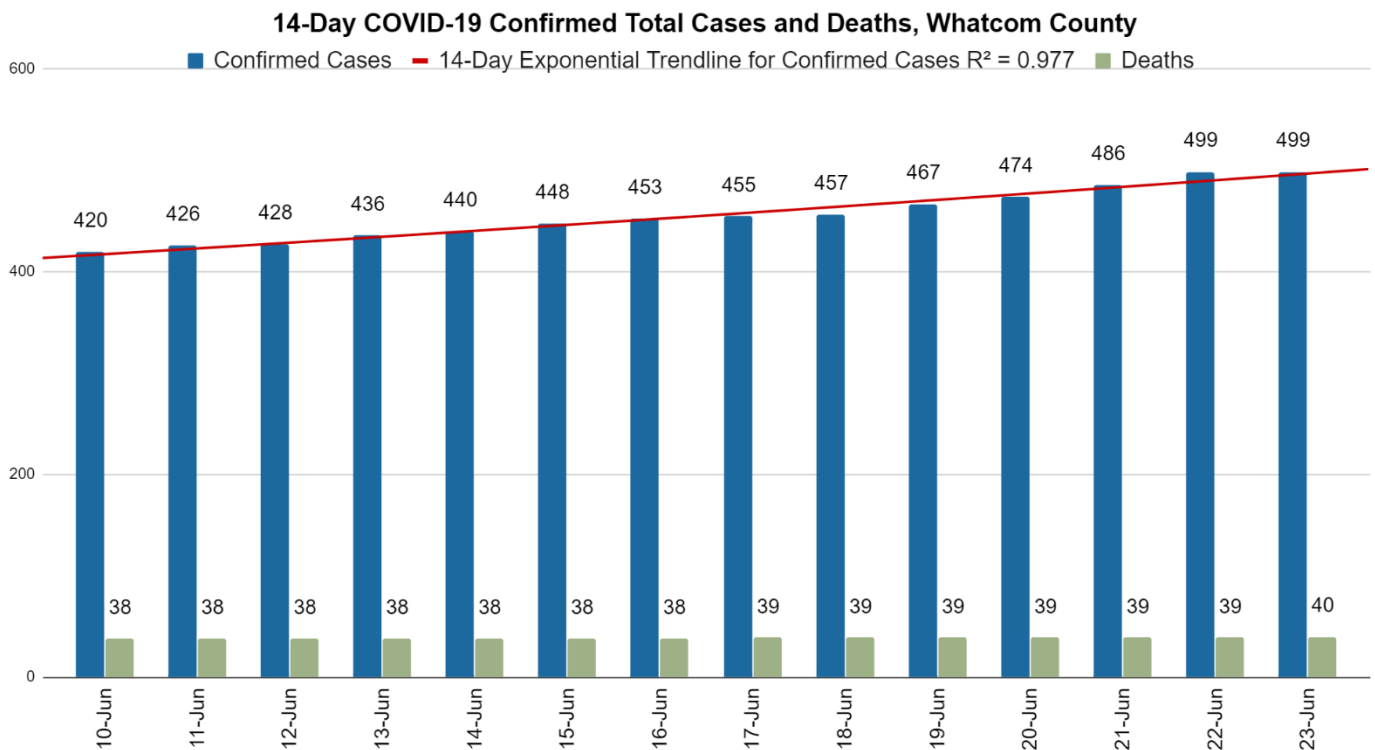
REPORT #: 20200623.1	DATE: 6/23/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 14	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

## 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

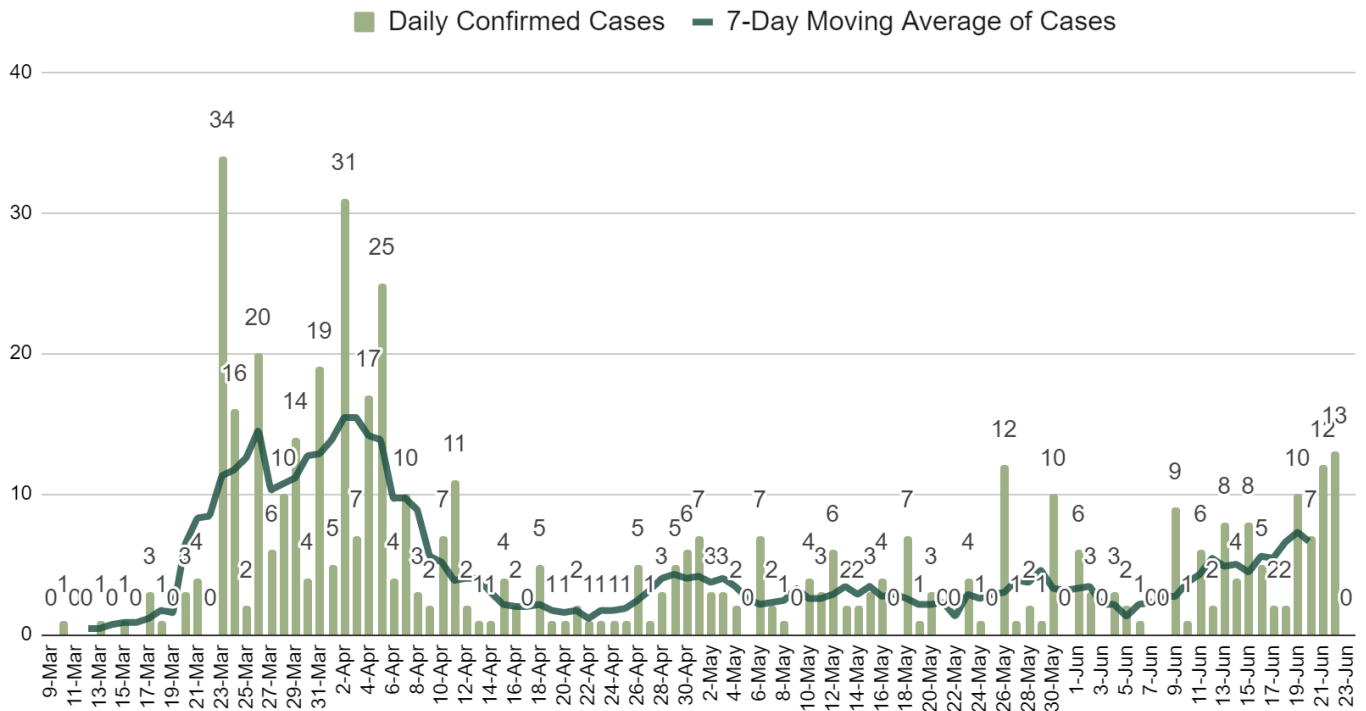
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DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
06/23/2020*	499	40
06/22/2020*	499	39
06/21/2020	486	39
06/20/2020	474	39
06/19/2020	467	39

\*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 06/21/2020.

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



### CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS

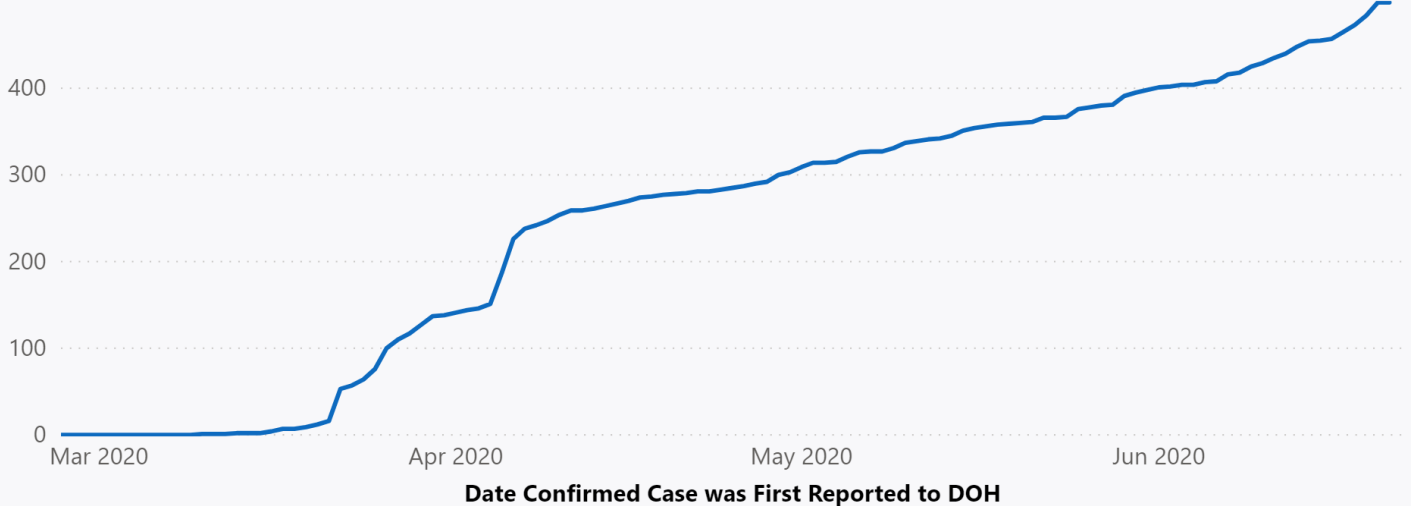
Data as of June 21, 2020 11:59PM

#### COVID-19 in Whatcom County

##### Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

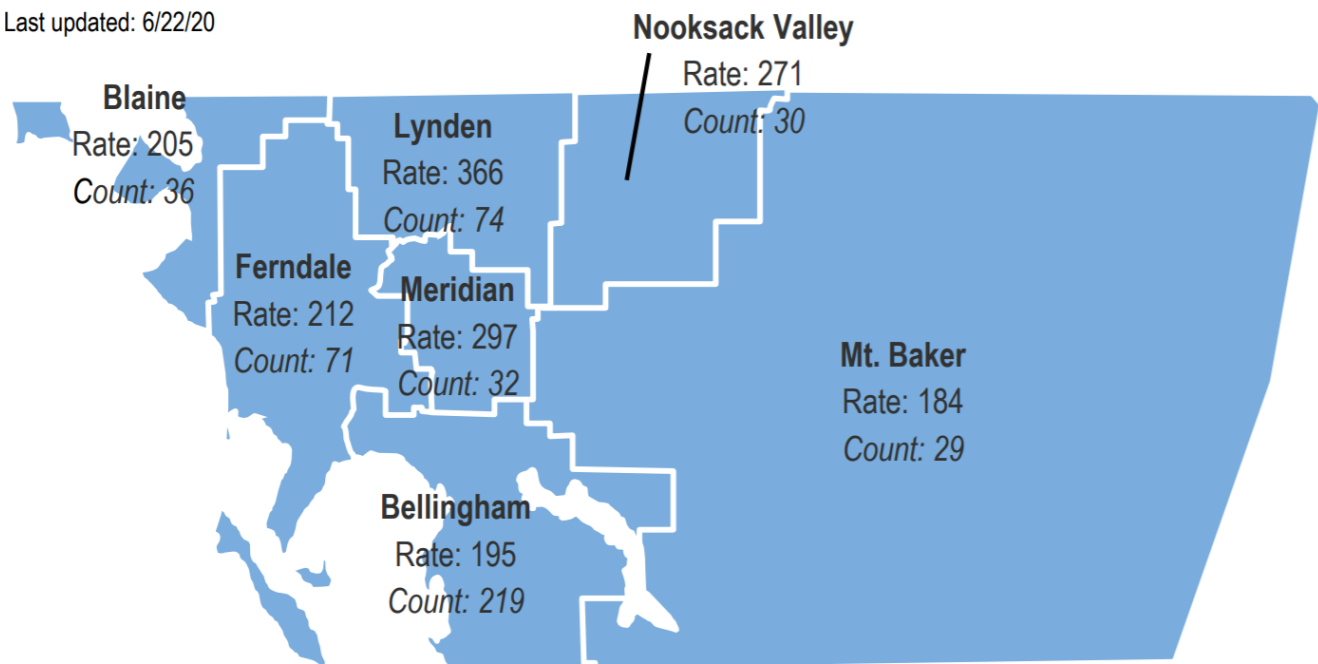
This chart shows the cumulative cases or the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

#### Cumulative Case Counts



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

Last updated: 6/22/20



**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'.

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	169	5	0
Age 40-59	116	13	1
Age 60-79	78	17	7
Age 80+	76	15	31
Age 0-19	60	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

*\* The data reported is the most current information provided from PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center. Information is updated as soon as it is available. PeaceHealth reports data on a periodic basis, only when substantial changes occur.*

### WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

Data as of June 21, 2020 11:59PM

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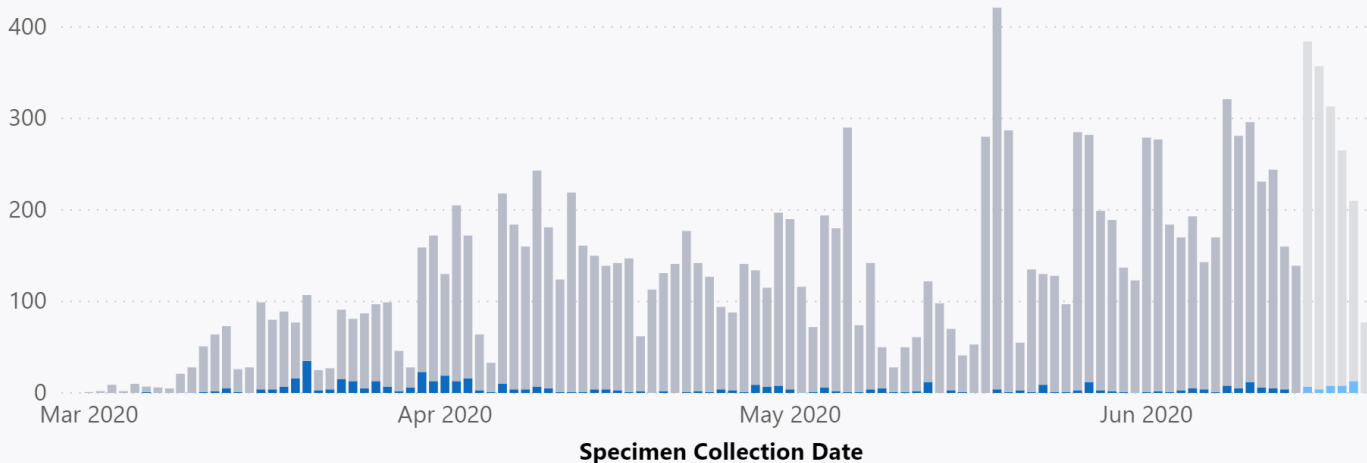
##### Number of Individuals Tested by Specimen Collection Date

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

3.3% of individuals tested positive

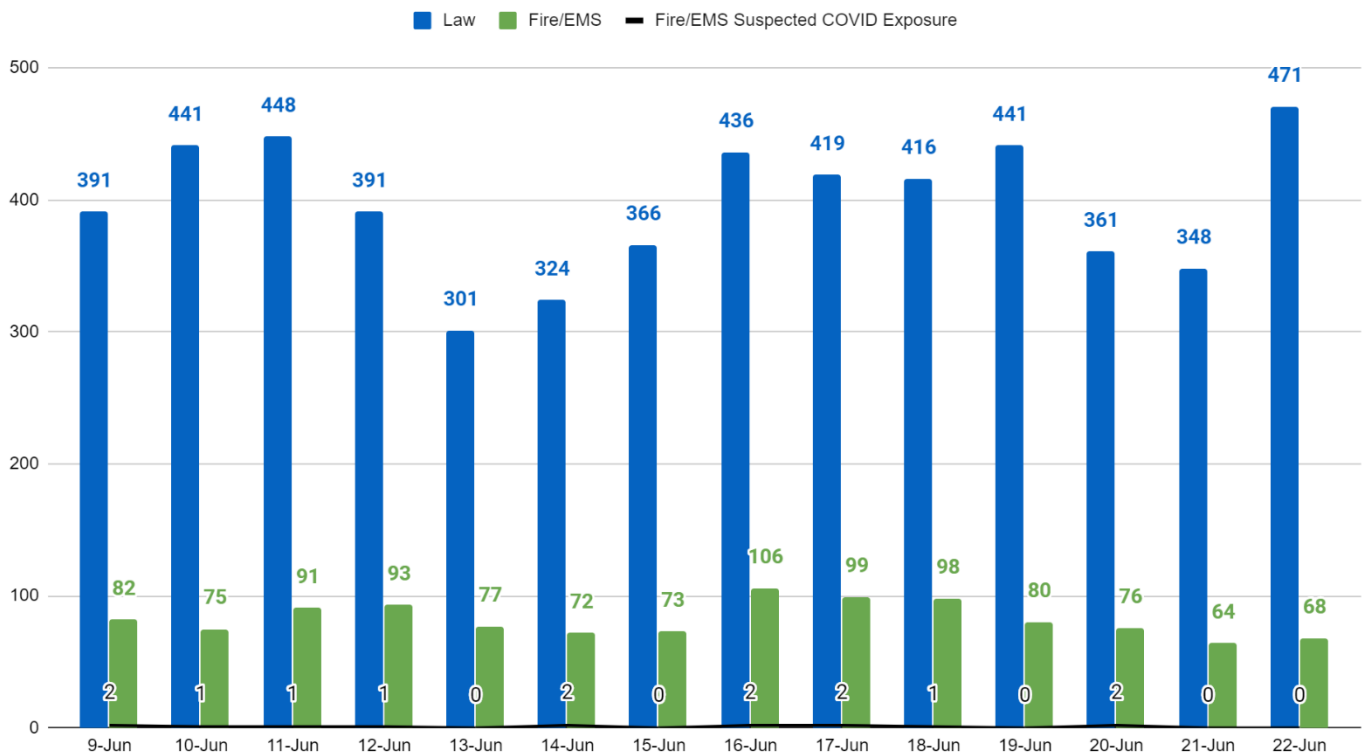
● Positive ● Positive (Data Incomplete) ● Negative ● Negative (Data Incomplete)



**\*\*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)
  - School District Chart Updated
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
  - Responded to inquiries from the public submitted via the website
  - Updating Whatcomcovid.com/safestart to support WUC's Phase 2 campaign
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - Viruses don't discriminate, but we do
  - WUC Facebook Updates
    - What's happening in Phase 2?

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#### Local and State

- Bellingham Herald: [COVID-19 spike means Phase 3 application unlikely as Whatcom becomes eligible this week](#) 6-22-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Here's what shoppers and diners will find as Cordata and Bellis Fair reopen in Phase 2](#) (paywall) 6-23-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Coronavirus is making it difficult for Whatcom's commercial fishing fleet this season](#) (paywall) 6-23-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Alaska ferry passengers will have these new requirements before boarding in Bellingham](#) (paywall) 6-23-20
- Seattle Times: [Coronavirus daily news updates, June 23: What to know today about COVID-19 in the Seattle area, Washington state and the world](#) - Is it safe to form a COVID-19 'support bubble' with friends? 6-23-20
- Yakima Herald: [Some Yakima businesses didn't wait to require masks](#) 6-23-20

#### National

- Associated Press: [Fauci hopeful for a vaccine by late 2020, early 2021](#) 6-23-20
- The Guardian: [Covid-19 vaccine may not work for at-risk older people, say scientists](#) 6-23-20
- New York Times: [E.U. May Exclude U.S. as It Reopens Borders, Citing Failures on Virus](#) 6-23-20
- ABC News: [Utah governor pushes back on health official warning 'complete shutdown' is needed to curb COVID-19 spread](#) 6-23-20
- CNN: [No state has successfully moved out of lockdown with the right tools in place, former CDC chief says](#) 6-23-20
- Wall Street Journal: [Coronavirus Job and Death Toll Is Widespread in Michigan: 'We are Talking About a Very Deep Hole'](#) 6-23-20
- Penn State News: [Initial COVID-19 infection rate may be 80 times greater than originally reported](#) 6-22-20
- NPR: [We Still Don't Fully Understand The Label 'Asymptomatic'](#) 6-23-20
- KHOU News: [Texas Children's Hospital admitting adult patients to free up hospital beds in Houston](#) 6-22-20
- CNN: [A third of Medicare enrollees with coronavirus ended up in the hospital. A quarter of them died](#) 6-22-20
- BBC: [Coronavirus: Warning thousands could be left with lung damage](#) 6-23-20
- The Oregonian: [Coronavirus spike in Multnomah County linked to spread among friends, family, officials say](#) 6-22-20

### Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Schools reopening plan messaging.
- Continue with mask messaging and information.
- Work with business task force to create content for the website.
- Communication about Phase 2 and moving to Phase 3, as well as 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.
- Working on robust, strategic communications plan incorporating an equity focus throughout our messaging.
- Working on increasing messaging for speakers of other languages, including Spanish.
- 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.

## 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 and 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. Receive cloth face masks and developing distribution plan for delivery to qualifying individuals.
9. Finalizing distribution of face masks to various agencies.

### OPERATIONS

1. Supporting Tuesday's scheduled food distribution efforts.
2. Continuing operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q Facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, nine rooms are occupied.
3. Working towards making rooms at Byron Avenue I/Q Facility operable at double capacity to increase the number of beds available for individuals.
4. Planning and preparing for next operational period.

### PLANNING

1. Developing food distribution and delivery transition plan.
2. Developing plans for next operational period.
3. Continuing development of medical surge planning.
4. Developing remobilization and transition to recovery plan.

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