

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



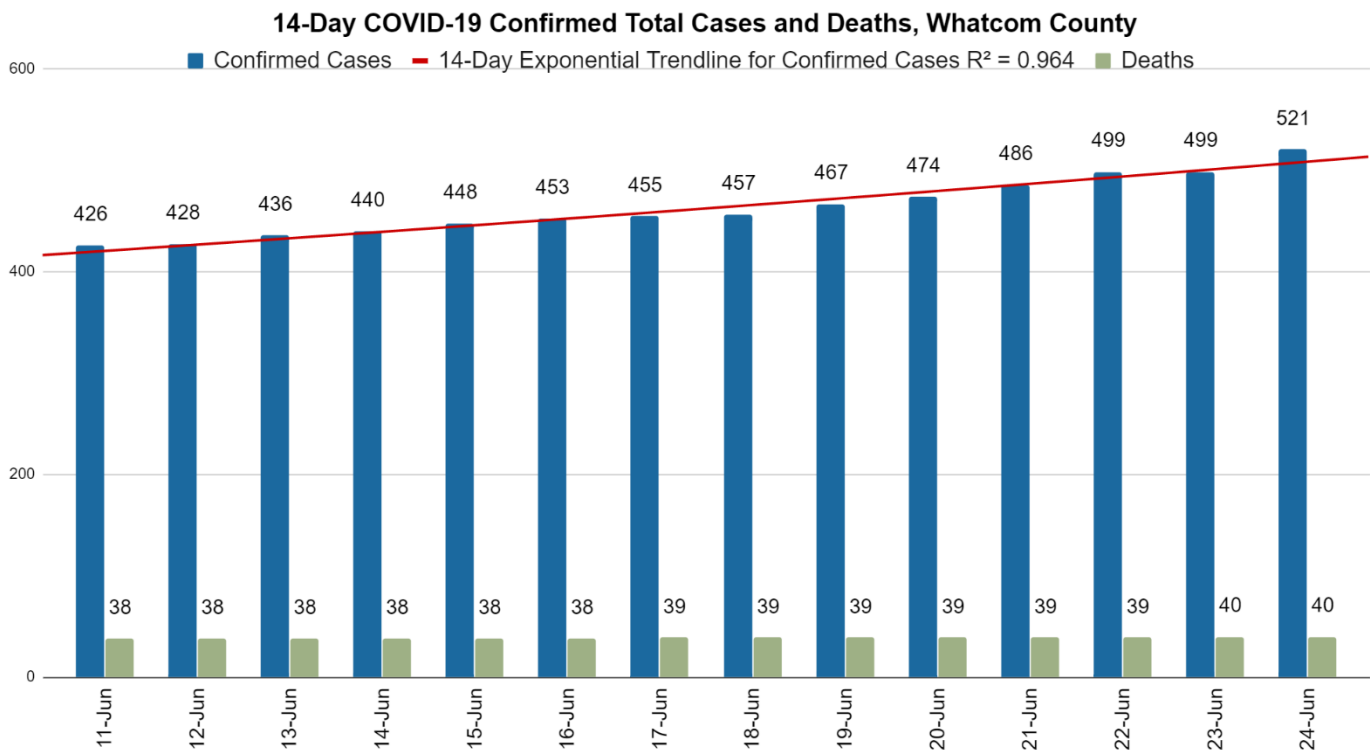
REPORT #: 20200624.1	DATE: 6/24/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 14	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

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

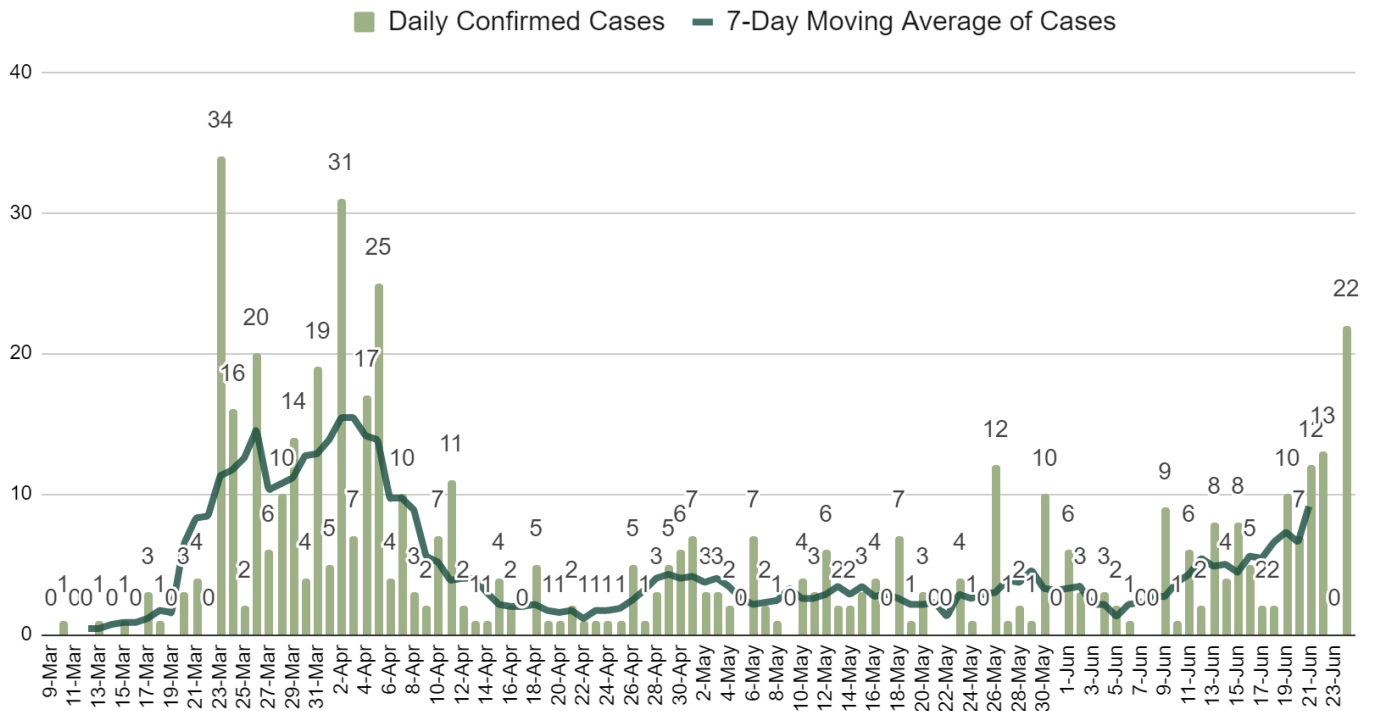
ICS 202



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
06/24/2020*	521	40
06/23/2020*	499	40
06/22/2020	499	39
06/21/2020	486	39
06/20/2020	474	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 06/22/2020.

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



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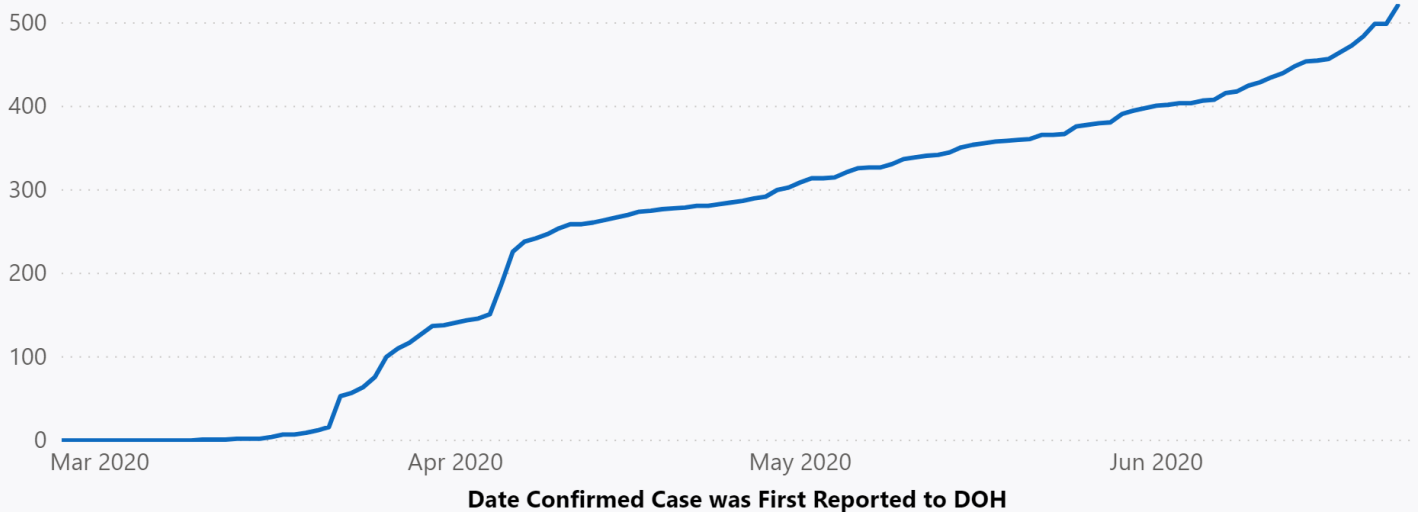
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COVID-19 in Whatcom County

Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

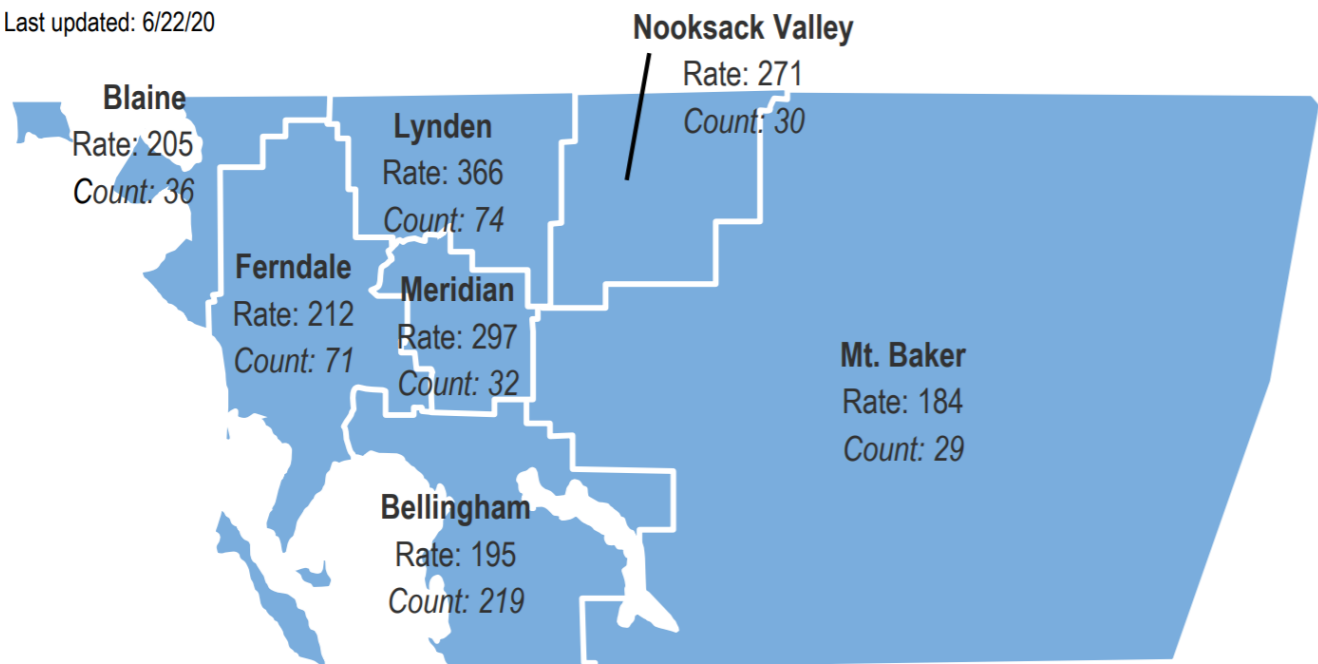
This chart shows the cumulative cases or the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

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
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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 22, 2020 11:59PM

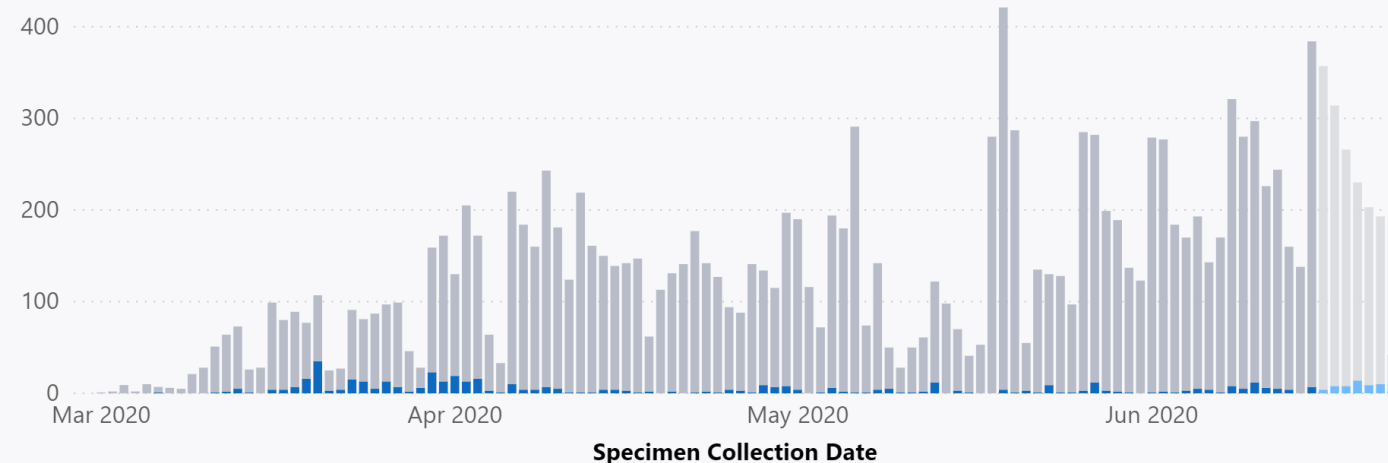
COVID-19 in Whatcom County

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 | 3.3% of individuals tested positive

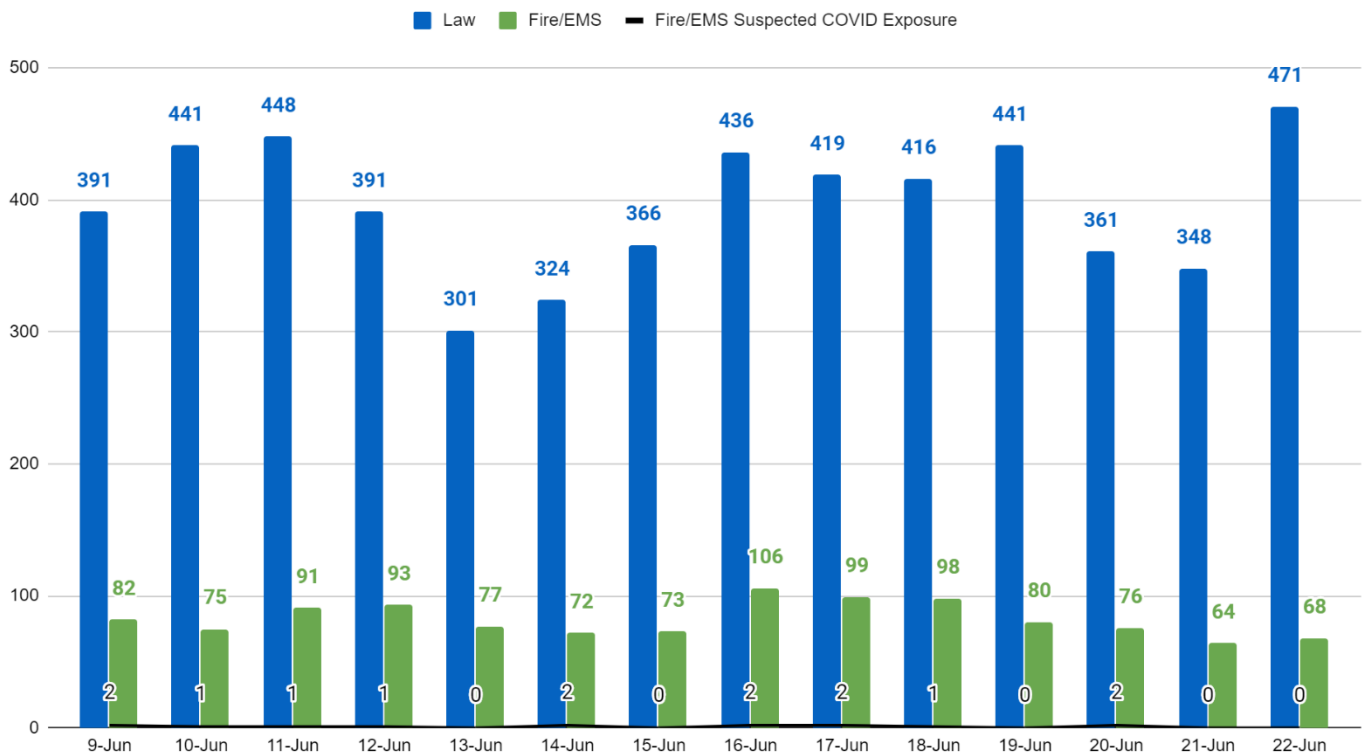
● Positive ● Positive (Data Incomplete) ● Negative ● Negative (Data Incomplete)



****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
- [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](#)
- [Washington State face covering directive](#)

JIC Updates

- WCHD Website www.whatcomcounty.us/covid
 - Cases by Race and Ethnicity Chart updated
 - News Flash about new statewide mask directive
 - News Flash about Whatcom not applying for Phase 3
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries from the public submitted via the website
 - Updating Whatcomcovid.com/safestart to support WUC's Phase 2 campaign
 - Updated testing page
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD Facebook Updates
 - New mask directive
 - Whatcom will not be applying for Phase 3
 - WUC Facebook updates

6-24-20

Local and State

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom missing COVID-19 benchmarks, isn't eligible to apply for Phase 3 this week](#) 6-23-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Don't let fake contact tracers steal your information. Here's how to protect yourself](#) (paywall) 6-24-20
- Bellingham Herald: [State reports 22 new positive COVID-19 tests in Whatcom County Tuesday](#) 6-23-20
- KGMI: [Unemployment rate in Whatcom County still high](#) 6-24-20
- KGMI: [Construction begins on new drop-in shelter](#) 6-24-20
- My Northwest: [School districts to follow state's reopening framework, adopt local plans](#) 6-23-20
- Seattle Times: [Keeping kindergartners apart, distanced desks and lots of cleaning: What we know so far about Washington's next school year](#) 6-24-20
- Seattle Times: [Airlines, passengers grappling with coronavirus safety policies](#) 6-23-20
- Seattle Times: [Flyers hiding COVID infection show risk of reopening borders](#) 6-24-20
- Seattle Times: [Gov. Inslee orders masks to be worn in public to help stem spread of coronavirus](#) 6-23-20
- Go Skagit: [Sea Mar offering free COVID tests](#) 6-23-20

National

- Route Fifty: [The Dudes Who Won't Wear Masks - COMMENTARY | Face coverings are a powerful tool, but health authorities can't simply ignore the reasons some people refuse to use them](#) 6-24-20
- Route Fifty: [Cities Delay Infrastructure Projects Amid Covid-19 Budget Uncertainty](#) 6-23-20
- Health Affairs: [The Double Pandemic Of Social Isolation And COVID-19: Cross-Sector Policy Must Address Both](#) 6-22-20
- New York Times: [Americans Face New Virus Limbo as Some Reopenings Are Halted](#) 6-24-20
- New York Times: [How to Help Kids Embrace Mask-Wearing](#) 6-23-20
- New York Times: [Fauci, Citing 'Disturbing Surge,' Tells Congress the Virus Is Not Under Control](#) 6-23-20
- Harvard Business Review: [Delivering Grim News to Covid-19 Patients' Families](#) 6-24-20
- KSTP ABC News: [187 Amazon employees in Minnesota test positive for COVID-19; biggest outbreak in Shakopee](#) 6-24-20

- WFLA NBC News: [Report: Second Florida teen dies of COVID-19](#) 6-24-20
- KOMO News: [COVID-19 infections among younger patients raises concern](#) 6-23-20
- Associated Press: [First vaccinations begin in Africa for COVID-19 trial](#) 6-24-20
- Scientific American: [How 'Superspreading' Events Drive Most COVID-19 Spread](#) 6-23-20

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 prerequisites to apply for 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 a 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://hawaiicovid19.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.
10. Finalizing efforts for repurposing ballot boxes.

OPERATIONS

1. Supporting Wednesday'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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Situation Unit	Incident Command	06/24/20	16:00