

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



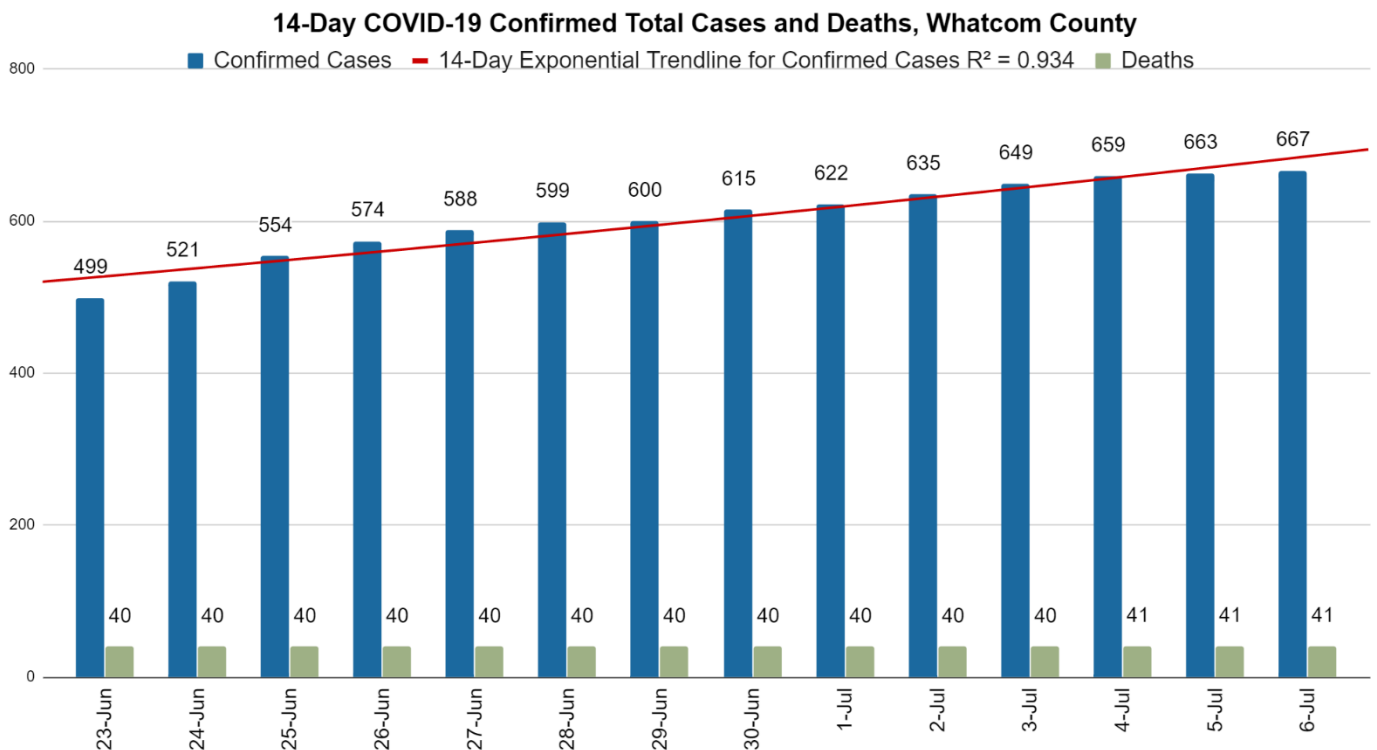
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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 15	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

## 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

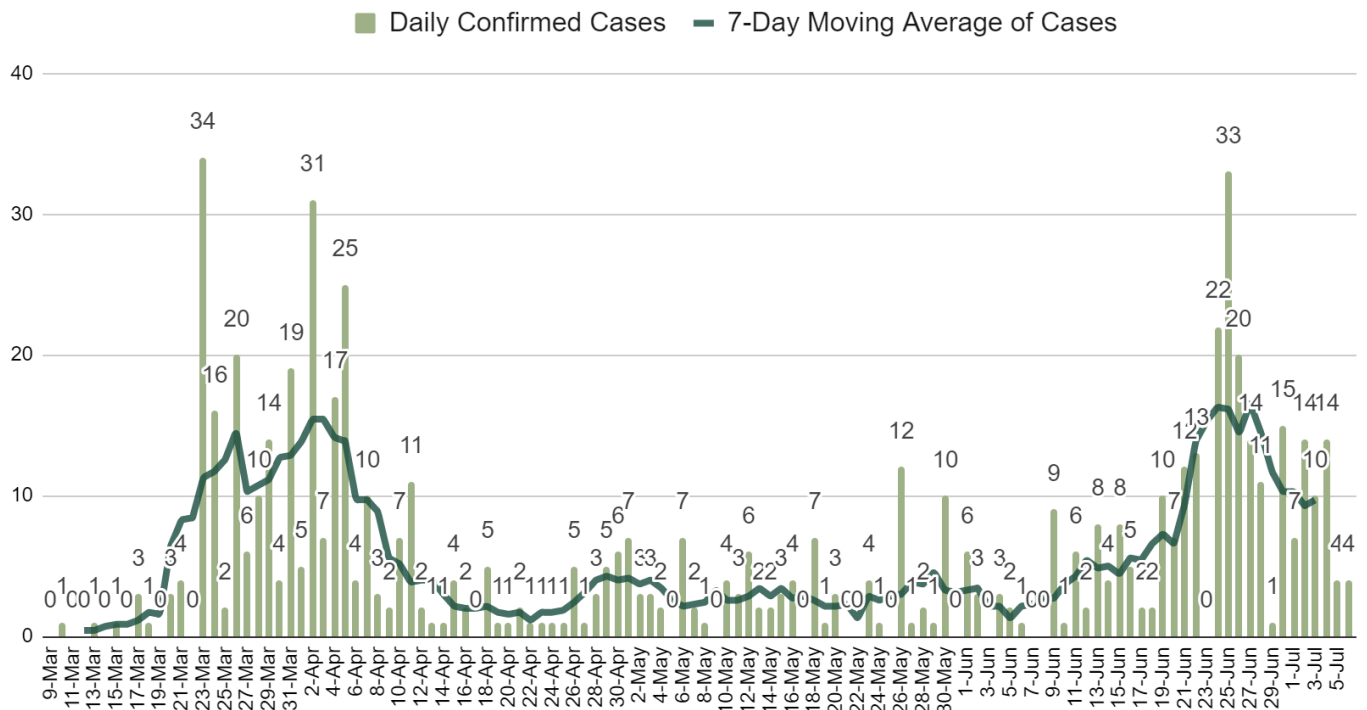
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DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
07/06/2020*	667	41
07/05/2020*	663	41
07/04/2020	659	41
07/03/2020	649	40
07/02/2020	635	40

\*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 7/4/2020.

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



### CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS

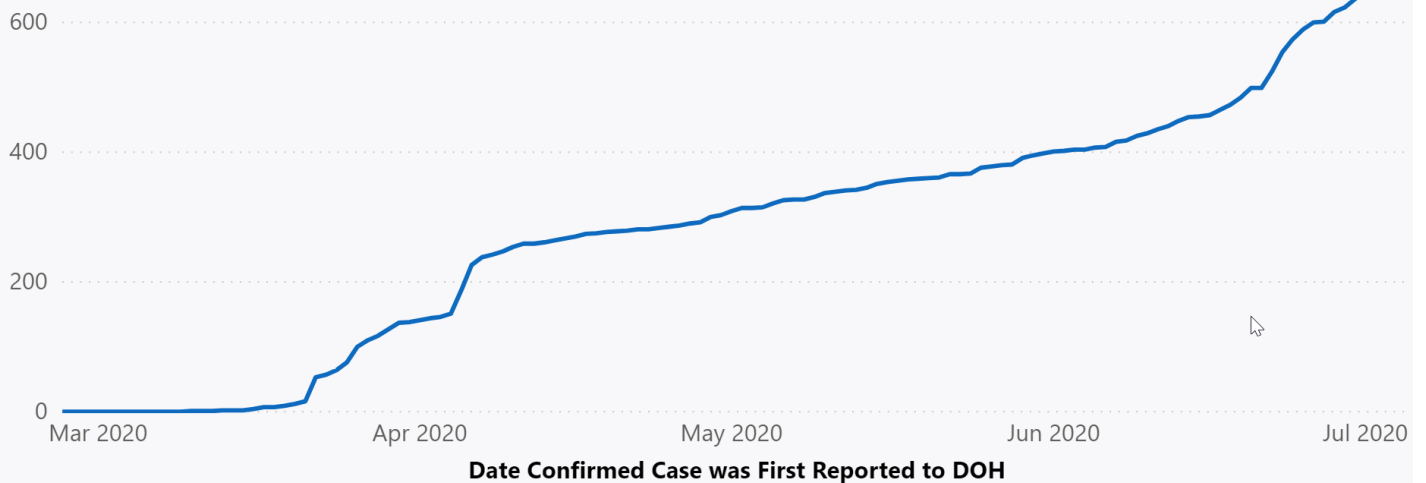
Data as of July 04, 2020 11:59PM

#### COVID-19 in Whatcom County

##### Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

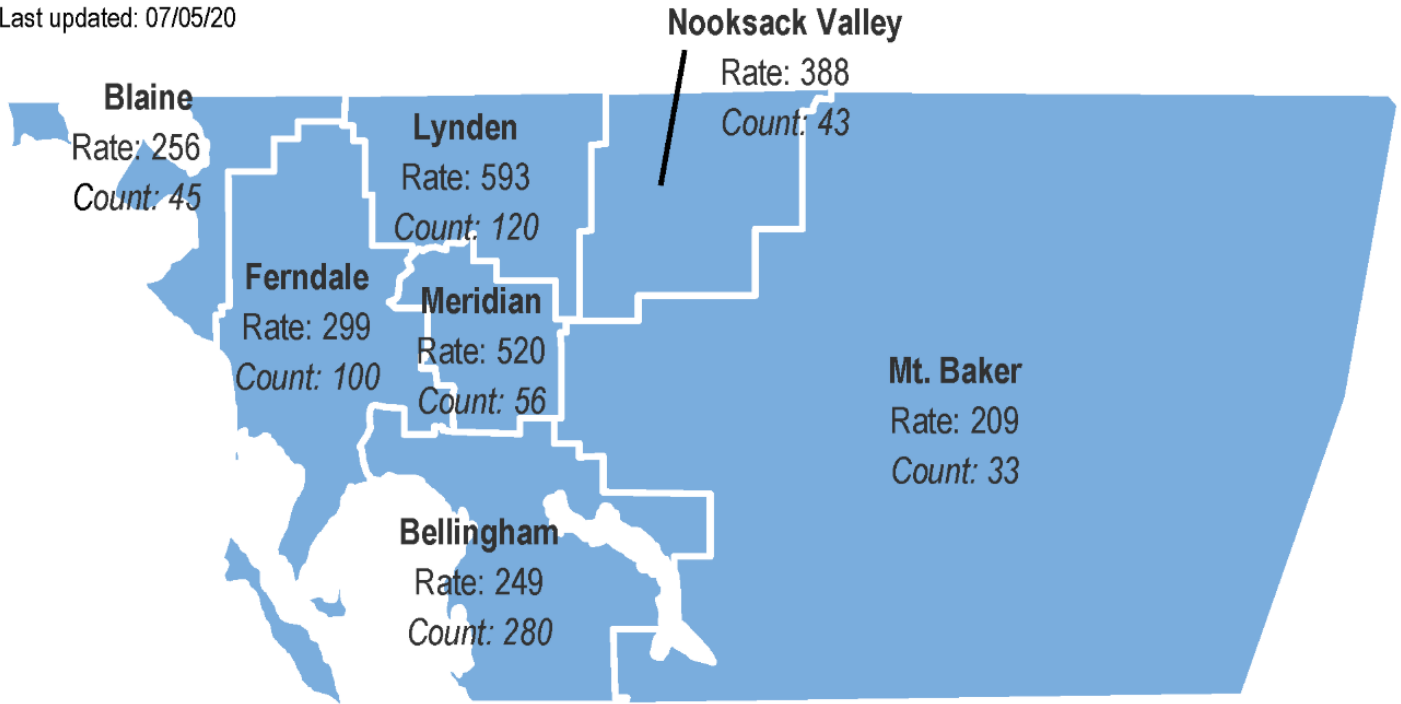
This chart shows the cumulative cases or the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

#### Cumulative Case Counts



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

Last updated: 07/05/20



**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

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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	225	6	0
Age 40-59	157	16	1
Age 60-79	106	21	8
Age 0-19	101	2	0
Age 80+	78	15	32
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 7/6/2020:

- 1 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 0 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 41 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available

*\* 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 July 04, 2020 11:59PM

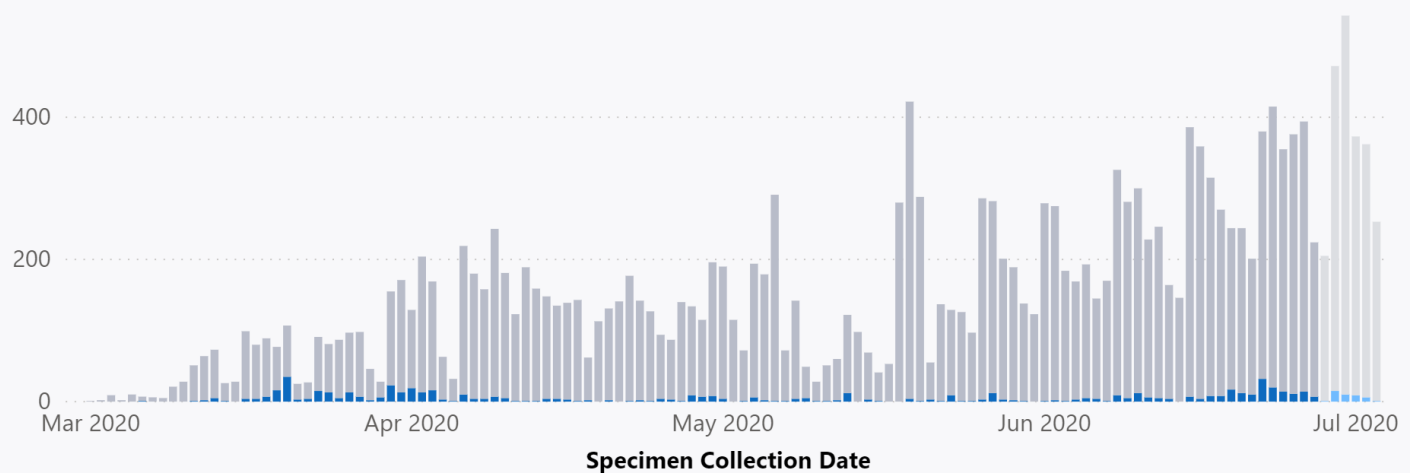
#### COVID-19 in Whatcom County

##### 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

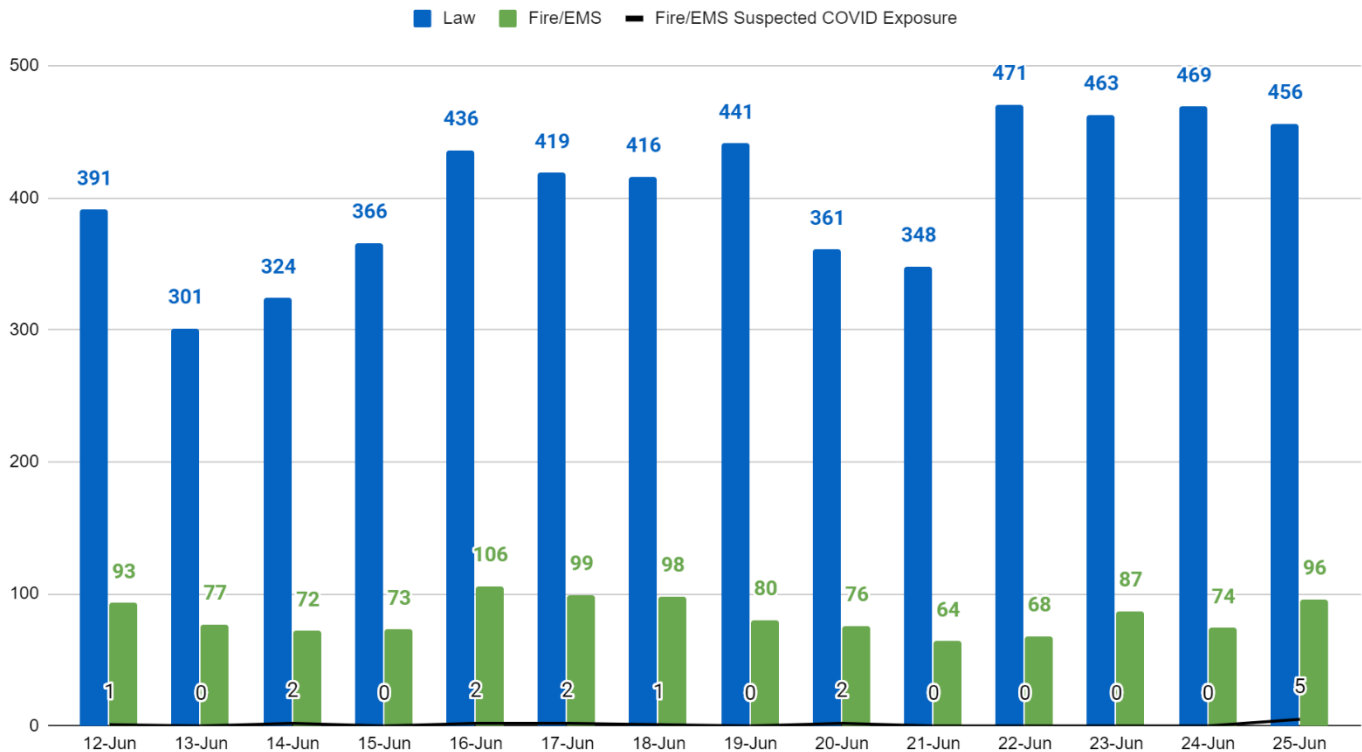
● Positive ● Positive (Data Incomplete) ● Negative ● Negative (Data Incomplete)



**\*\*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](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us)
- [WUC Facebook](#)
- [WUC Twitter](#)
- [Whatcom County Health Department Facebook](#)

### State and Federal Information

- [Governor Inslee's Proclamations:](#)
- [Washington State Department of Health provides guidance on wearing cloth face coverings](#)

- [Governor's phased approach](#)
- [Washington State face covering directive](#)
- [Washington State COVID-19 risk assessment dashboard](#)

#### JIC Updates

- WCHD Website [www.whatcomcounty.us/covid](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid)
  - [Updated weekly statistics for race and ethnicity and school district](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
  - Responded to inquiries
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - [Face masks in businesses information](#)
  - WUC Facebook Updates
    - [Business face mask resources](#)

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#### Local and State

- Bellingham Herald: [Here's how the COVID-19 crisis is affecting Whatcom County tourism](#) - 7-6-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Another four people test positive for COVID-19 in Whatcom, state reports Sunday](#) - 7-5-20
- Bellingham Herald: [This Whatcom County summer water park cannot open due to COVID-19](#) - 7-4-20
- Seattle Times: [Coronavirus daily news updates, July 6: What to know today about COVID-19](#) - 7-6-20
- Seattle Times: [Hundreds of experts say coronavirus is airborne; consequences for our daily lives would be significant](#) - 7-5-20
- Seattle Times: [COVID-19 meets Election 2020: the perfect storm for misinformation](#) - 7-5-20
- Seattle Times: [How our sewage could warn us of future outbreaks of COVID-19](#) - 7-5-20
- My Northwest: [Benton, Yakima, Franklin counties move to modified Phase 1](#) - 7-6-20

#### National

- NPR: [U.S. COVID-19 Deaths Near 130,000; Florida And Texas Report Record Case Numbers](#) - 7-5-20
- NPR: [Early Coronavirus Testing Restrictions Led To Some Big ER Bills](#) - 7-6-20
- NPR: [Pooling Coronavirus Tests Can Spare Scarce Supplies, But There's A Catch](#) - 7-5-20
- New York Times: [As Coronavirus Cases Rise, the Federal Work Force Heads Back to the Office](#) - 7-6-20
- New York Times: [Coronavirus Live Updates: U.S. Records 250,000 New Cases in First Days of July](#) - 7-6-20
- Reuters: [White House says masks encouraged as precaution at next Trump rally](#) - 7-5-20

#### Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue with mask messaging and information, following state directive.
- Work with business task force to create website content.
- Communication about Phase 2 and prerequisites to apply for Phase 3.
- 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 15

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 reconfirm and validate previously identified I/Q facilities for potential future needs.
3. Continuing to research and compile sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible. Developing messaging for accessible messaging and supply list.
4. Continuing to interact with the state for meeting PPE requirements.
5. Continuing to support staffing for ongoing, weekly food delivery efforts.
6. Continuing to support the ongoing development of the site selection matrix for medical surge unit (MSU) and identifying and investigating potential MSU sites, as needed.
7. Compiling feedback from countywide agencies that received face masks through our distribution program for data to report to the state.

### OPERATIONS

1. Supporting Monday'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, two 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.

### PLANNING

1. Continuing development of medical surge planning.
2. Working with food security branch to transfer food distribution support to other community agencies.
3. Developing remobilization and transition to recovery plan.

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Situation Unit

**REPORT APPROVED BY:**  
Incident Command

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07/06/20

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16:00