

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



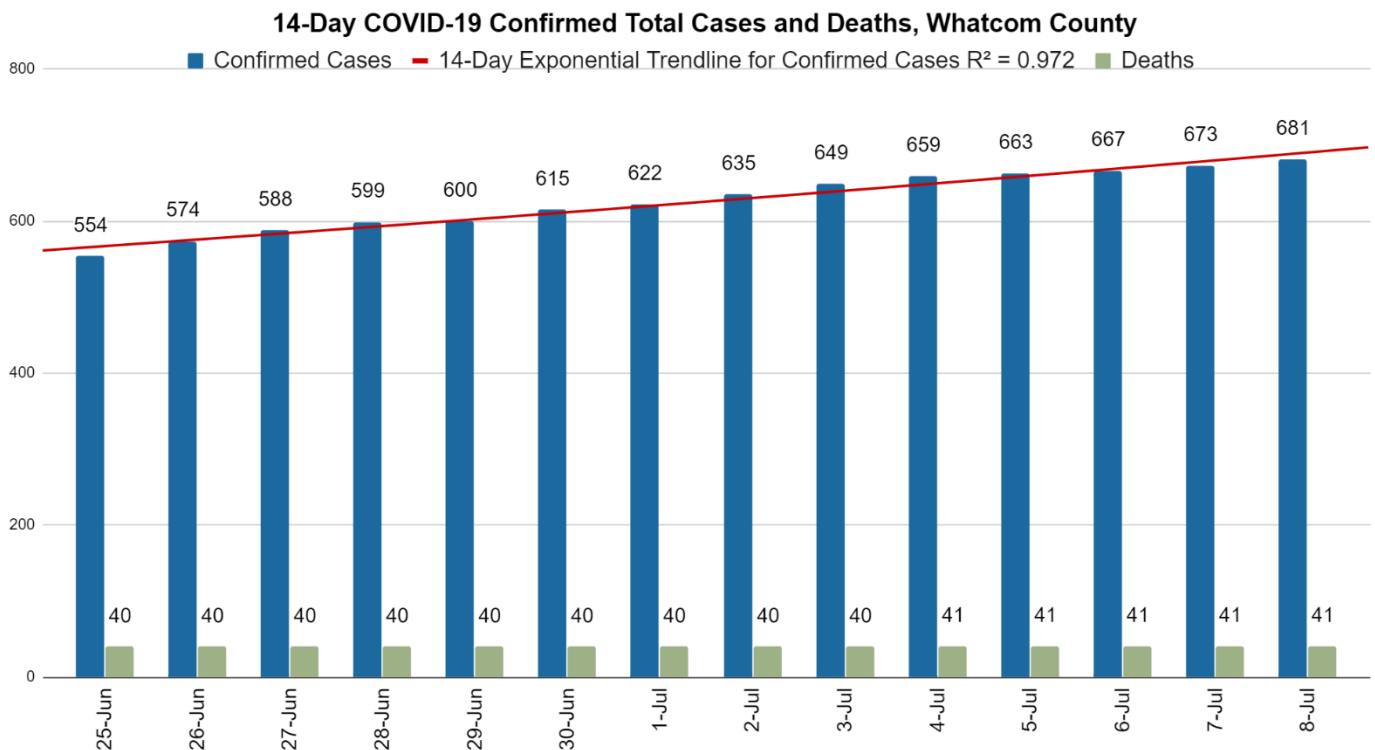
REPORT #: 20200708.1	DATE: 7/8/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 15	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

## 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

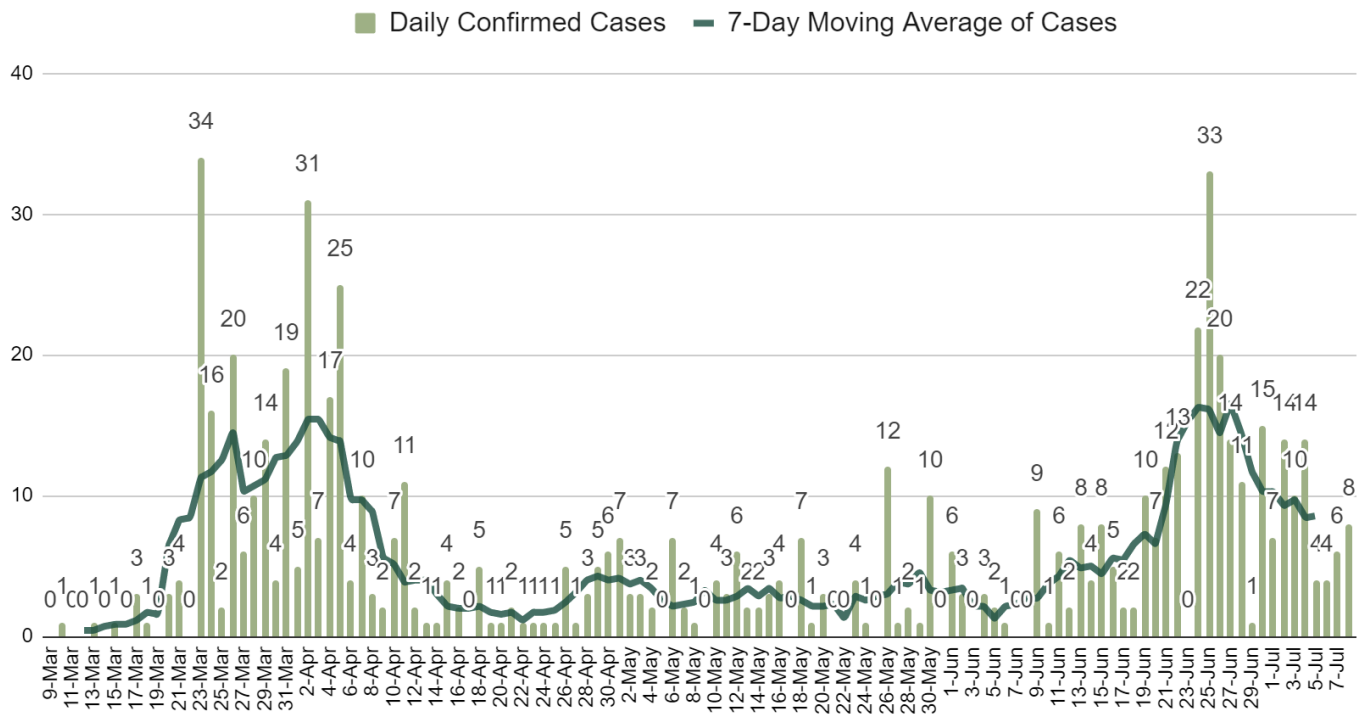
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DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
07/08/2020*	681	41
07/07/2020*	673	41
07/06/2020	667	41
07/05/2020	663	41
07/04/2020	659	41

\*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 7/6/2020.

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



## S, HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS

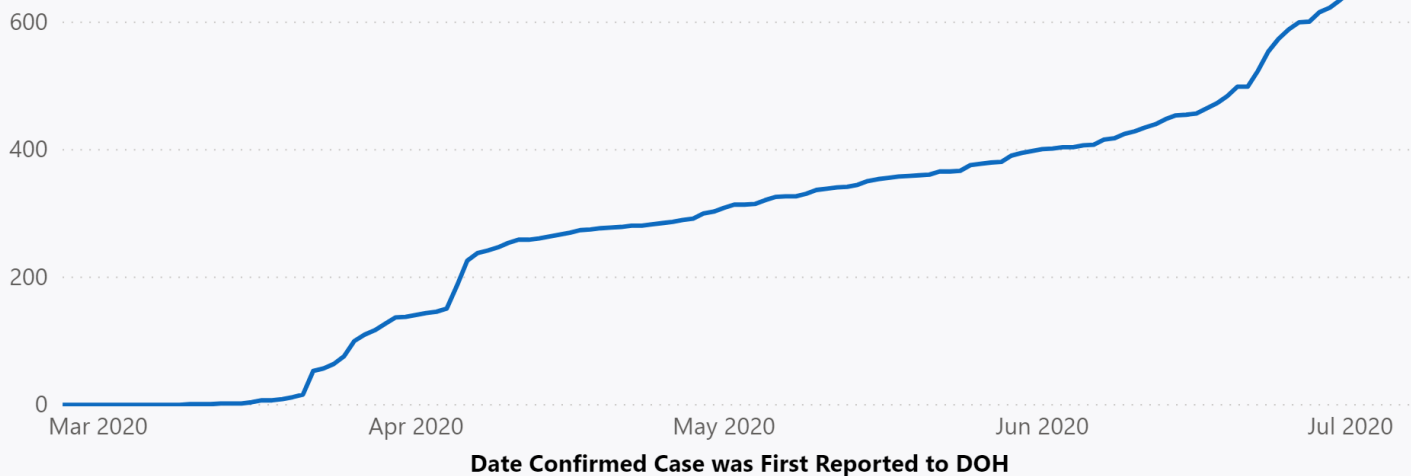
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### COVID-19 in Whatcom County

#### Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

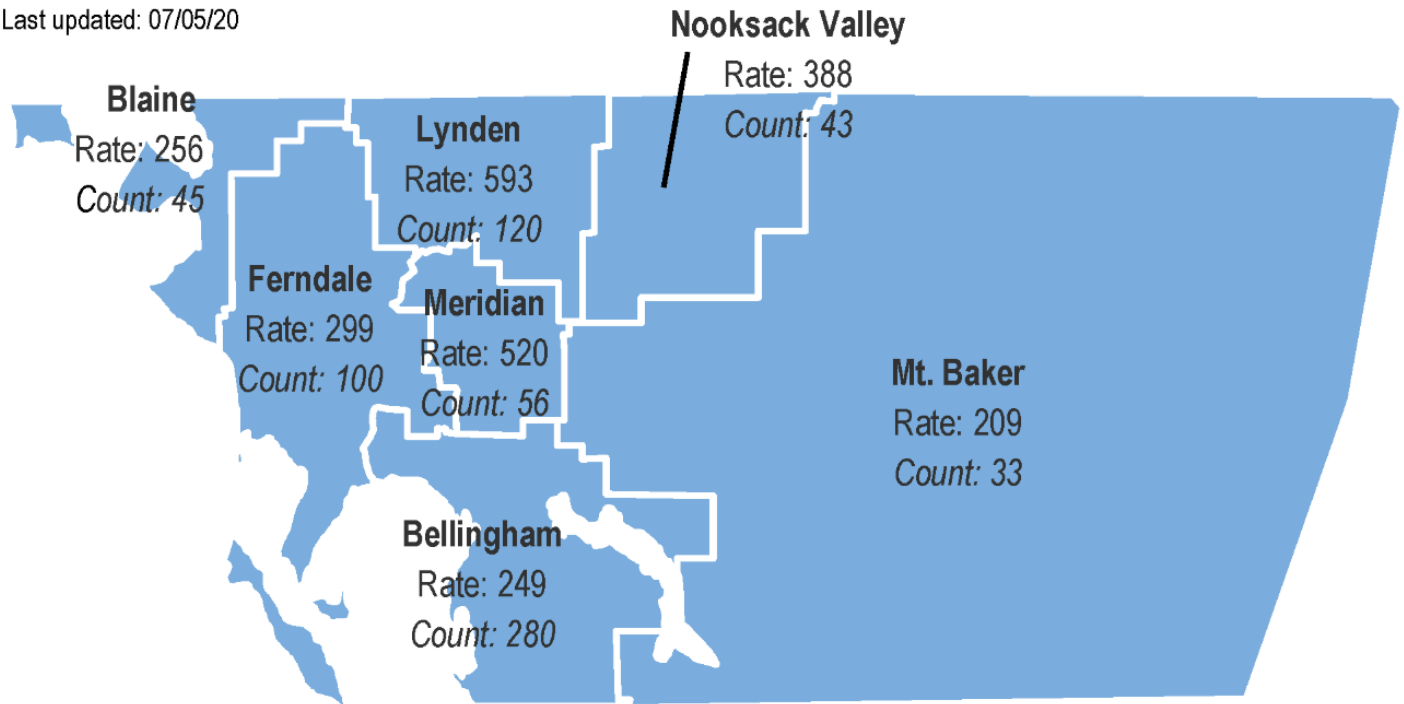
This chart shows the cumulative cases or the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

#### Cumulative Case Counts



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

Last updated: 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 7/8/2020:

- 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 06, 2020 11:59PM

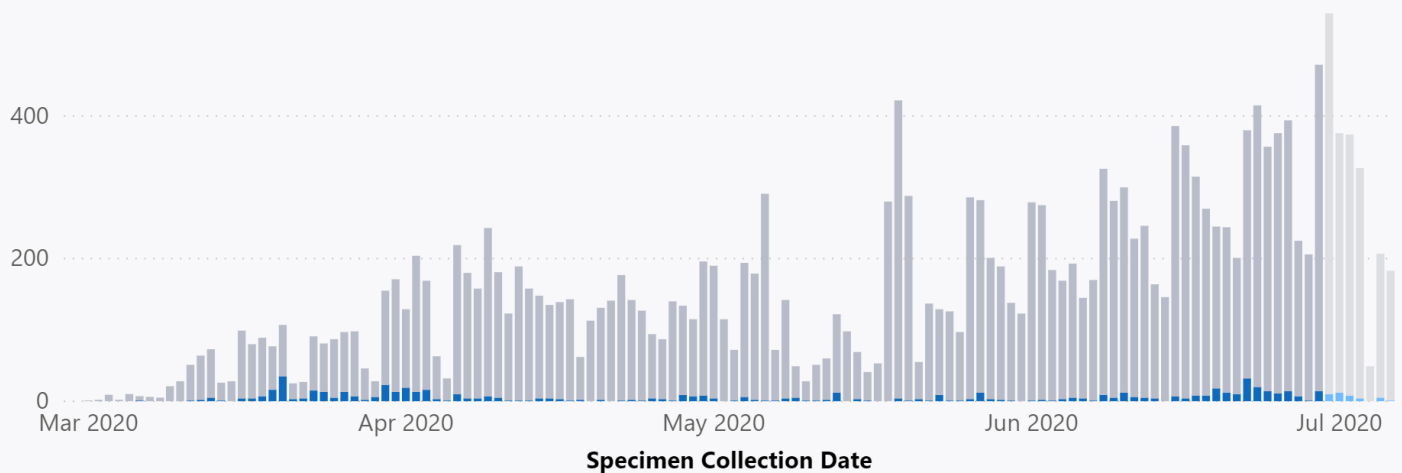
#### COVID-19 in Whatcom County

##### 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

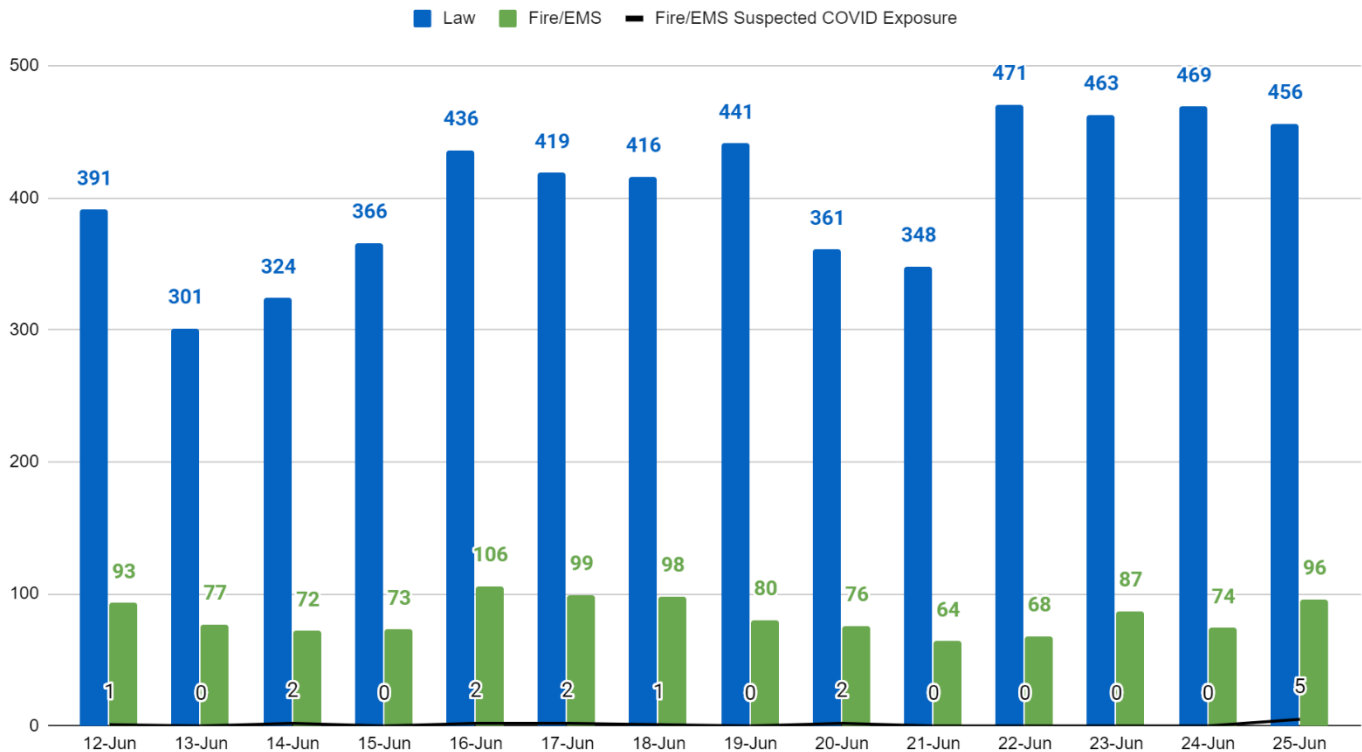
● Positive ● Positive (Data Incomplete) ● Negative ● Negative (Data Incomplete)



**\*\*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 forms for businesses](#)
  - News flashes
    - July 7 - [Whatcom County is expanding COVID-19 testing](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
  - Responded to inquiries
  - Updated information on [cloth face covering donations](#)
  - Updated information on [schools](#), [parks and recreation](#), and [reporting business violations](#)
  - Posted [daily status report](#)
  - Sent news releases and latest updates to subscribers:
    - July 7 - [Mask donations, distributions now community based](#)
    - July 7 - [Whatcom County Health Department and Whatcom Unified Command to pilot low-barrier COVID-19 testing facility](#)
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - [New Drive-through testing](#)
  - WUC Facebook Updates
    - [New Drive-through testing](#)
- Other
  - July 7 Media Release - [Whatcom County Public Health Advisory Board Employer Support Task Force Launches "Safer. Stronger. Together." Campaign.](#)

#### 7-8-20

##### Local and State

- Bellingham Herald: [Inslee discusses unmet unemployment claims, COVID-19 surge and student visa changes](#) - 7-7-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom County to increase COVID-19 testing Friday](#) - 7-7-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Eight more people test positive for COVID-19 in Whatcom, state reports Tuesday](#) - 7-7-20
- Seattle Times: [Coronavirus daily news updates, July 8: What to know today about COVID-19](#) - 7-8-20
- Seattle Times: [Washington state coronavirus hospitalizations on the rise, but still far below peak](#) - 7-8-20
- Seattle Times: [Few grumbles as Washington state businesses begin requiring customers to wear masks](#) - 7-7-20
- Seattle PI: [Trump threatens to cut federal aid if schools don't reopen](#) - 7-8-20

##### National

- NPR: [3 Million Cases: Coronavirus Continues To Surge Across U.S.](#) - 7-8-20
- NPR: [Starting A COVID-19 'Social Bubble'? How Safe Sex Communication Skills Can Help](#) - 7-8-20
- NPR: [Trump Administration Sends Letter Formally Withdrawing U.S. From WHO](#) - 7-7-20
- New York Times: [Churches Were Eager to Reopen. Now They Are a Major Source of Cases.](#) - 7-8-20
- Fox News: [CDC says 87 percent of coronavirus-infected meatpacking workers were minorities](#) - 7-8-20
- Politico: [DeVos blasts school districts that hesitate at reopening](#) - 7-7-20
- The Conversation: [COVID-19 makes clear that bioethics must confront health disparities](#) - 7-7-20

### Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Work with [COVID Employer Support Task Force](#) to create content for the [Resources for Businesses and Community Organizations page](#).
- Communication about [Phase 2 and Safe Start](#)
- Help set expectations for progression of phased reopening.
- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives.
- 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.
- Greater outreach to farming communities.
- Develop materials to explain planning process and communicate context of preparations (including re: Bellingham Mayor desire for social media marketing plan to increase mask use).

## 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/opstdashboard/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.
8. Planning and procurement for resources needed at the low-barrier Covid-19 testing location.

### OPERATIONS

1. Assisting with traffic control while 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, one room is 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.
4. Planning and preparing for next operational period.
5. Supporting Whatcom County DOH with planning and activating a low-barrier Covid-19 testing location.

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