

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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

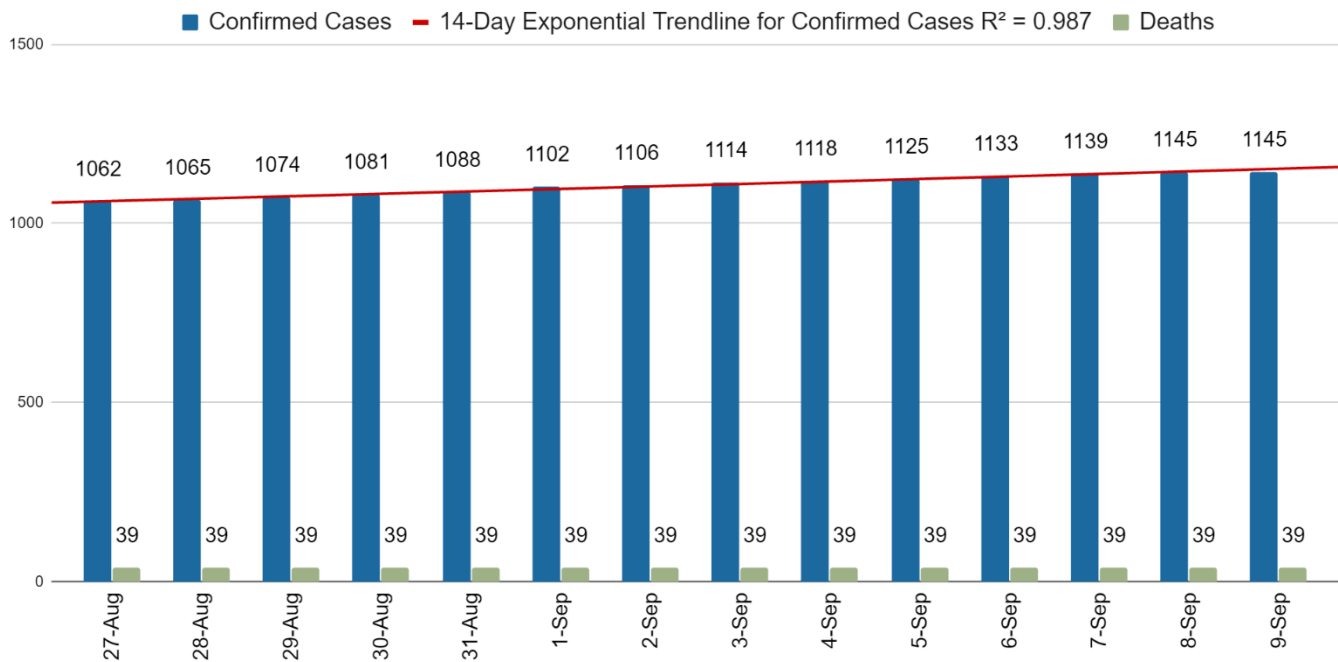
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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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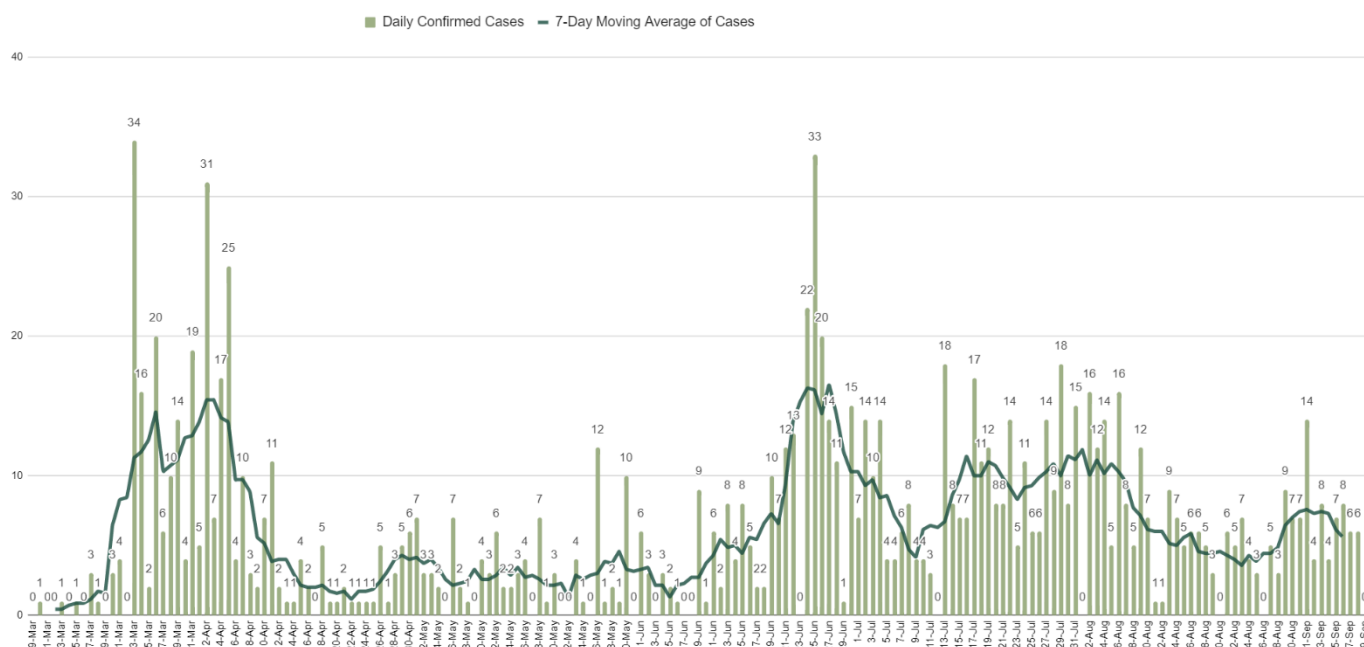
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
09/09/2020*	1145	39
09/08/2020*	1145	39
09/07/2020*	1139	39
09/06/2020	1133	39
09/05/2020	1125	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 9/6/2020.

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



COVID-19 in Whatcom County

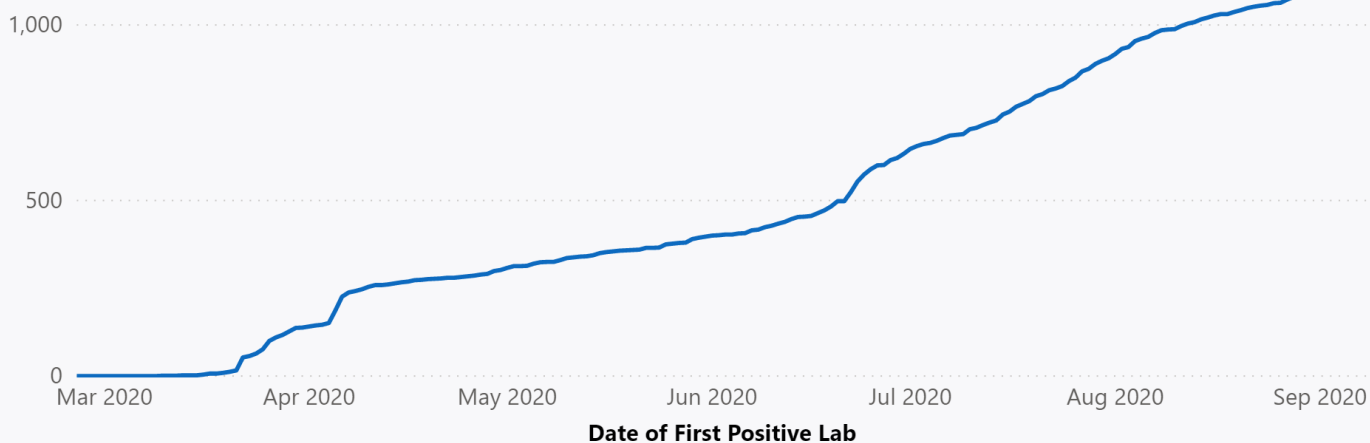
Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

This chart includes 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.

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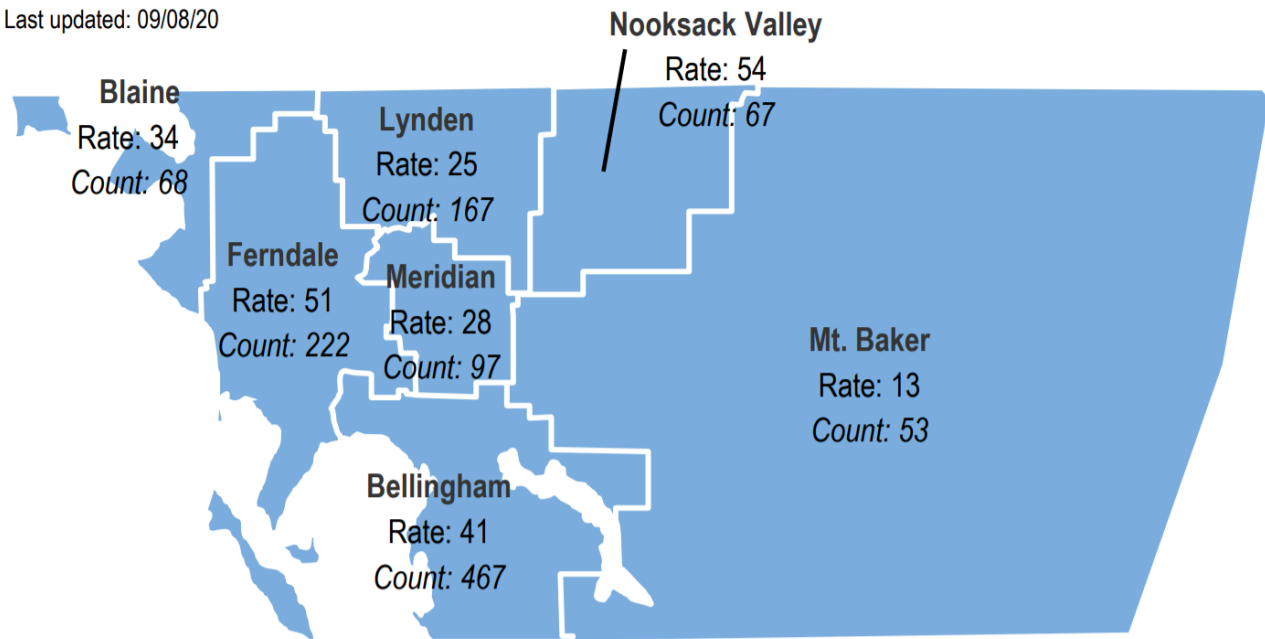


Cumulative Case Counts



COVID-19 in Whatcom County, by School District Recent Two Week Case Rates & Cumulative Counts

Last updated: 09/08/20



Rate: Number of confirmed cases per 100,000 people for the past two weeks (8/23/20-9/5/20) *See [Data Explainer](#) for info

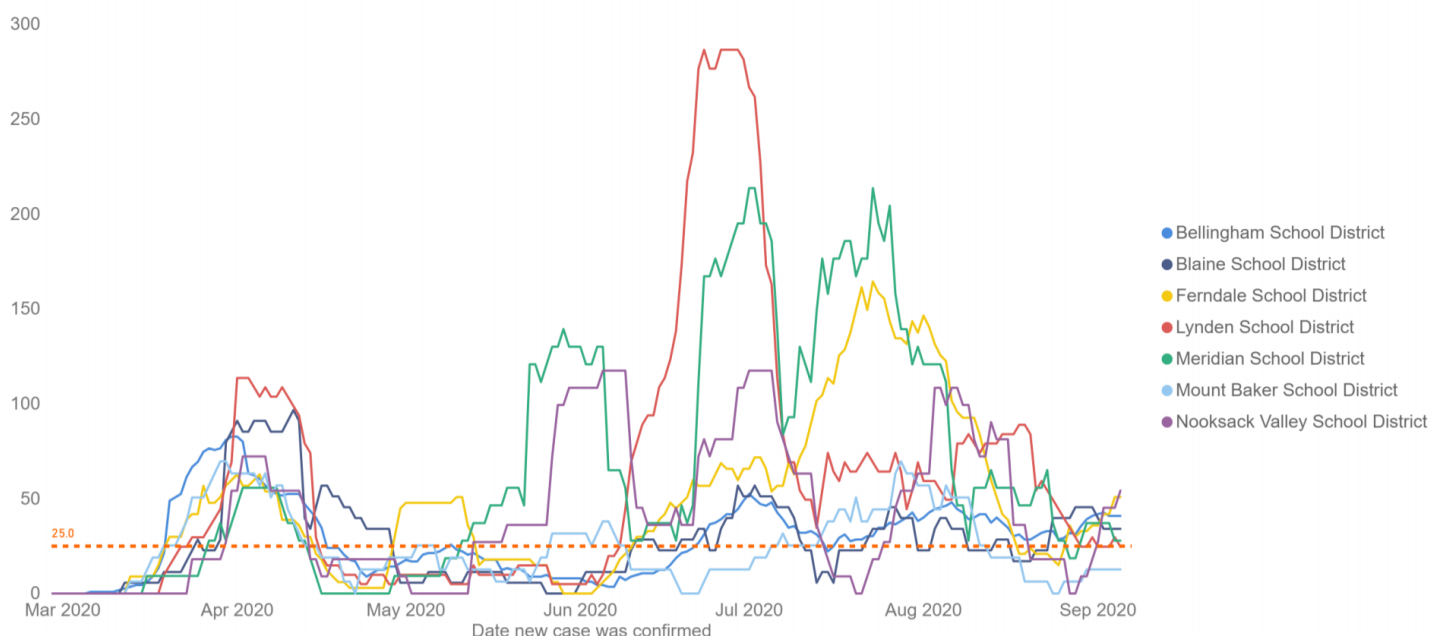
State Goal: Fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks

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.

Newly diagnosed cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks, by Whatcom County School District Geography *see [Data Explainer](#) or [FAQs](#)

Goal: Fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks



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 Washington 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	414	10	0
Age 40-59	270	24	1
Age 0-19	214	2	0
Age 60-79	156	29	7
Age 80+	85	19	31
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 9/09/2020:

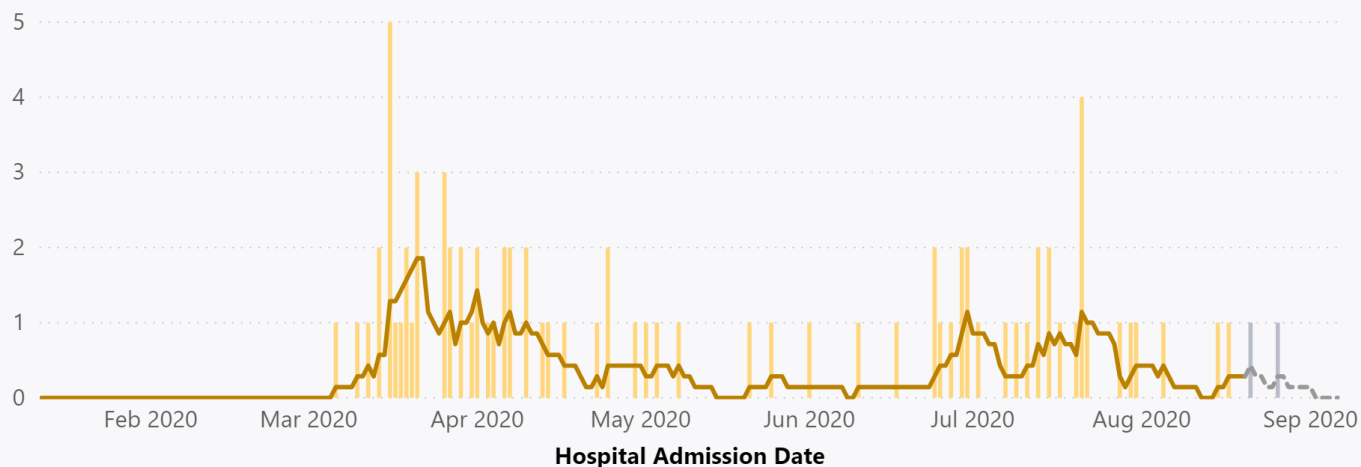
- 6 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 0 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 42 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0% surge/overflow beds occupied

* The data reported is the most current information provided from PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center. Information is updated as soon as it is available

WHATCOM COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION COUNTS

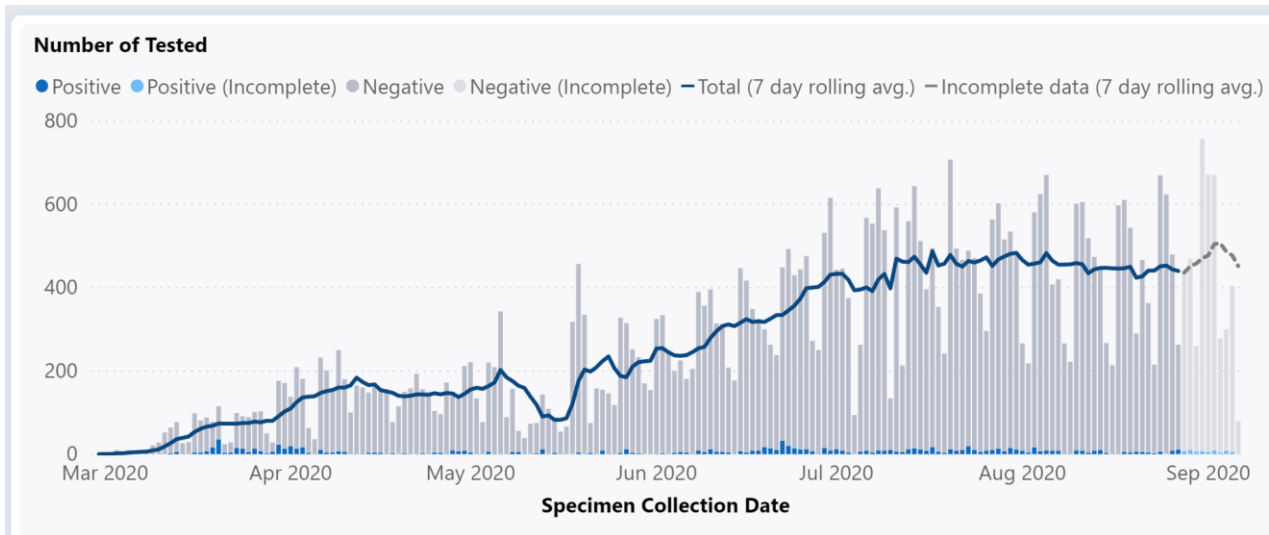
Hospitalizations Counts

● Hospitalizations ● Data incomplete for recent dates — Hospitalizations (7 day rolling avg.) — Incomplete data (7 day rolling avg.)



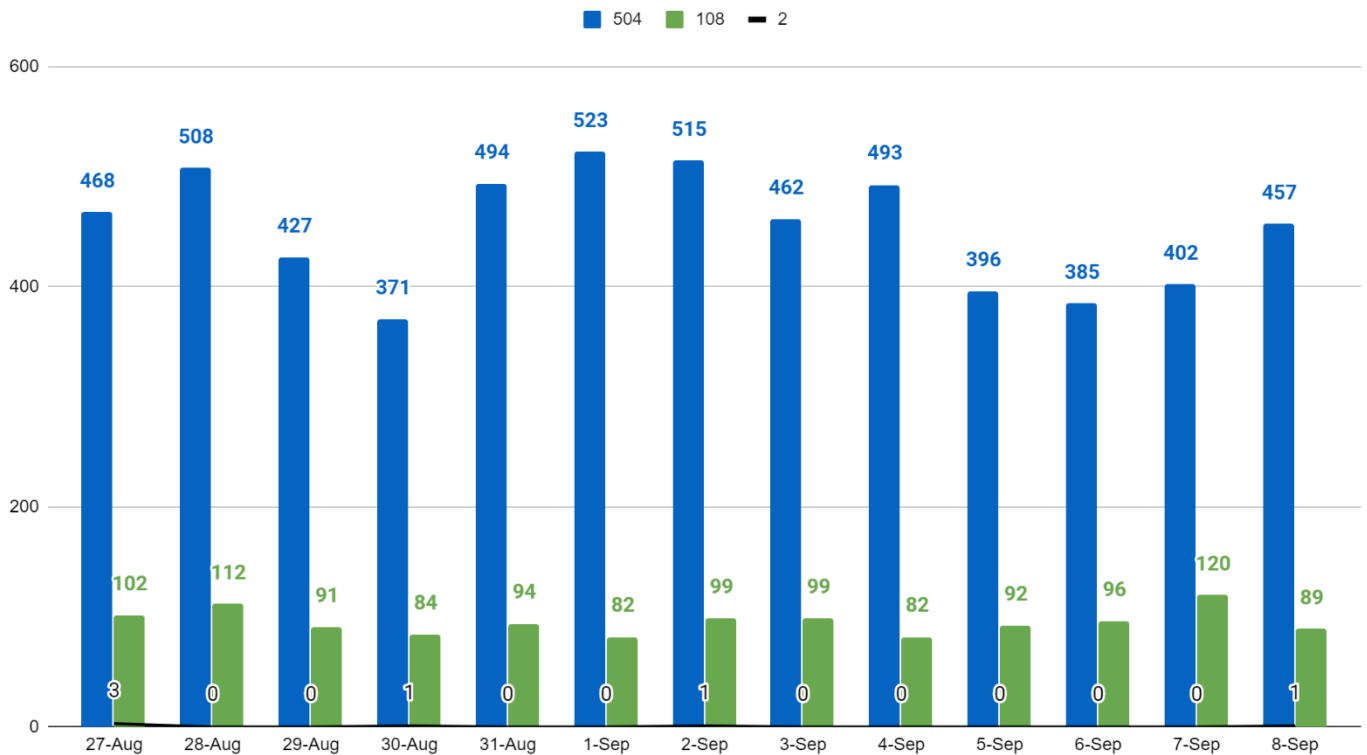
****Source: Washington State Department of Health**
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>

WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED



****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](#)
- [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
 - [Updated weekly data charts](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD
 - [Take precautions to protect from wildfire smoke](#)
 - [Whatcom Prevention Coalition survey](#)
 - [Wear a mask when outside with others you don't live with](#)
 - WUC
 - [Pandemic EBT available until September 11](#)
- Other

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Local and State

- Bellingham Herald: [This age group makes up a plurality of new Whatcom COVID-19 cases in the last two weeks](#) - 9-8-20
- Seattle Times: [Coronavirus daily news updates, Sept. 9: What to know today about COVID-19](#) - 9-9-20
- Seattle Times: [Sturgis Motorcycle Rally linked to more than 265,000 cases of COVID-19 costing \\$12 billion: report](#) - 9-8-20
- Seattle PI: [AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine study paused after one illness](#) - 9-9-20
- Yakima Herald: [Yakima Health District launches community health worker campaign](#) - 9-9-20
- Spokesman Review: [Shawn Vestal: COVID-19 took a ride from Sturgis rally all over the country, including Spokane](#) - 9-9-20

- Tacoma News Tribune: [Coronavirus updates: Amazon seeks to hire 33k people; vaccine developers make pledge](#) - 9-9-20
- Tacoma News Tribune: [PenMet's summer camp score: Kids, 820; coronavirus cases, 0](#) - 9-9-20

National

- NPR: [NPR Poll: Financial Pain From Coronavirus Pandemic 'Much, Much Worse' Than Expected](#) - 9-9-20
- NPR: [McConnell Proposes Pandemic Relief Bill, Democrats Quickly Dismiss It As 'Emaciated'](#) - 9-9-20
- New York Times: [College Quarantine Breakdowns Leave Some at Risk](#) - 9-9-20
- AP News: [The Latest: NIH director: 'No compromises' on safe vaccine](#) - 9-9-20
- Reuters: [Some scientists spot 'unlikely' patterns in Russia vaccine data: letter](#) - 9-9-20
- Route Fifty: [State Watchdogs Plan to Monitor Covid Data Accuracy](#) - 9-6-20
- Route Fifty: [With Schools Starting Online, Vaccinations Head for Recess](#) - 9-9-20
- Route Fifty: [America Doesn't Have a Coherent Strategy for Asymptomatic Testing. It Needs One.](#) - 9-9-20
- Fox News: [Severity of coronavirus infection may be determined by face mask use, study suggests](#) - 9-9-20

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue with [mask messaging and information](#)
- Update 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.
- Increase messaging for Spanish-speakers
- Increase messaging for young adults including via social marketing
- Greater outreach to farming and farmworker communities
- Communicate about testing access
- Greater outreach to faith-based communities
- Support WUC partnership work, including Border Task Force, small cities mayors meetings, etc.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 20

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. Creating an inventory and monitoring system to streamline ordering of consumable supplies for the Byron Avenue I/Q facility.
3. Continuing to research and compile sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors on our supply list, when feasible.
4. Continuing to interact with the State for meeting PPE requirements.
5. Continuing to support staffing for ongoing, weekly food distribution efforts.
6. Providing resources, support, and volunteer staffing needed for the Whatcom County Health Department's COVID-19 mobile testing program.
7. Continuing to follow up and report to the State on successful distribution of adult cloth masks to vulnerable populations by partner agencies.
8. Assembling and distributing new supply totes for the Whatcom County Health Department's COVID-19 mobile testing program, while collecting and removing used supply totes on Tuesdays.

OPERATIONS

1. Supporting Wednesday's scheduled food stocking efforts and providing traffic control support during scheduled food distribution efforts.
2. Continuing operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, 12 rooms are occupied.
3. Working in partnership with the Whatcom County Health Department to support the mobile COVID-19 testing program.
4. Reviewing the operations plan submitted by the Whatcom County Health Department's COVID-19 mobile testing program.

PLANNING

1. Continue to coordinate with the Healthcare Coalition to monitor regional planning for COVID-19 medical surge and medical isolation/quarantine facilities.
2. Working in collaboration with members of the Whatcom County Health Department and local healthcare professionals on management and dissemination of COVID-19 data and tracking of disease models.
3. Working in collaboration with the Logistics section to expand the pool of volunteers being utilized for volunteer staffing.
4. Assisting in transitioning the Salvation Army food distribution program over to a sustainable model.
5. Providing feedback on the operations plan submitted this weekend for the Whatcom County Health Department's COVID-19 mobile testing program.

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Situation Unit

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Incident Command

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