

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



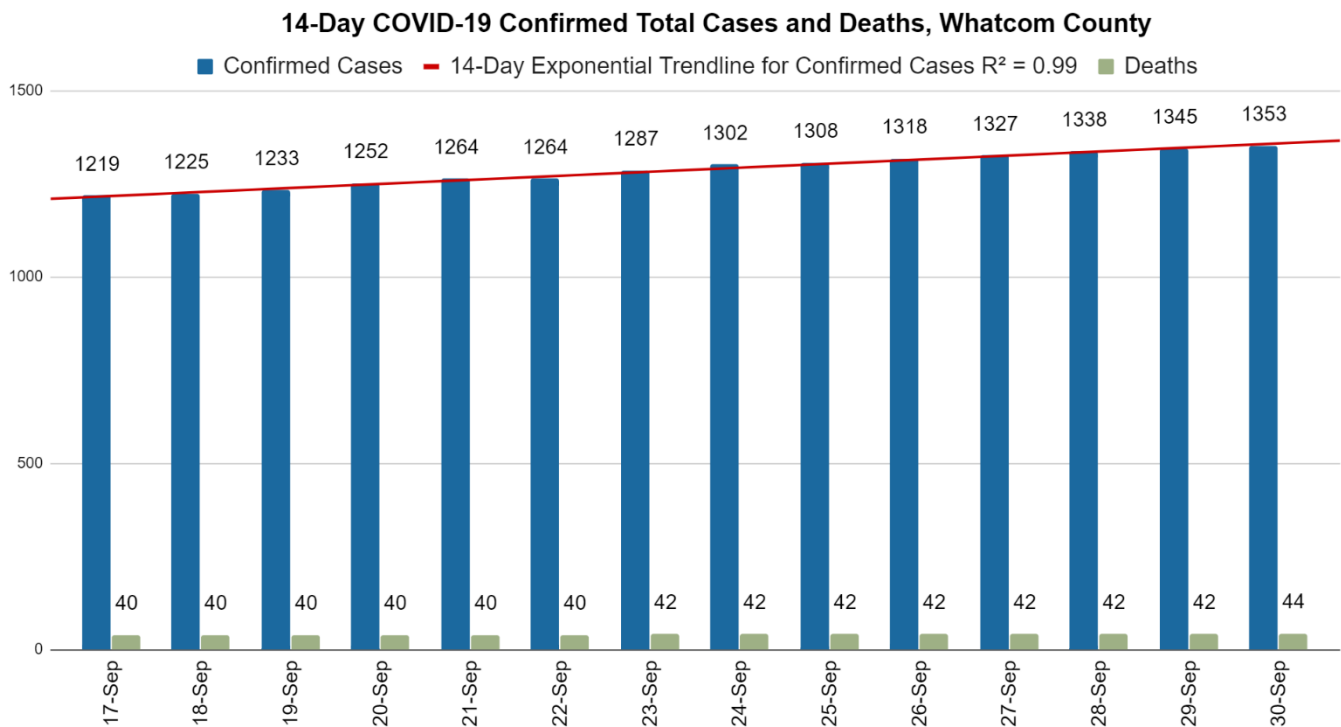
REPORT #: 20200930.1	DATE: 9/30/2020	TIME: 16:00
INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 21	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

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

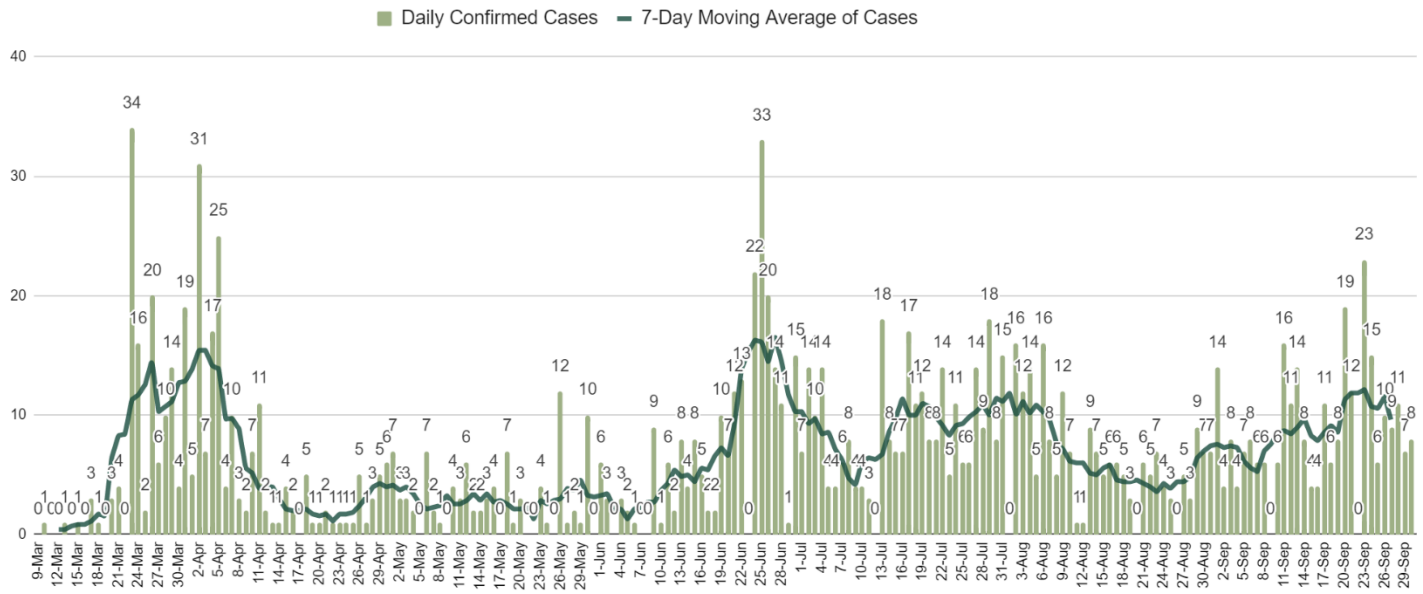
ICS 202



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
09/30/2020*	1353	44
09/29/2020*	1345	42
09/28/2020	1338	42
09/27/2020	1327	42
09/26/2020	1318	42

*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 9/28/2020.

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

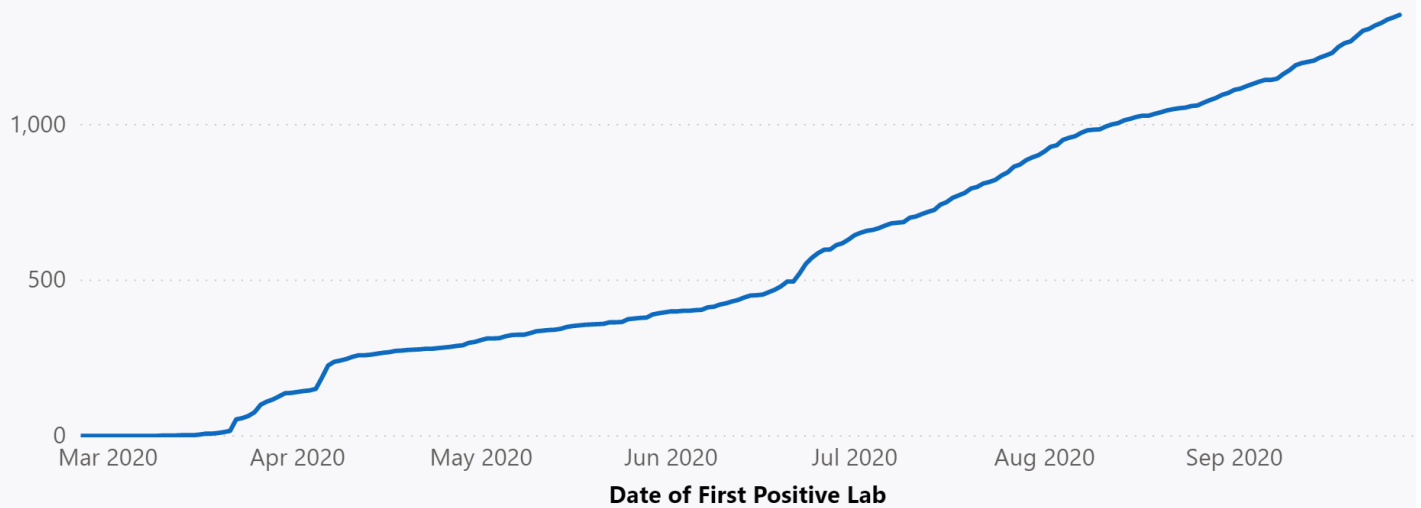


COVID-19 in Whatcom County

Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

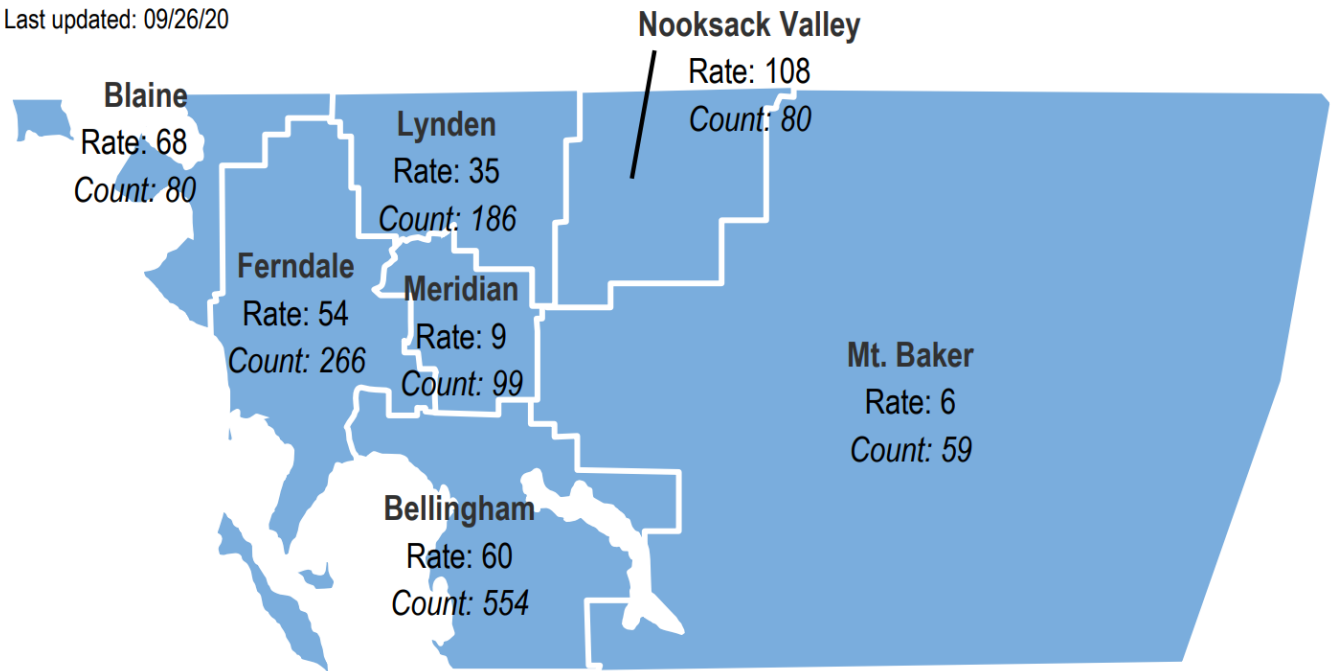
This chart includes the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

Cumulative Case Counts



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

Last updated: 09/26/20



Rate: Number of confirmed cases per 100,000 people for the past two weeks (9/13/20-9/26/20) *See [Data Explainer](#) for info

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

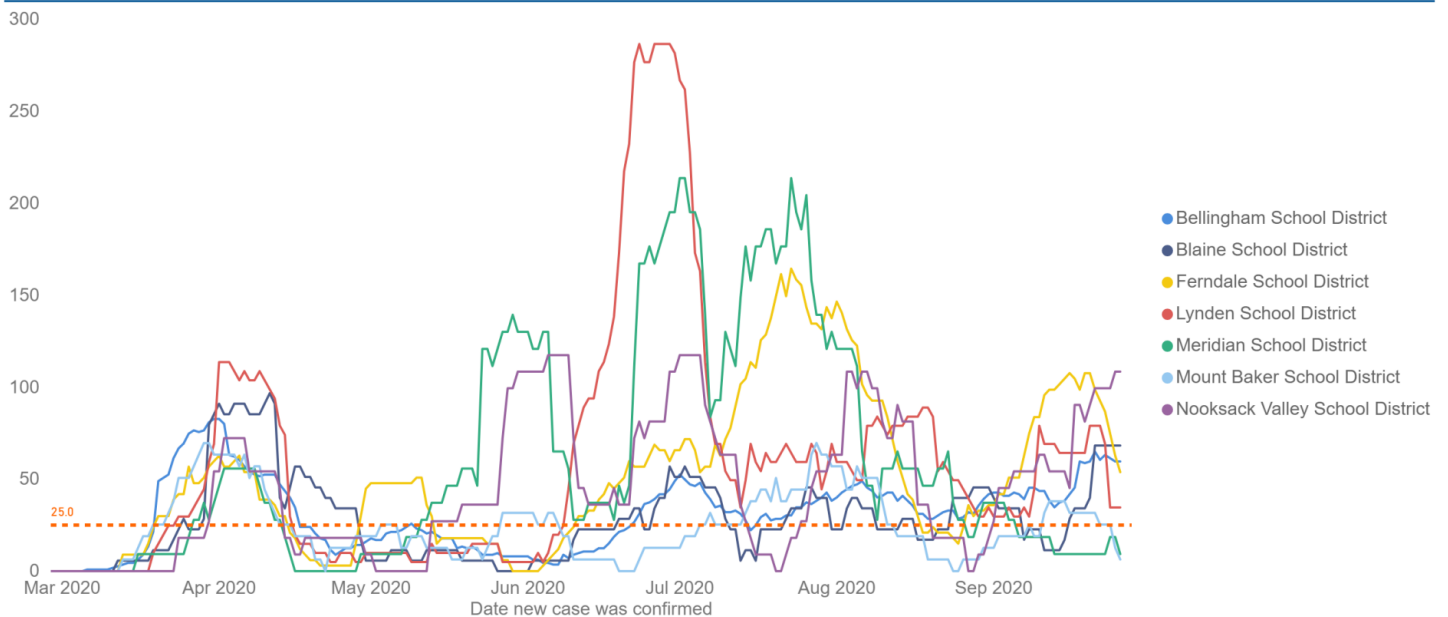
Count: Cumulative cases of COVID-19

Newly diagnosed cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks, by Whatcom County School District Geography

*see [Data Explainer](#) or [FAQs](#)

Data updated through 09/26/2020

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



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	490	13	0
Age 40-59	317	31	2
Age 0-19	246	1	0
Age 60-79	185	31	7
Age 80+	100	21	33
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 9/30/2020:

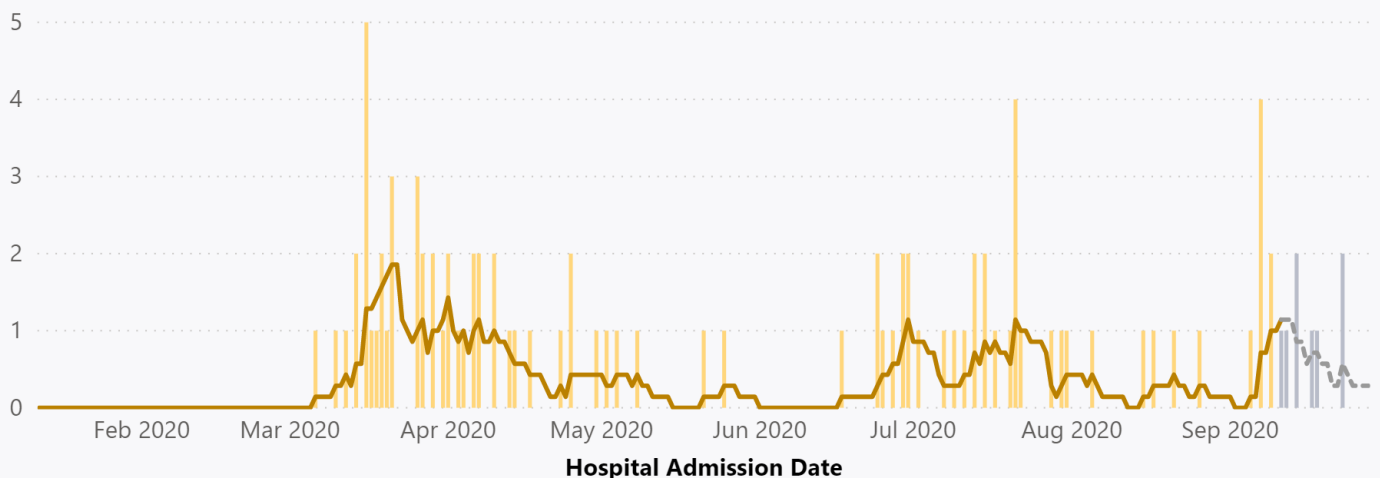
- 0 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 0 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 40 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0% surge/overflow beds occupied

* 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.)

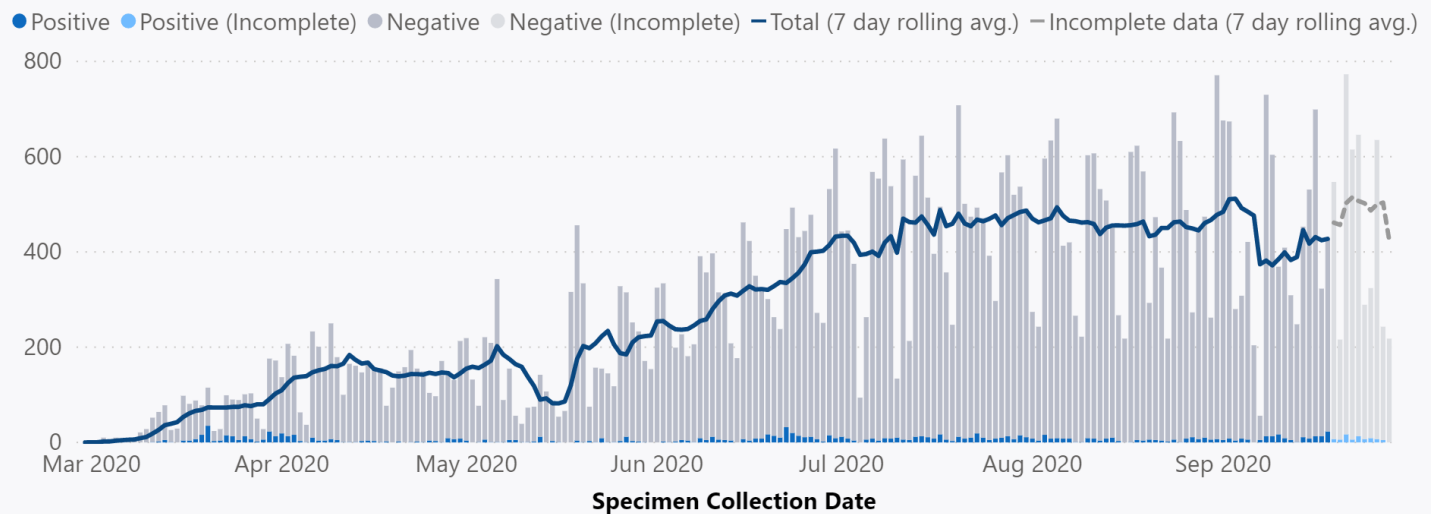


**Source: Washington State Department of Health

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>

WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

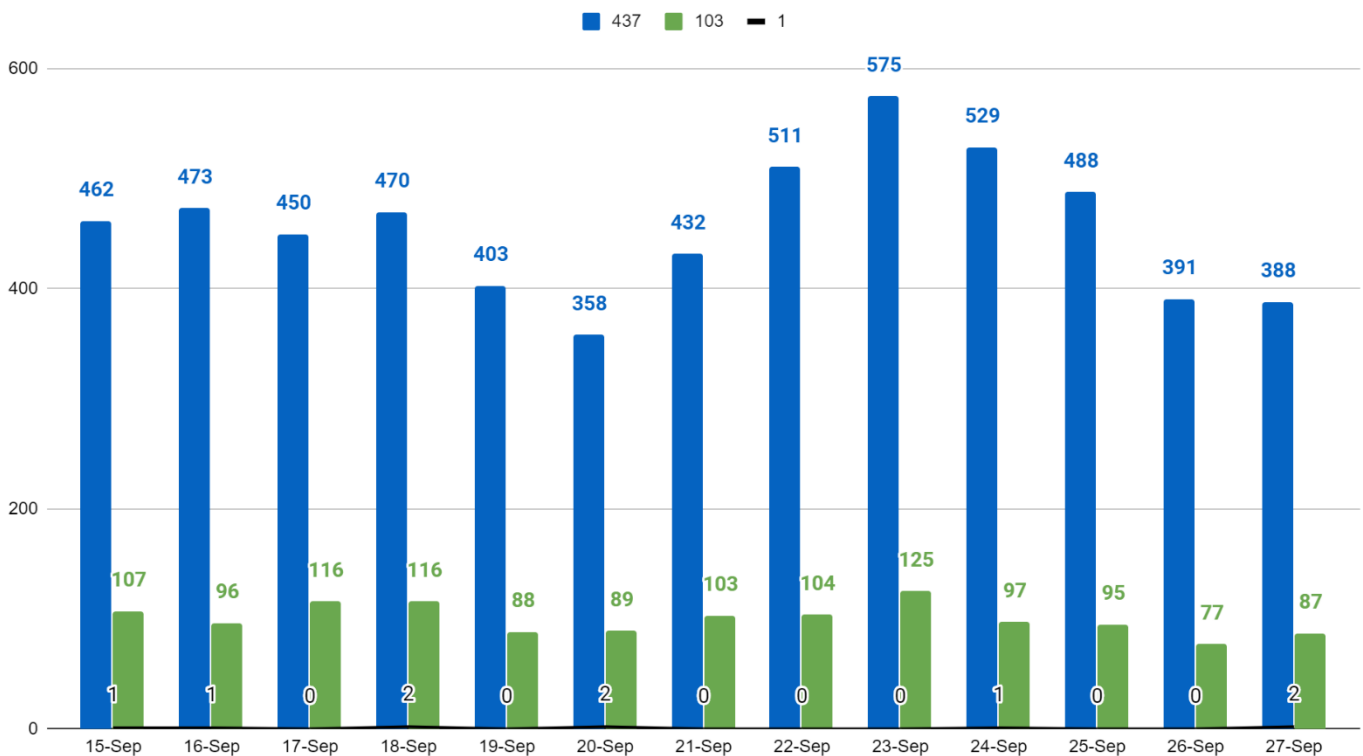
Number of Tested



****Source: Washington State Department of Health**

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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
 - [Media Advisory - Highland outbreak](#)
 - Updated [Mask and Face Covering page](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts
 - WCHD
 - [Tough COVID conversations](#)

9-30-20

Local and State

- Bellingham Herald: [COVID-19 outbreak results in 39 cases, six deaths at Whatcom skilled nursing facility](#) - 9-30-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Mount Baker to open in winter season with limited coronavirus restrictions in place](#) - 9-30-20
- Seattle Times: [Coronavirus daily news updates, Sept. 30: What to know today about COVID-19](#) - 9-30-20
- The Olympian: [5 new COVID-19 cases in Thurston County. Health Officer shares causes for recent uptick](#) - 9-30-20
- Spokesman Review: [COVID-19 cases rising among US children as schools reopen](#) - 9-30-20
- My Northwest: [COVID-19 updates: UW modelers predict 'large increase' in deaths by fall](#) - 9-30-20
- My Northwest: [Patients found to have lingering COVID symptoms](#) - 9-30-20
- My Northwest: [Virologist: Still unclear if kids under 12 are less susceptible to COVID](#) - 9-30-20

National

- NPR: [Juggling Financial Stress And Caregiving, Parents Are 'Very Not OK' In The Pandemic](#) - 9-30-20

- New York Times: [A Large Study Shows How the Virus's Spread Differs By Age and Gender](#) - 9-30-20
- New York Times: [How a Famous Ski Resort Helped Seed the Pandemic](#) - 9-30-20
- Washington Post: [The NFL has its first coronavirus outbreak. Here's how it plans to respond.](#) - 9-30-20
- Reuters: [Pelosi, Mnuchin hope for COVID-19 relief deal as Democrats mull new bill](#) - 9-30-20
- Route Fifty: [Lawmakers Propose \\$1M to Examine How Mis- And Disinformation Impacted Covid-19 Response](#) - 9-30-20
- The Economist: [Covid-19 has reversed years of gains in the war on poverty](#) - 9-26-20
- The Conversation: [Your child's vaccines: What you need to know about catching up during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) - 9-30-20

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue with [mask messaging and information](#).
- Communicate about [Phase 2 and Safe Start](#).
- Communicate about flu vaccines.
- Communicate about upcoming holidays.
- Help set expectations for progression of phased reopening.
- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives.
- Work to distribute communication materials for community groups.
- Increase messaging for Spanish-speakers.
- Increase messaging for young adults including via social marketing.
- Communicate about testing access.
- Increase outreach to faith-based communities.
- Support WUC partnership work, including Border Task Force, small city Mayor's meetings, etc.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 21

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. Provide support and supplies to Byron Avenue I/Q facility through utilizing an inventory and monitoring system to streamline ordering of consumable supplies.
2. Continue to update sourcing options for PPE and connecting customers directly to distributors on our supply list, when feasible.
3. Continue to interact with the State for meeting PPE requirements.
4. Support volunteer staffing for ongoing, weekly food distribution efforts.
5. Provide resources, support, and volunteer staffing needed for the Whatcom County low barrier COVID-19 mobile testing program.
6. Prepare replacement PPE totes for the COVID-19 mobile testing program.
7. Research and visit possible facilities and sites to be utilized for outdoor WUC operations during inclement weather near the Ferndale/Blaine area.

OPERATIONS

1. Support Wednesday's scheduled food stocking efforts and provide traffic control support during food distribution operations.
2. Continue operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q facility with the admittance of community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, two rooms are occupied.
3. Refine the operations plan for Whatcom County's low barrier COVID-19 mobile testing program.
4. Partnering with the Whatcom County Health Department to support the mobile COVID-19 testing program.

PLANNING

1. Continue to coordinate with local and regional healthcare agencies for planning for COVID-19 medical surge and medical isolation/quarantine facilities.
2. Review and edit the status report template to be utilized for data updates in the medical surge plan.
3. Assist food security community partner agencies in transitioning their food distribution programs to self-supported, sustainable operations.
4. Provide feedback on the operations plan submitted for Whatcom County's low barrier COVID-19 mobile testing program.
5. Develop inclement weather plans for all outdoor WUC operations and work in tandem with the Joint Information Center on an appropriate communications plan for inclement weather updates.
6. Prepare the IAP forms and identify incident objectives for the upcoming operational period.

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Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:
Incident Command

DATE:
09/30/20

TIME:
16:00