

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 24	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

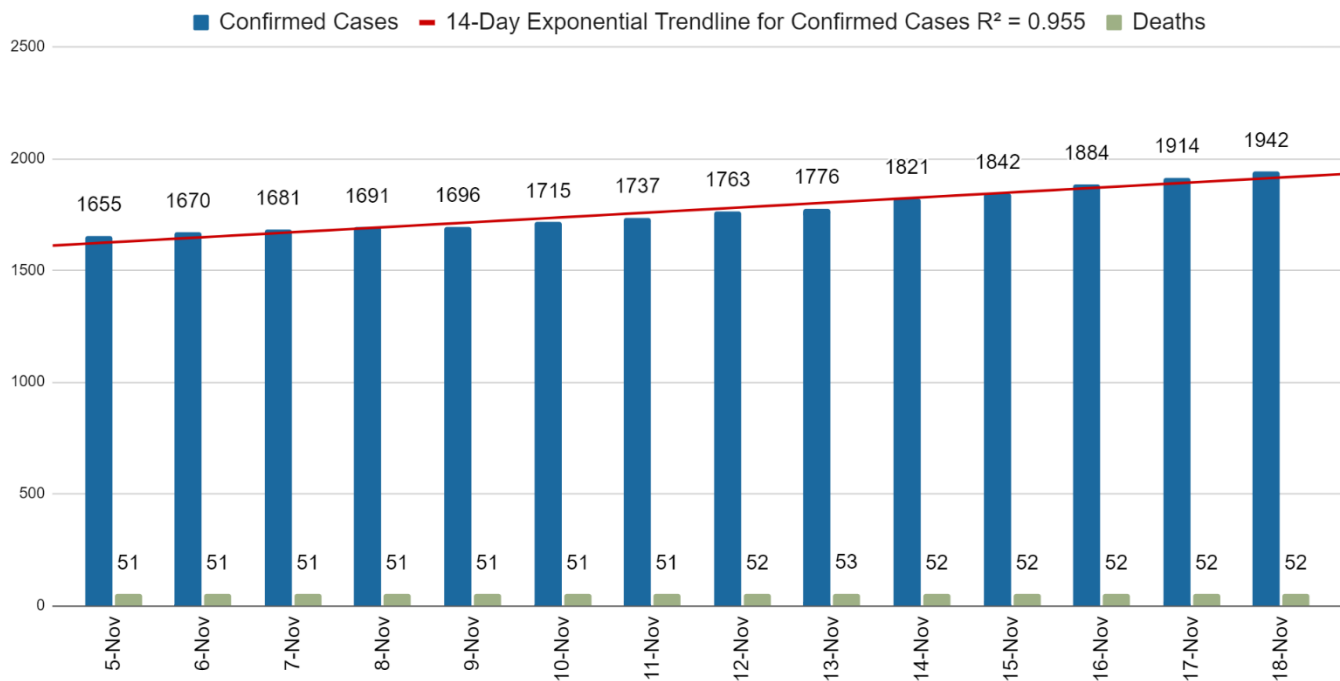
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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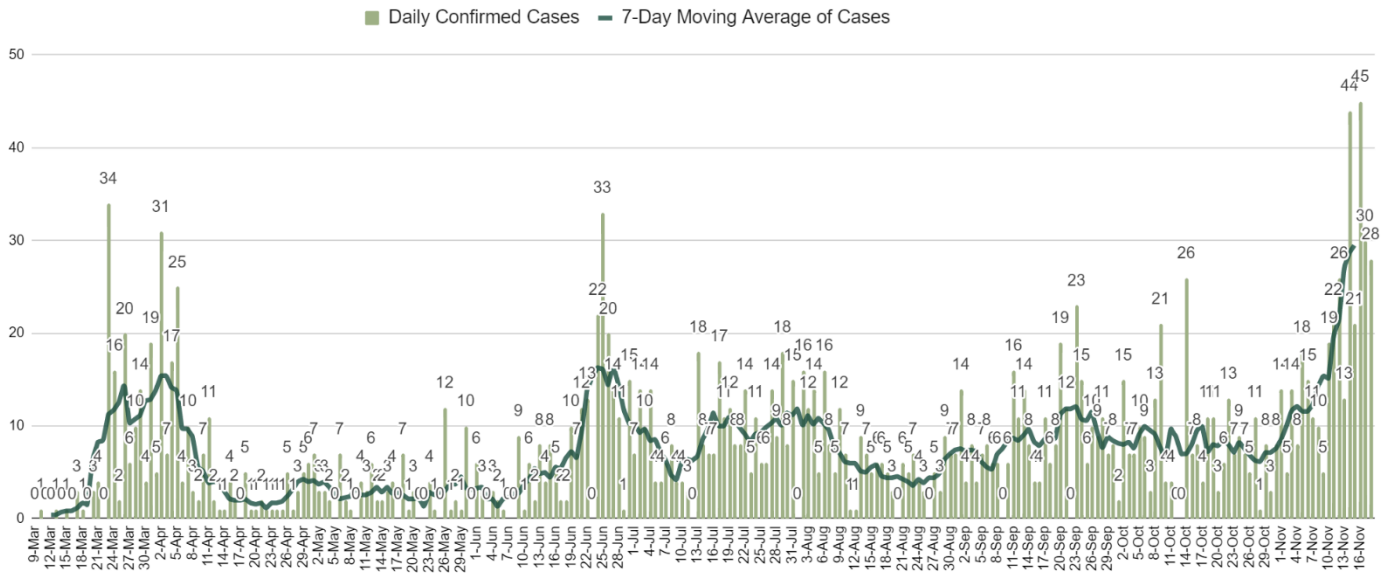
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
11/18/2020*	1942	52
11/17/2020*	1914	52
11/16/2020	1884	52
11/15/2020	1842	52
11/14/2020	1821	52

*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 11/16/2020.

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

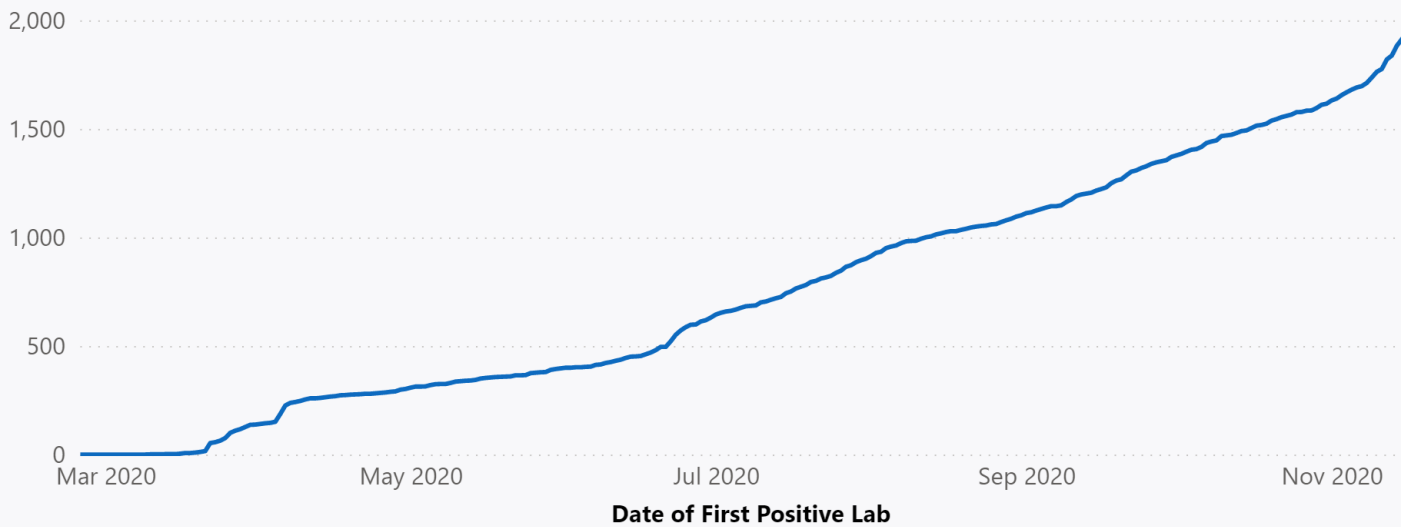


COVID-19 in Whatcom County

Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

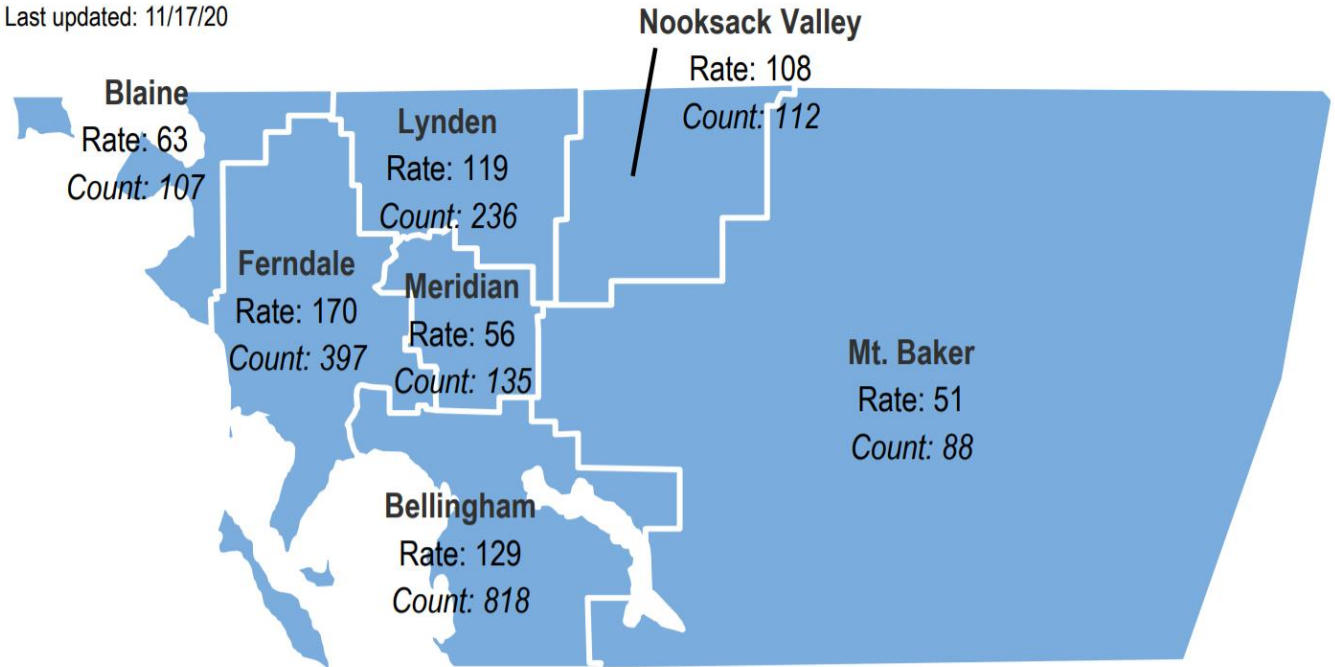
This chart includes the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

Cumulative Case Counts



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

Last updated: 11/17/20



Rate: Number of confirmed cases per 100,000 people for the past two weeks (11/01-11/14/20) *See [Data Explorer](#) for info

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

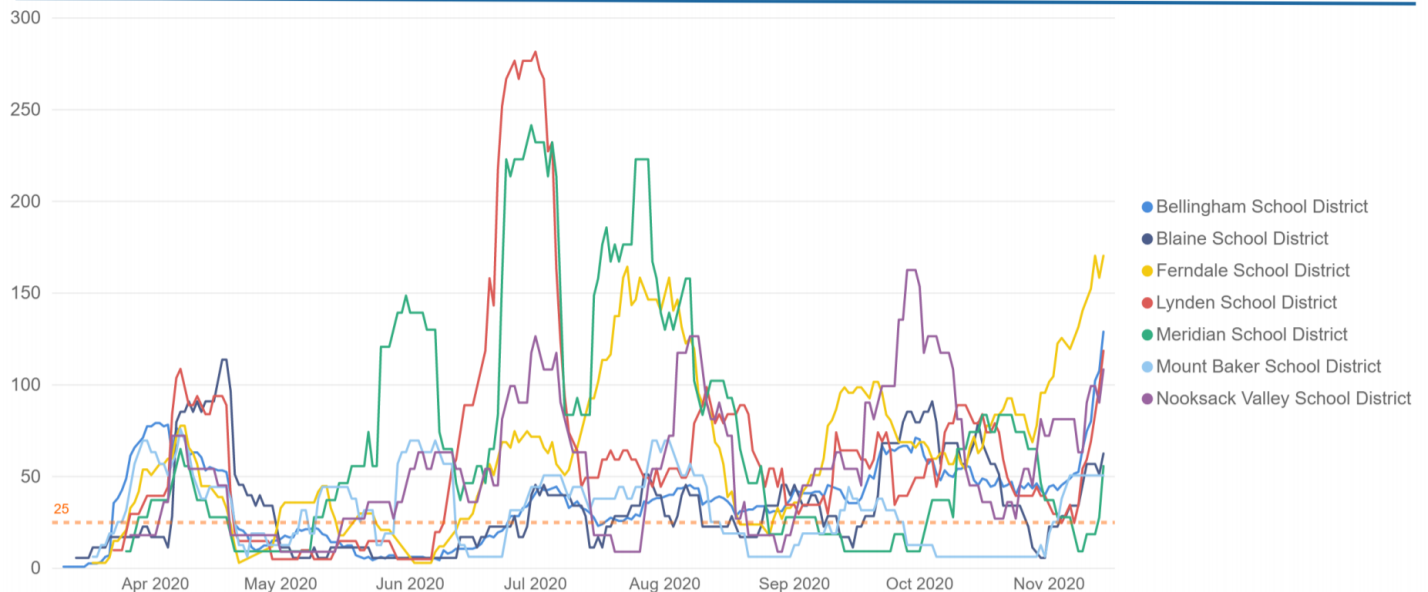
Count: Cumulative cases of COVID-19

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

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

Data updated through 11/14/2020

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



County	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
<input type="checkbox"/> Whatcom County			
Age 20-39	700	17	0
Age 40-59	468	37	1
Age 0-19	340	3	0
Age 60-79	268	40	9
Age 80+	114	22	42
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 11/18/2020:

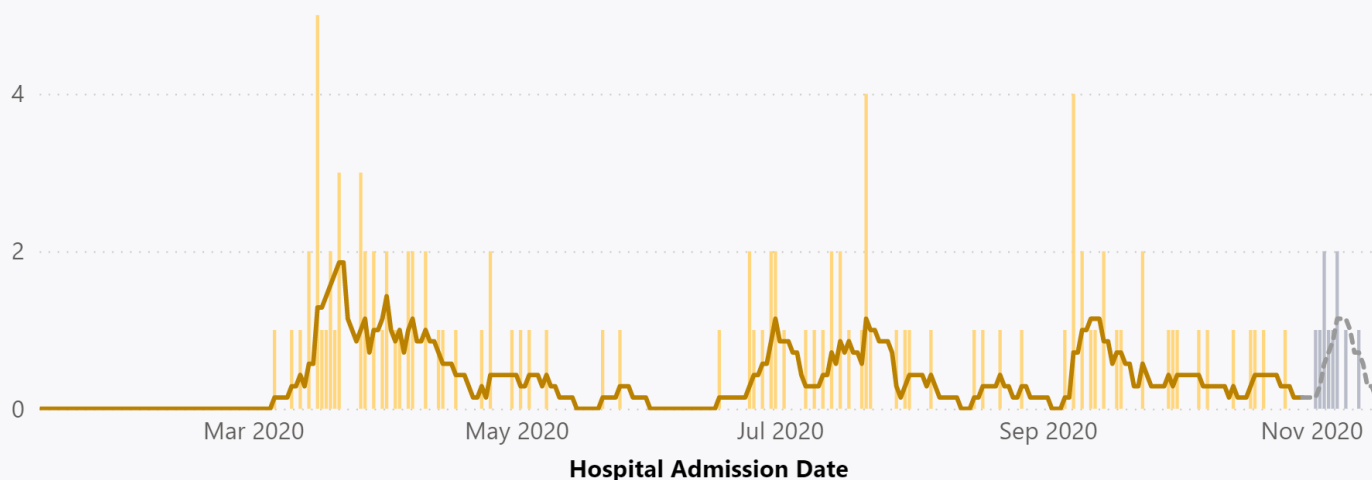
- 8 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 3 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 37 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0% surge/overflow beds occupied

** 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

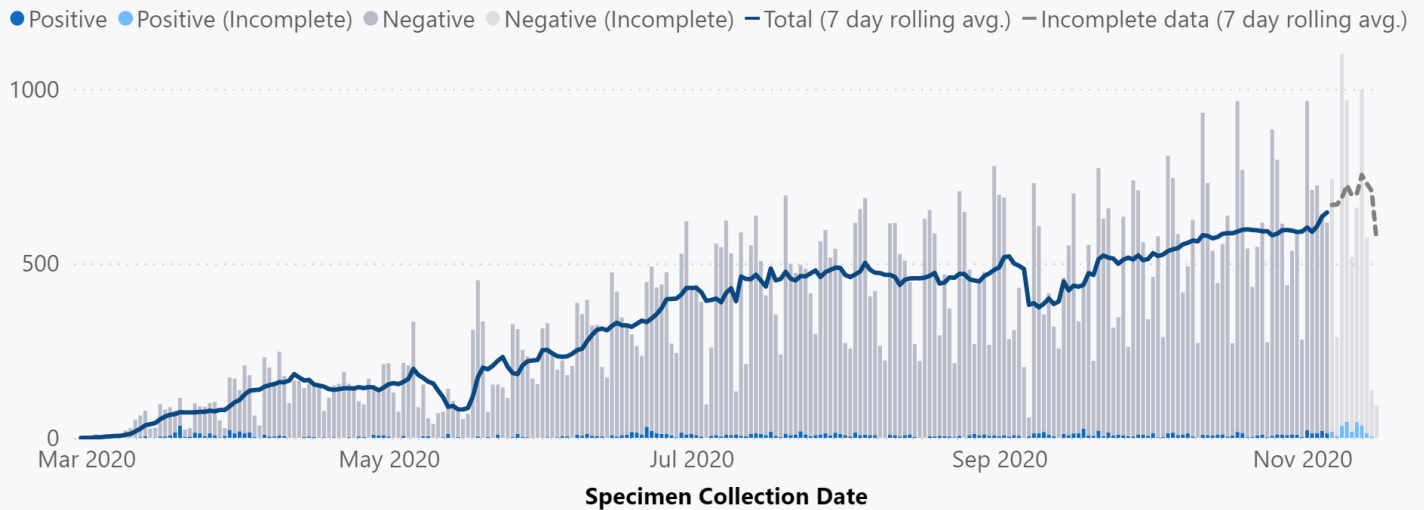
● Hospitalizations ● Data incomplete for recent dates — Hospitalizations (7 day rolling avg.) — Incomplete data (7 day rolling avg.)



***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 Health2*

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Whatcom County Community Mobile COVID-19 Testing Results

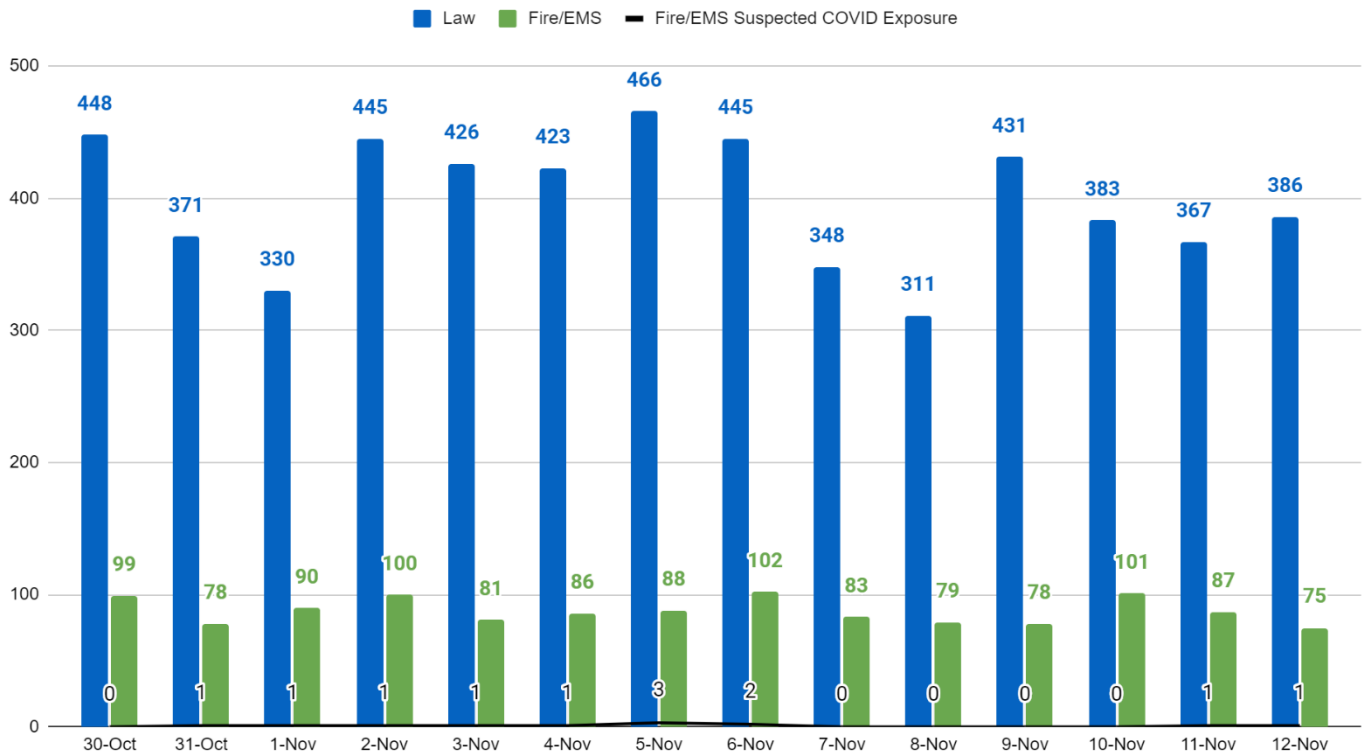
Data updated through 11/14/2020

Test Collection Week Negative Result Positive Result Total Tests Percent Positive
(Week Ending Date)

2020-11-14	1498	67	1565	3.7 %
2020-11-07	1481	29	1510	1.9 %
2020-10-31	1278	22	1300	1.7 %
2020-10-24	1230	27	1257	2.1 %
2020-10-17	1321	20	1341	1.5 %
2020-10-10	1212	20	1232	1.6 %
2020-10-03	1070	8	1078	0.7 %
2020-09-26	1033	14	1047	1.3 %
2020-09-19	620	10	630	1.6 %
2020-09-12	448	14	462	3.0 %
2020-09-05	1068	20	1088	1.8 %
2020-08-29	831	13	844	1.5 %
Total	13090	264	13354	1.9 %

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3486/COVID-19-Mobile-Testing-Data>

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 & WUC
 - [The COVID chat](#)
 - [Mental health video](#)

Local and State

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom sees 28 new COVID cases Tuesday; infection rates in 4 regions hit triple digits](#) - 11-17-20
- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom's case numbers are way up — are schools also seeing increased COVID spread?](#) - 11-18-20
- Tacoma News Tribune: [Daily COVID-19 cases for WA reach all-time high Tuesday. Hospitalizations increase](#) - 11-17-20
- Seattle Times: [Higher viral load more deadly for COVID-19 hospital patients, UW analysis finds](#) - 11-18-20
- KING 5: [Here's where COVID-19 outbreaks are coming from in Washington state](#) - 11-18-20
- Spokesman Review: [Getting There: Inslee has asked people to celebrate at home, but Spokane traffic is higher now than it was before the pandemic](#) - 11-17-20

National

- AP: [Pfizer: COVID-19 shot 95% effective, seeking clearance soon](#) - 11-18-20
- ABC News: [1st COVID-19 at home self-test authorized by FDA as cases surge in US](#) - 11-18-20
- Washington Post: [More than 3 million people in U.S. estimated to be contagious with the coronavirus](#) - 11-18-20
- NY Times: [With no national strategy in the U.S., a patchwork of local responses gathers speed](#) - 11-18-20
- Washington Post: [A covid-fighting tool is buried in your phone. Turn it on](#) - 11-18-20
- STAT News: [Bill Gates worries about a 'dysfunctional' approach to Covid-19 vaccine distribution](#) - 11-17-20
- CNN: [Coronavirus immunity can last more than six months, study suggests](#) - 11-18-20
- Fox: [900 Mayo Clinic staffers diagnosed with coronavirus over last two weeks](#) - 11-18-20

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue with [mask messaging and information](#).
- 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.
- Increase outreach to farming and farmworker communities.
- Communicate about testing access.
- Increase outreach to faith-based communities.
- Support WUC partnership work, including Border Task Force, small cities Mayor's meetings, etc.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 24

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 and recovery effort.

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. Support volunteer staffing needs for ongoing, weekly food distribution efforts.
2. Provide resources, support, and volunteer staffing needed for the community-wide low barrier COVID-19 mobile testing program.
3. Complete modification of the Byron Ave I/Q facility fencing and security.
4. Begin implementation of inclement weather low barrier COVID-19 testing site.

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 for community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, 8 rooms are occupied. Cumulatively, the I/Q facility has provided a total of 948 bed days of service for 120 community members.
3. Continue to refine the operations plan for the community low barrier COVID-19 testing program.
4. Continue to implement the community low barrier COVID-19 testing program.
5. Increase access and availability to COVID-19 testing by adding additional testing dates and appointment times.
6. Identify and implement modifications of Byron Ave I/Q facility services to increase efficiency and security measures.
7. Continue daily operations supported by the communicable disease division at WCHD for case identification, interviewing, contact tracing, community mitigation, and isolation and quarantine work.
8. Finalize plans to move the low barrier COVID-19 testing program to the inclement weather testing location.

PLANNING

1. Continue to plan for Whatcom County's coordinated, collaborative and community approach for COVID-19 medical surge response.
2. Ongoing review and edit of the status report template to be utilized for data updates in the medical surge plan.
3. Coordinate with local and regional healthcare agencies to plan for future COVID-19 vaccination.
4. Plan for WCHD to assist with increasing flu vaccine rates in Whatcom County.
5. Assist food security community partner agencies in transitioning their food distribution programs to self-supported, sustainable operations.
6. Implement inclement weather plans for all outdoor WUC operations.
7. Coordinate combined strategic planning efforts and data management responsibilities.
8. Conduct daily data entry, analyzation and reporting to support and inform Operations.
9. Update relevant ICS forms in the IAP software in preparation for the next operational period.

REPORT PREPARED BY:
Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:
Incident Command

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16:00