

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 28	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

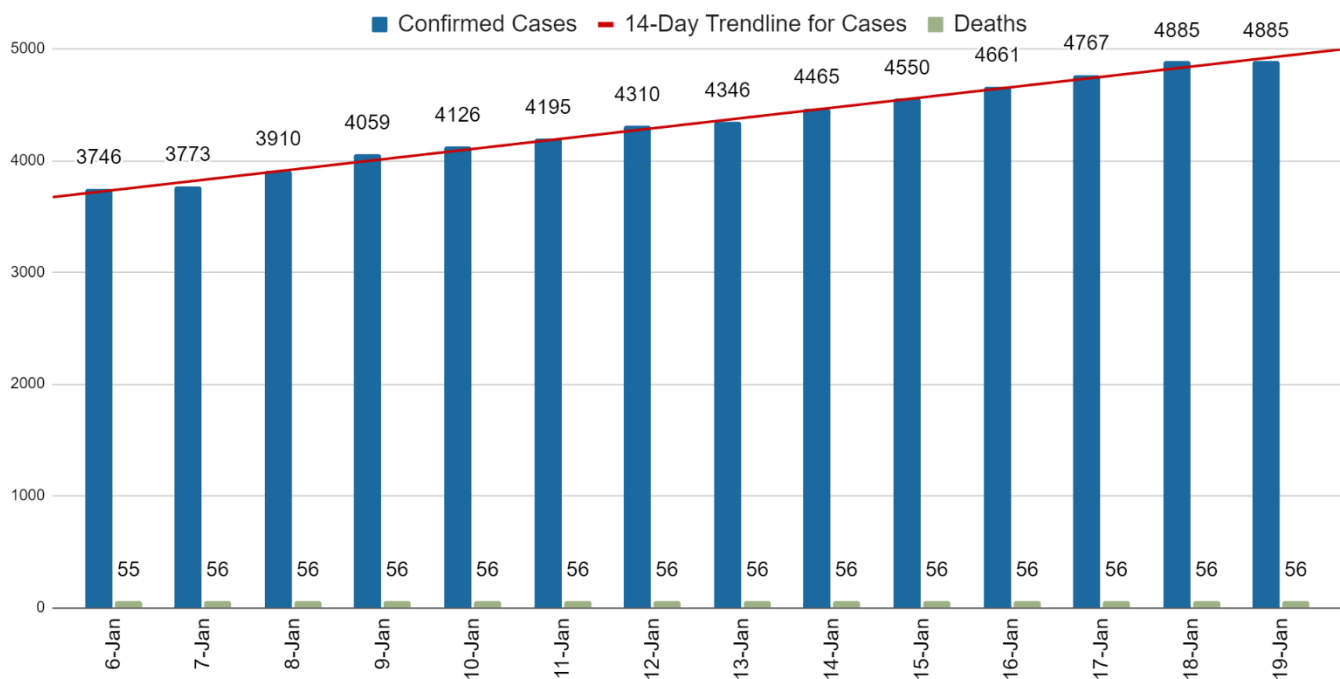
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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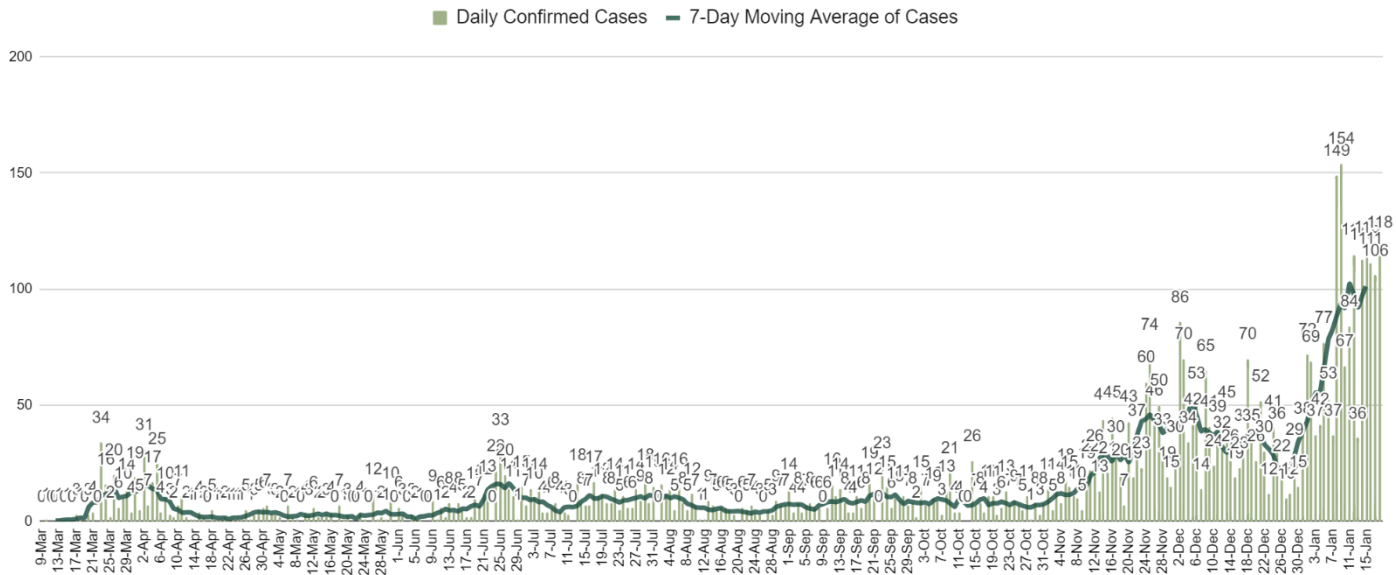
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
1/19/2021*	4885	56
1/18/2021*	4885	56
1/17/2021	4767	56
1/16/2021	4661	56
1/15/2021	4550	56

**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 1/16/2021. Due to the Holiday on 1/18/2021, data is not yet available for 1/19/2021.*

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

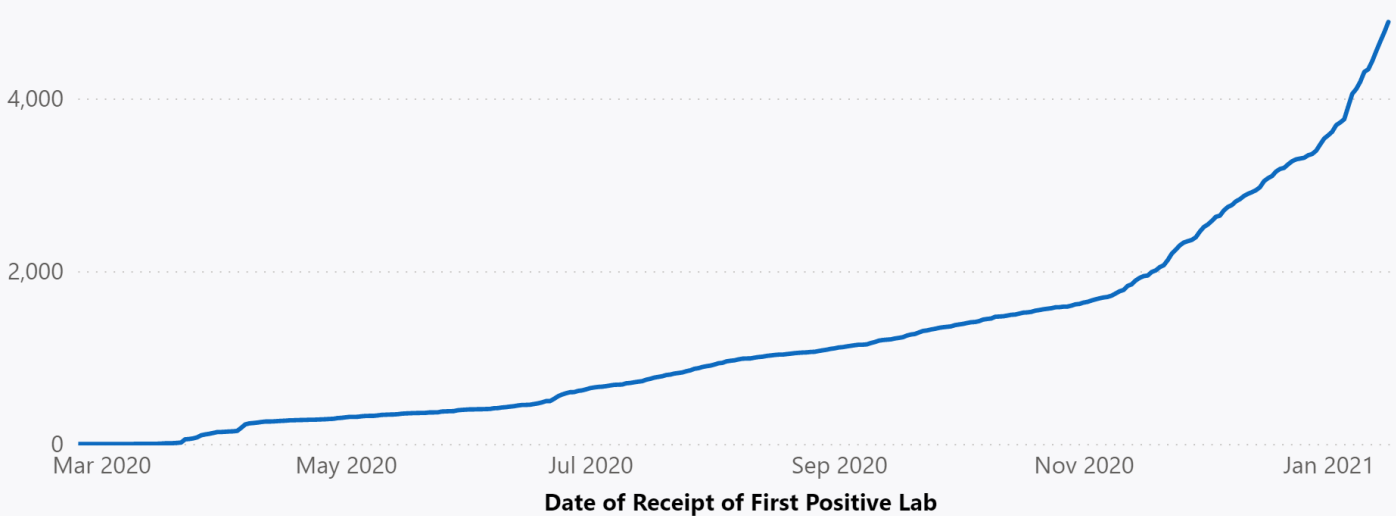


COVID-19 in Whatcom County

Cumulative Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

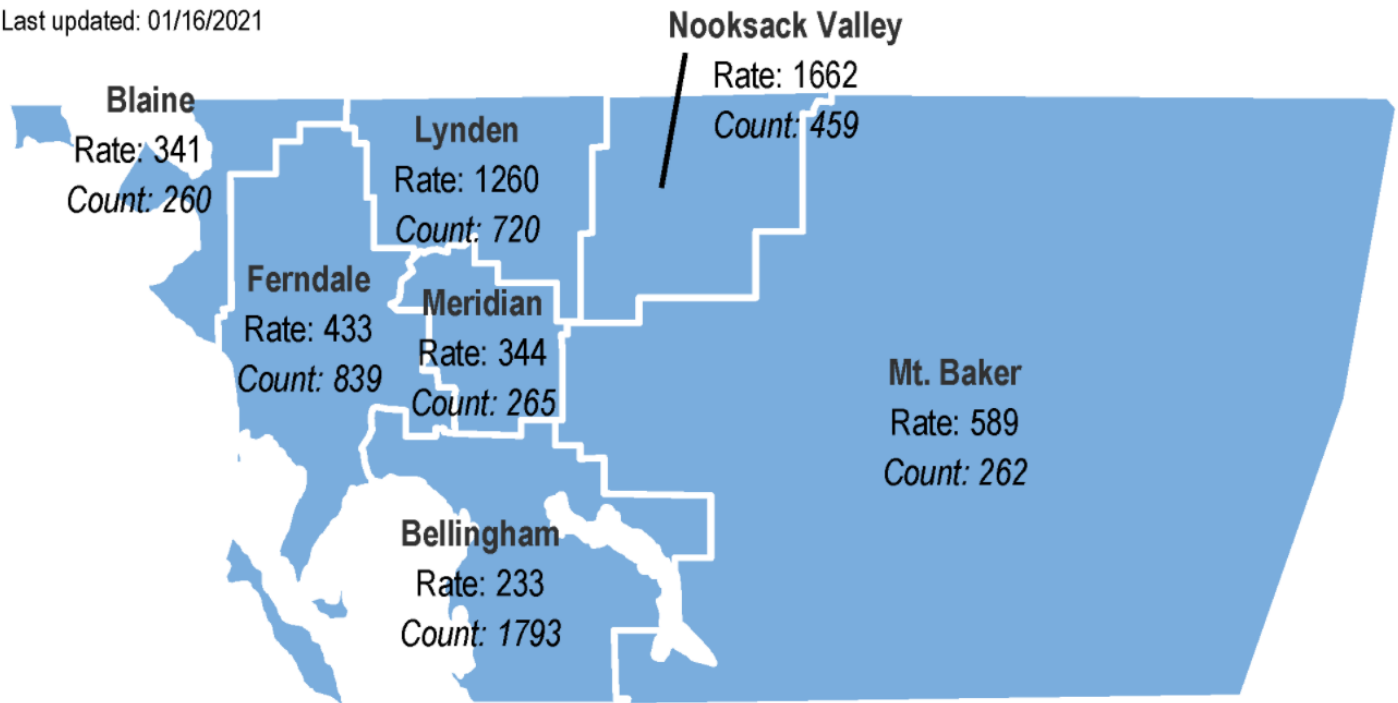
This chart includes the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 since January 21, 2020. The chart begins on February 28, which is when community transmission was first reported in Washington State.

Cumulative Case Counts



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

Last updated: 01/16/2021



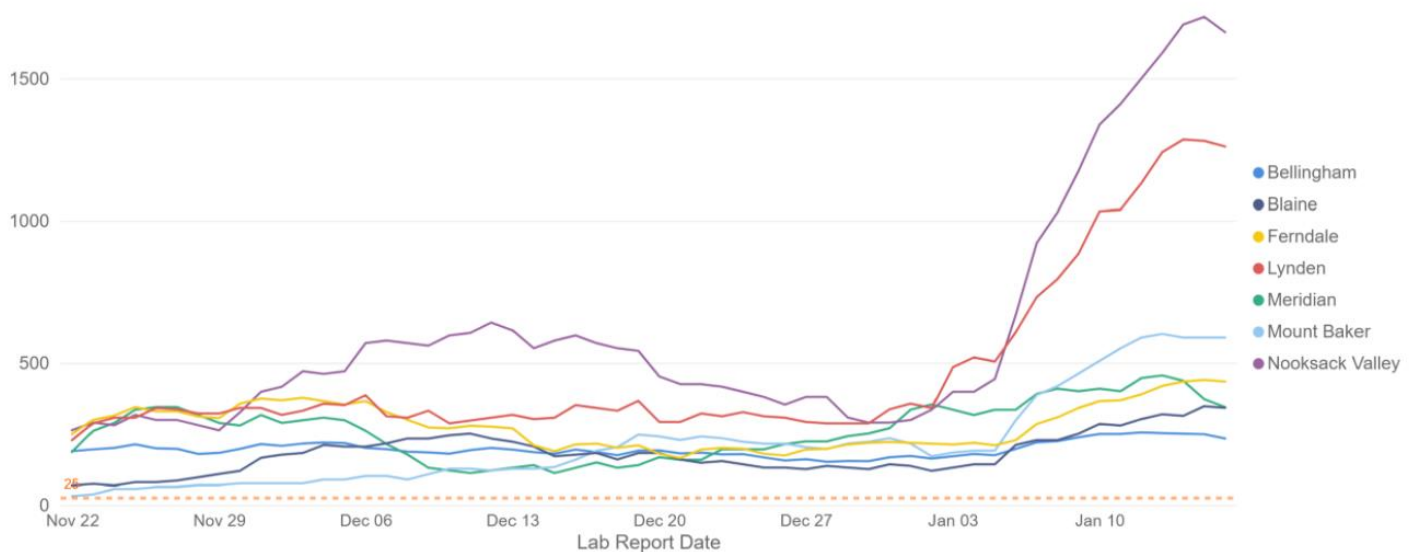
Rate: Number of confirmed cases per 100,000 people for the past two weeks (1/03/21-1/16/21) *See [Data Explainer](#) for info

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

Count: Cumulative cases of COVID-19

Newly confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks, by Whatcom County School District Boundaries *see [Data Explainer](#) or [FAQs](#)

Data for the previous 8 weeks, 11/22/2020 - 01/16/2021



County	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
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Age 20-39	1,633	27	0
Age 40-59	1,076	55	2
Age 0-19	919	6	0
Age 60-79	572	78	12
Age 80+	173	46	42
Unknown Age	0	0	0

**Source: Whatcom County Health Department: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3329/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>*

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

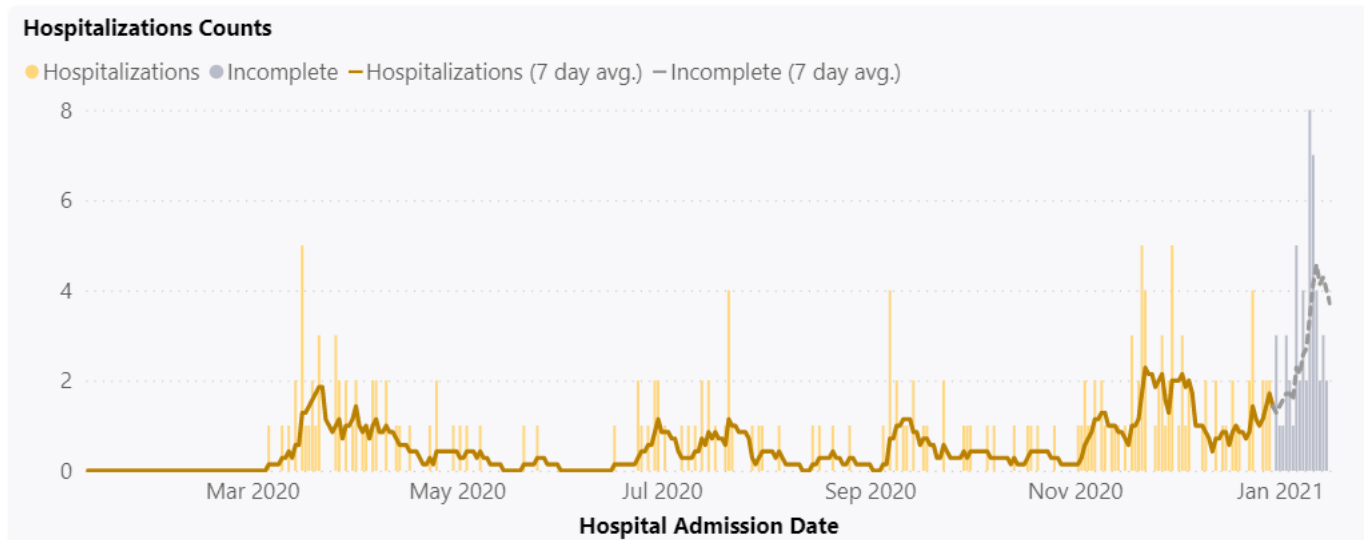
Data for PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center

Updated as of 1/19/2021:

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

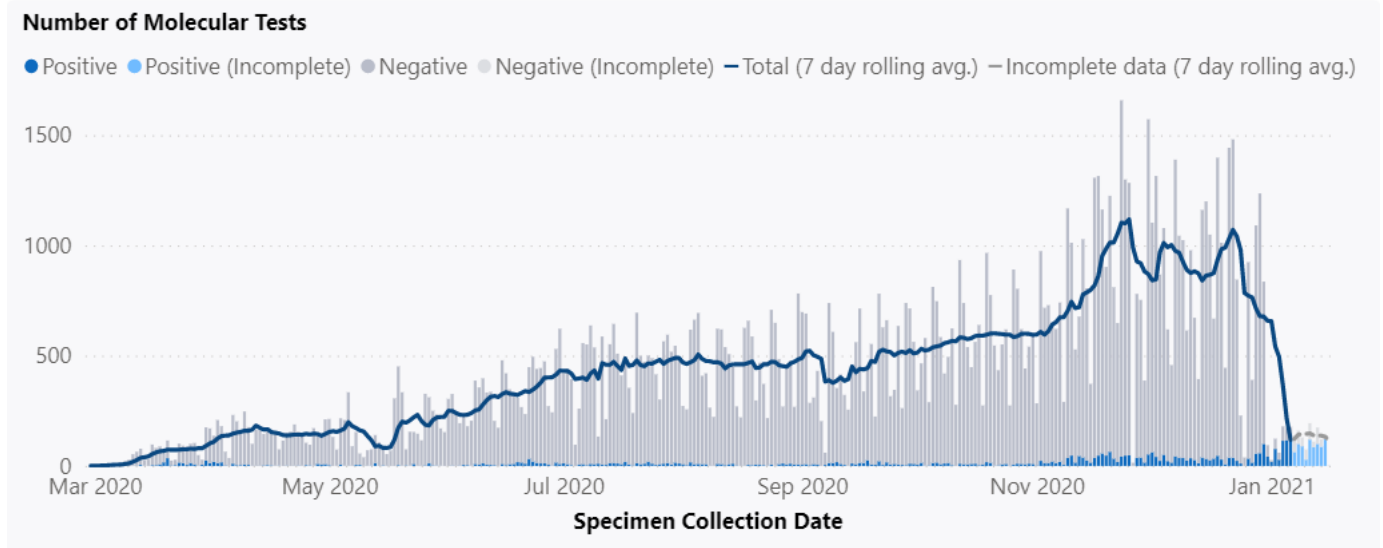
** The data reported is the most current information provided from PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center. Information is updated as soon as it is available*

WHATCOM COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION COUNTS



***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 Health²

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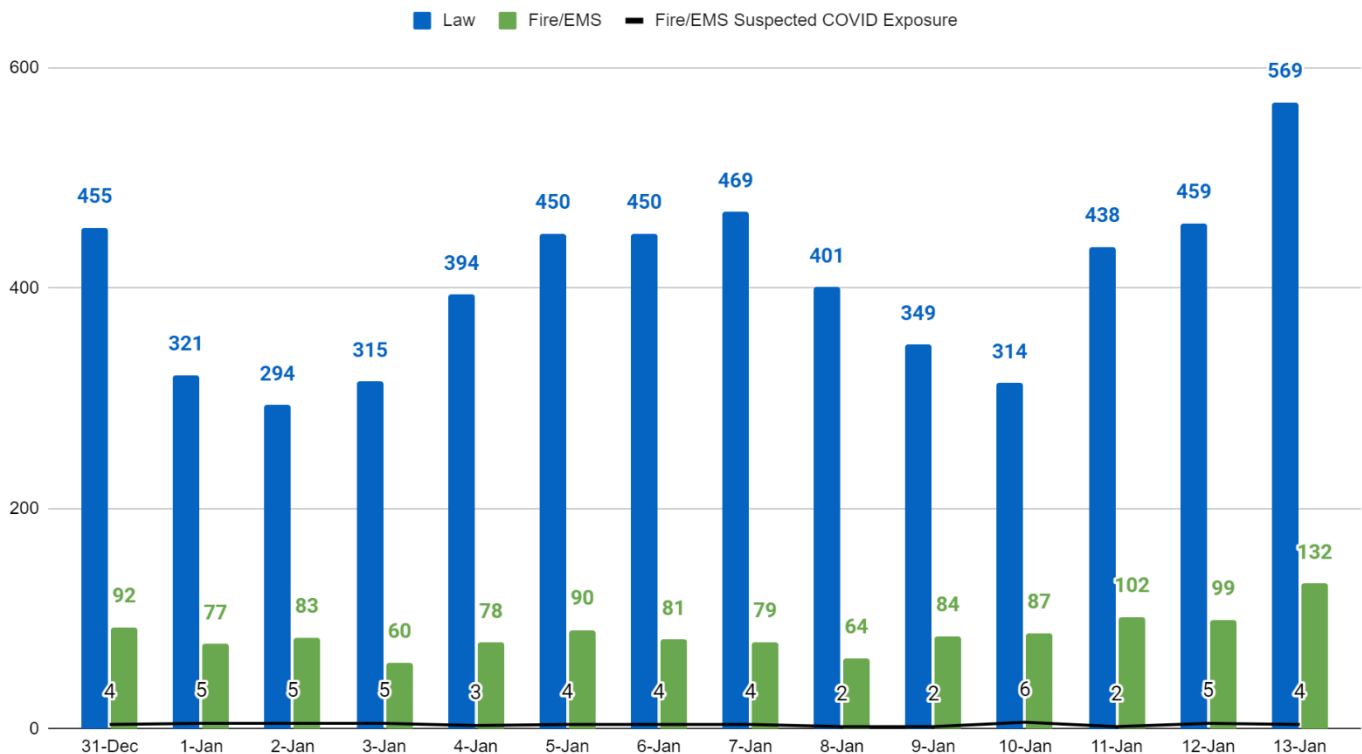
Whatcom County Community Testing Program Results

Data updated through 01/16/2021

Test Collection Week (Week Ending Date)	Negative Result	Positive Result	Total Tests	Percent Positive
2021-01-16	2297	215	2512	8.5 %
2021-01-09	2730	277	3007	9.2 %
2021-01-02	2045	159	2204	7.2 %
2020-12-26	2306	79	2385	3.3 %
2020-12-19	2862	86	2948	2.9 %
2020-12-12	2152	65	2217	2.9 %
2020-12-05	2027	103	2130	4.8 %
2020-11-28	2095	68	2163	3.1 %
2020-11-21	2357	69	2426	2.8 %
2020-11-14	1707	77	1784	4.3 %
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 %
Total	31203	1338	32541	4.1 %

<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
 - [Phase 1b Tier 1 media release](#)
 - [Phase 1b Tier 1 news flash](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts: WCHD & WUC
 - [Healthy Washington phase update](#)
 - [MLK Day](#)
 - [50% of cases are transmitted by asymptomatic people](#)
 - [Phase 1b Tier 1 now eligible](#)

Local and State Headlines

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom County sees 218 more COVID-19 cases for two days, state reports Sunday](#) - 1-18-21
- Bellingham Herald: 'I'm his mom and I couldn't help him' — Bellingham 10-year-old wins battle with COVID illness - 1-17-21
- Olympian: [Gov. Inslee announces vaccine plan changes to ramp up pace as state moves into Phase 1B](#) - 1-19-21
- KGMI: [Health Department advances to next tier of vaccine eligibility](#) - 1-19-21
- Seattle Times: [Inslee sets goal of 45,000 COVID-19 vaccinations a day in Washington; everyone 65 and older eligible now](#) - 1-18-21
- Yakima Herald-Republic: [Yakima Health District team provides sharp focus on COVID outbreaks and prevention](#) - 1-18-21
- Northern Light: [Positive Covid-19 case at middle school, no close contacts, superintendent says](#) - 1-13-21
- Northern Light: [Whatcom County Sheriff's Office employees test positive for Covid-19](#) - 1-15-21

National Headlines

- Washington Post: [Most Americans say the coronavirus pandemic is out of control, Post-ABC poll finds](#) - 1-19-21
- NY Times: [Inside the B.1.1.7 Coronavirus Variant](#) - 1-18-21
- AP: [A new COVID-19 challenge: Mutations rise along with cases](#) - 1-19-21
- NY Times: [Even at health care facilities, employers and workers are at odds about coronavirus vaccines](#) - 1-16-21
- USA Today: [Americans dying faster of COVID-19 than our soldiers did in WWII](#) - 1-19-21
- NBC News: Black Americans are getting vaccinated at lower rates than white Americans - 1-16-21
- CNN: [More than 60% of all US Covid-19 cases were reported since Election Day. Now experts warn a variant could further fuel spread](#) - 1-19-21
- AP: [New clinics aid coronavirus 'long-haulers': 'We know this is real'](#) - 1-19-21

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Communicate about COVID-19 vaccine distribution, allocation, eligibility, and safety.
- Communicate about testing access.
- Communicate about flu vaccines.
- Continue with messaging around non-pharmaceutical interventions.
- Increase messaging for Spanish speakers.
- Increase messaging for young adults including via social marketing.
- Increase outreach to farming and farmworker communities.
- Increase outreach to faith-based communities.

WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 28

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 low barrier COVID-19 testing program and outbreak testing team.
3. Manage PPE and other response resource inventories to meet current and anticipated community needs.
4. Coordinate with Operations and Planning on potential need for additional I/Q surge facility.
5. Provide consumables to meet the needs at Byron Avenue I/Q facility.

OPERATIONS

1. Support Tuesday's scheduled food stocking efforts and food distribution programs.
2. Continue operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q facility for community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, 4 rooms are occupied. Cumulatively, the I/Q facility has provided a total of 1,860 bed days of service for 211 community members.
3. Continue to implement the community low barrier COVID-19 testing program.
4. Implement process to identify resources to support outbreak assessment and testing in congregate settings.
5. Identify and implement modifications of Byron Ave I/Q facility services to increase efficiency and security measures.
6. Continue daily operations supported by the communicable disease division at WCHD for case identification, interviewing, contact tracing, community mitigation, and isolation and quarantine work.
7. Work in collaboration with North Sound Accountable Community of Health to distribute care and food kits to vulnerable community members.
8. Coordinate with Whatcom County Human Resources to create sustainable plan for transfer of persons to the I/Q facility.
9. Work with the Incident Safety Officer to review safety plans for I/Q facility transportation, outbreak testing, and the community testing program.

PLANNING

1. Continue to monitor Whatcom County's coordinated, collaborative and community approach for COVID-19 medical surge response.
2. Review and update the medical surge status report on an ongoing basis.
3. Coordinate with local and regional healthcare agencies that are able to vaccinate eligible populations as identified by Washington State Department of Health.
4. Coordinate with local and regional healthcare agencies to plan for future phases of COVID-19 vaccination.
5. Assist food security community partner agencies in transitioning their food distribution programs to self-supported, sustainable operations.
6. Conduct daily data entry, analysis, and reporting to support and inform Operations.
7. Monitor PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center hospitalization data.
8. Coordinate with Whatcom County Health Department Contract Coordinator on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Isolation/Quarantine facility needs.
9. Coordinate with local partners to expand testing capacity.

REPORT PREPARED BY:
Situation Unit

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Incident Command

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