

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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| REPORT #: 20210126.1 | DATE: 01/26/2021 | TIME: 16:00 |
| INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019 | OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 29 | MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265 |

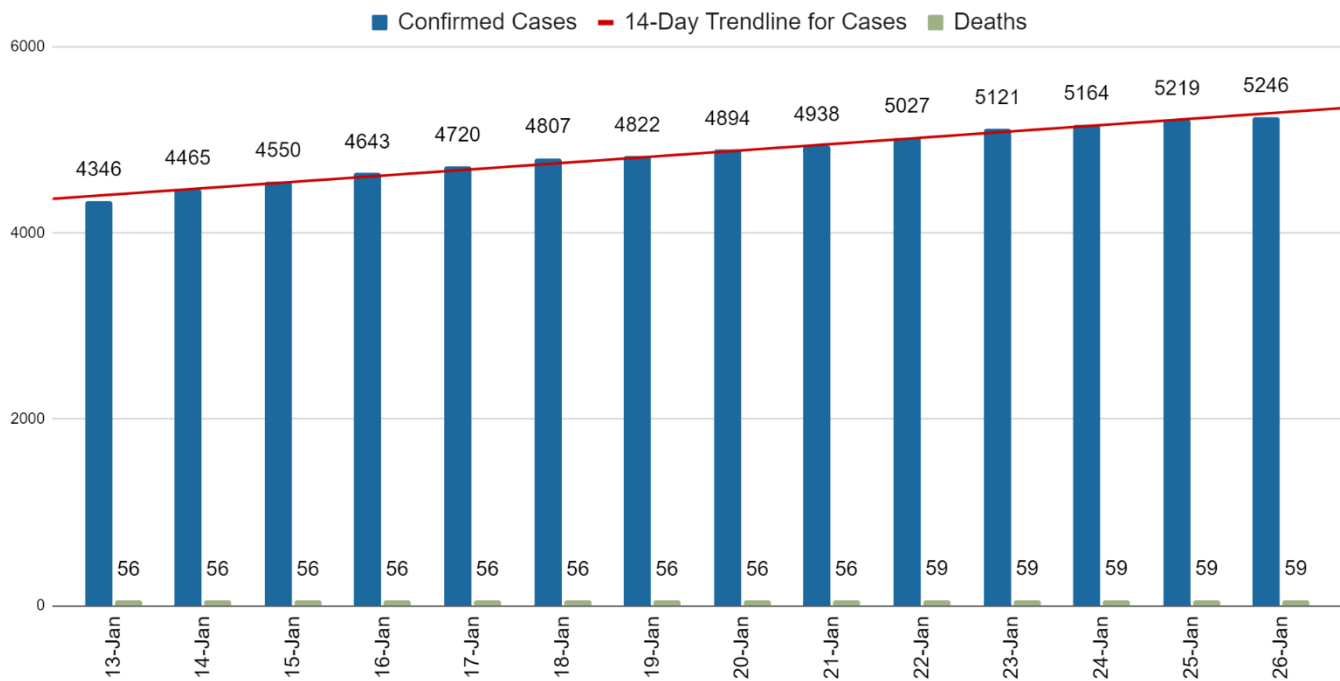
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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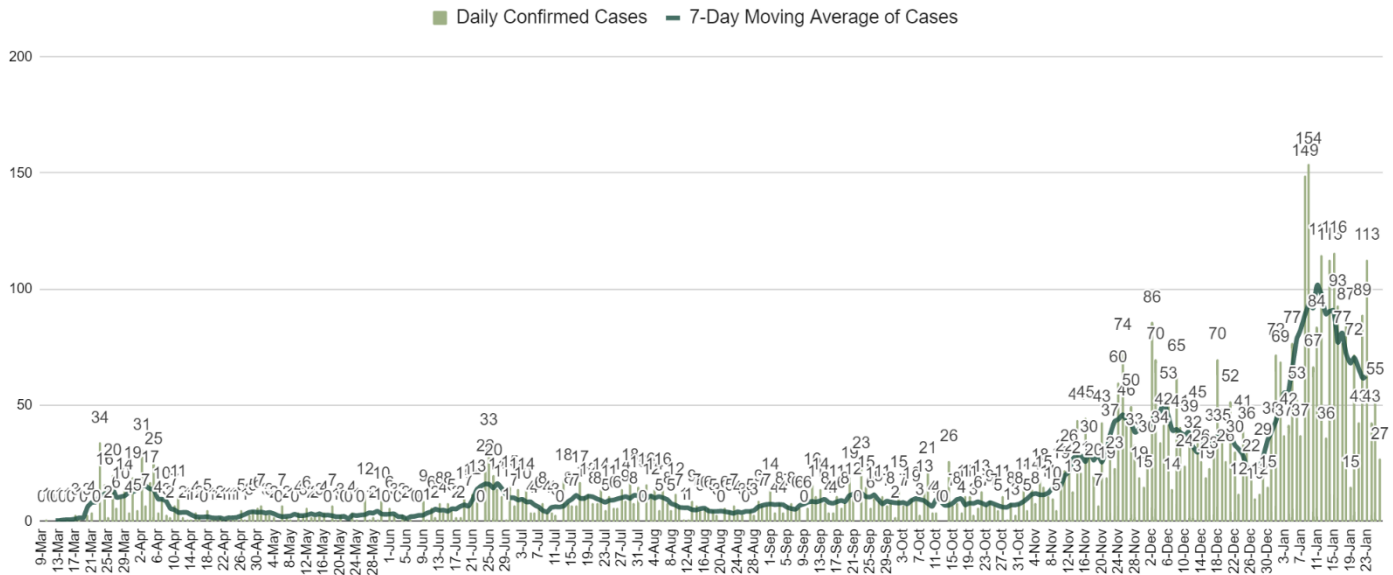
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



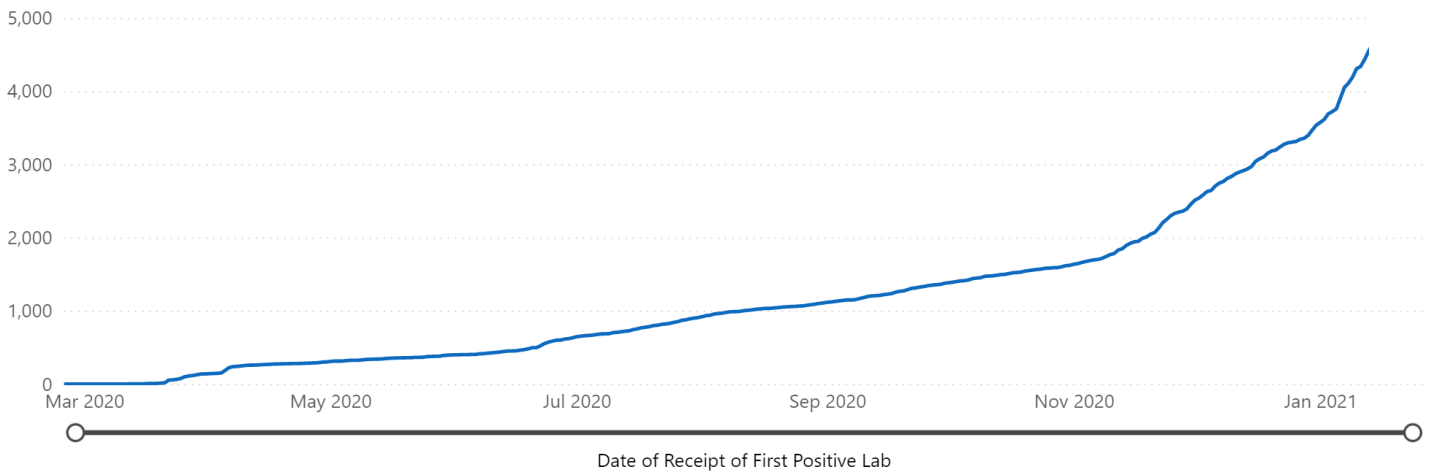
| DATE | CONFIRMED CASES | DEATHS |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1/26/2021* | 5246 | 59 |
| 1/25/2021* | 5219 | 59 |
| 1/24/2021 | 5164 | 56 |
| 1/23/2021 | 5121 | 56 |
| 1/22/2021 | 5027 | 59 |

**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 1/24/2021.*

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

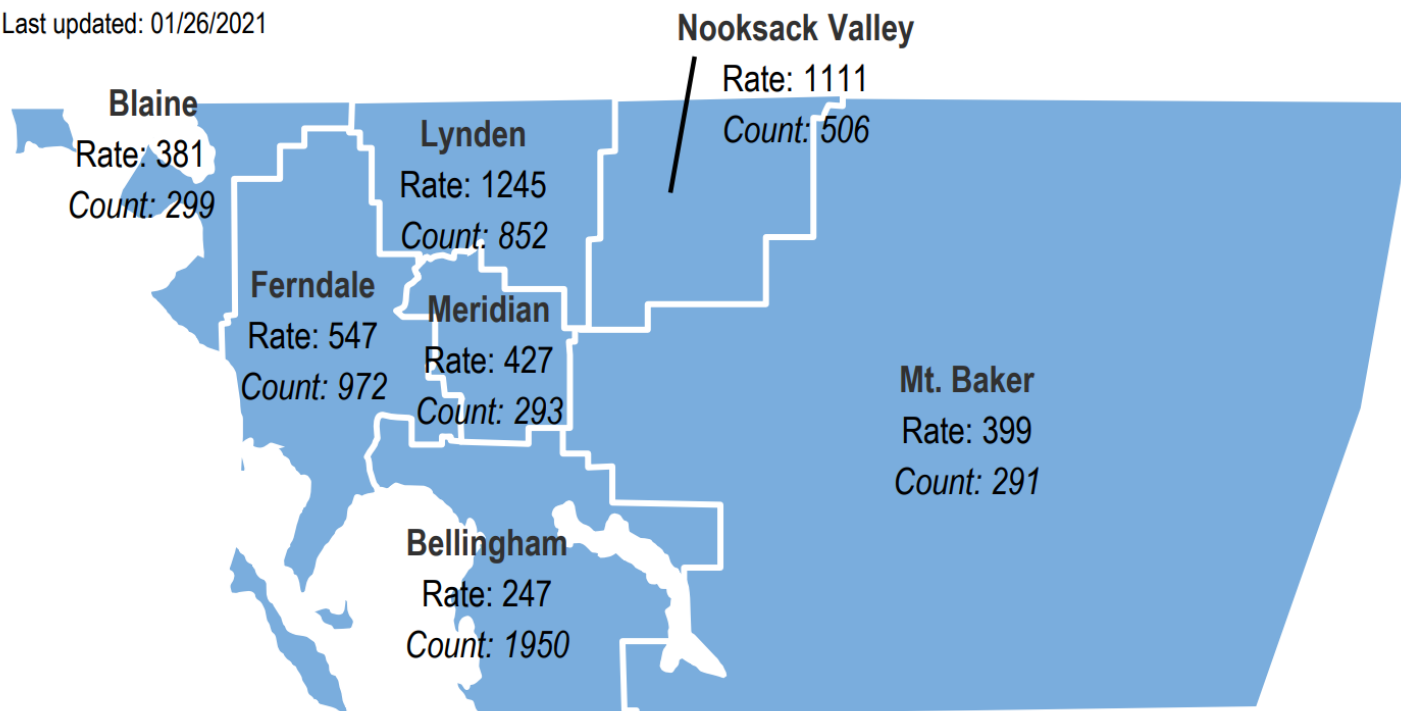


CUMULATIVE CASE COUNTS



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

Last updated: 01/26/2021



Rate: Number of confirmed cases per 100,000 people for the past two weeks (1/10/21-1/23/21) *See [Data Explainer](#) for info

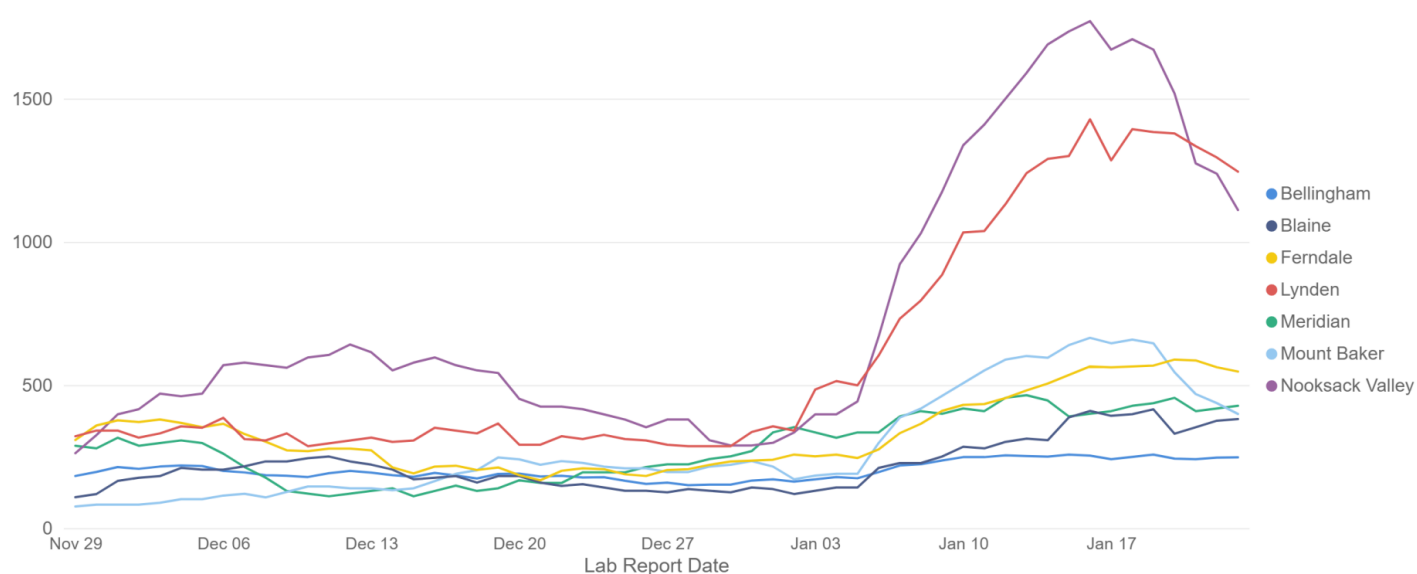
State Goal: Fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks

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, 11/29/2020 - 01/23/2021



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 | 1,932 | 31 | 0 |
| Age 40-59 | 1,305 | 63 | 2 |
| Age 0-19 | 1,105 | 7 | 0 |
| Age 60-79 | 706 | 98 | 14 |
| Age 80+ | 198 | 54 | 43 |
| UnknownAge | 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 1/26/2021:

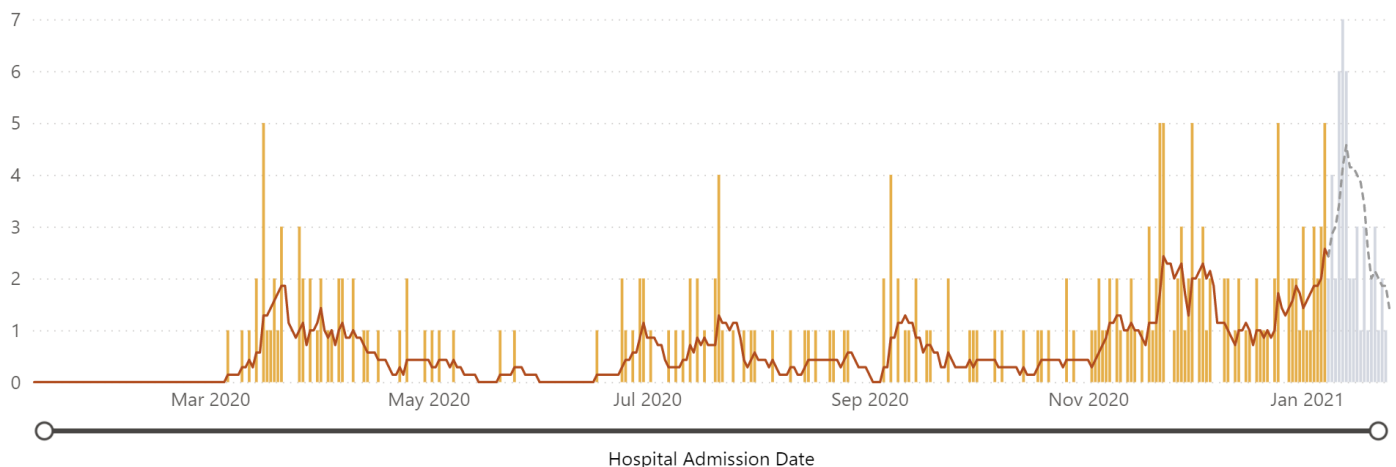
- 21 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 3 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 38 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0% surge/overflow beds occupied

* The data reported is the most current information provided from PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center.

WHATCOM COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION COUNTS

HOSPITALIZATIONS COUNTS

● Hospitalizations ● Incomplete — Hospitalizations (7 day avg.) — Incomplete (7 day avg.)

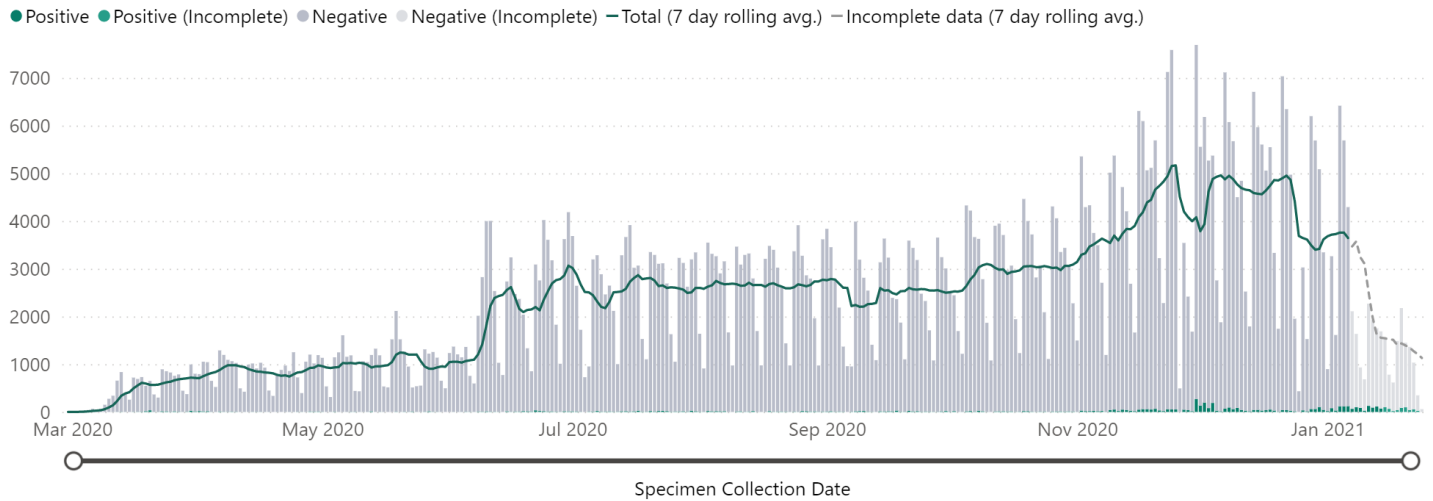


**Source: Washington State Department of Health

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

WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

NUMBER OF MOLECULAR TESTS



***Source: Washington State Department of Health2*

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

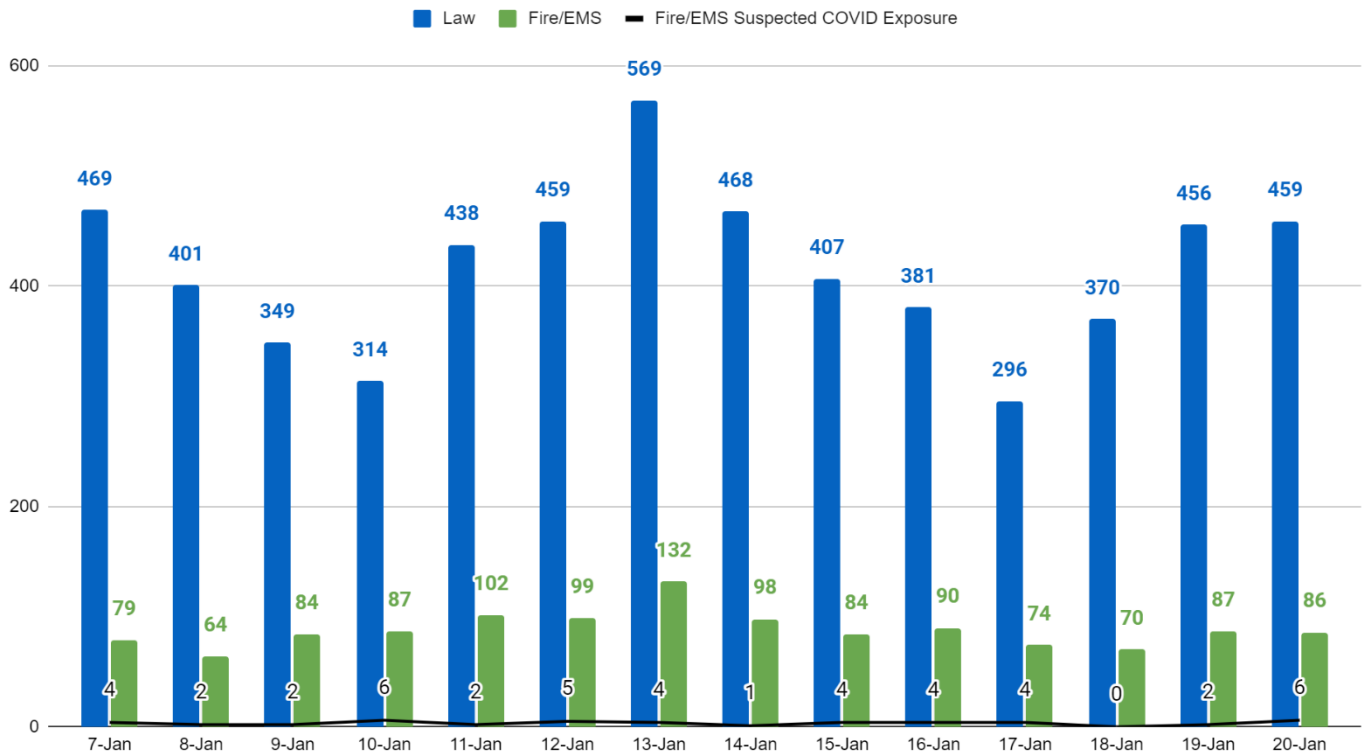
Whatcom County Community Testing Program Results

Data updated through 01/23/2021

| Test Collection Week (Week Ending Date) | Negative Result | Positive Result | Total Tests | Percent Positive |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 2021-01-23 | 2436 | 189 | 2625 | 7.2 % |
| 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 % |
| Total | 32606 | 1513 | 34119 | 4.4 % |

<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](#)
- [Governor's Healthy Washington phased approach](#)
- [Washington State COVID-19 risk assessment dashboard](#) (including vaccination progress)

JIC Updates

- WCHD Website www.whatcomcounty.us/covid
 - [Updated vaccine page](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts: WCHD & WUC
 - [New COVID variant](#)
 - [PeaceHealth town hall on vaccines](#)
 - [Vaccine providers list](#)

Local and State Headlines

- KGMI: [Saturday Morning Live interview with Erika Lautenbach](#) - 1-23-21
- Bellingham Herald: [As Whatcom schools report new COVID-19 cases, county sees 45 new positive tests Monday](#) - 1-26-21
- Bellingham Herald: [Coronavirus updates: State has administered 500K doses of vaccine](#) - 1-26-21
- Seattle Times: [Demand for COVID-19 vaccines floods Washington health systems as federal supply remains limited](#) - 1-25-21
- Yakima Herald-Republic: [Relieved, excited and ready. Hundreds line up for COVID vaccinations at Tri-Cities fairgrounds](#) - 1-26-21
- Spokesman Review: [Appointments to get one of 3,000 vaccine doses at Spokane Arena can be made starting Wednesday](#) - 1-26-21
- KING 5: [As demand soars for COVID-19 vaccines, council member says King County isn't getting fair share](#) - 1-26-21
- KOMO: [COVID-19 variant spurs concern about deaths, hospital capacity in Washington state](#) - 1-25-21

National Headlines

- AP: [US virus numbers drop, but race against new strains heats up](#) - 1-26-21
- CNN: [WHO says it's OK to delay second dose of Moderna vaccine, but not to halve doses to stretch supply](#) - 1-26-21
- Washington Post: [CDC finds scant spread of coronavirus in schools with precautions in place](#) - 1-26-21
- NY Times: [Here's why West Virginia is a leader in the U.S. vaccine rollout](#) - 1-25-21
- Fox News: [Minnesota launches COVID-19 vaccine lottery for seniors](#) - 1-26-21
- NBC News: [What do coronavirus variants mean for your masks?](#) - 1-26-21
- The Conversation: [Does reopening schools cause COVID-19 to spread? It's complicated](#) - 1-14-21

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Communicate about COVID-19 vaccine distribution, allocation, eligibility, and safety.
- Communicate about testing access.
- 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 29

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 phased recovery approach 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.
6. Coordinate with Planning to define the site and staffing needs for community vaccination clinics and identify potential sites.

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, 7 rooms are occupied. Cumulatively, the I/Q facility has provided a total of 1,909 bed days of service for 219 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 partners to plan for future phases of COVID-19 vaccination, including large scale community 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:

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| Situation Unit | Incident Command | 01/26/21 | 16:00 |
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