

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



<b>REPORT #:</b> 20210127.1	<b>DATE:</b> 01/27/2021	<b>TIME:</b> 16:00
<b>INCIDENT NAME:</b> COVID-2019	<b>OPERATIONAL PERIOD:</b> 29	<b>MISSION NUMBER:</b> 20-0265

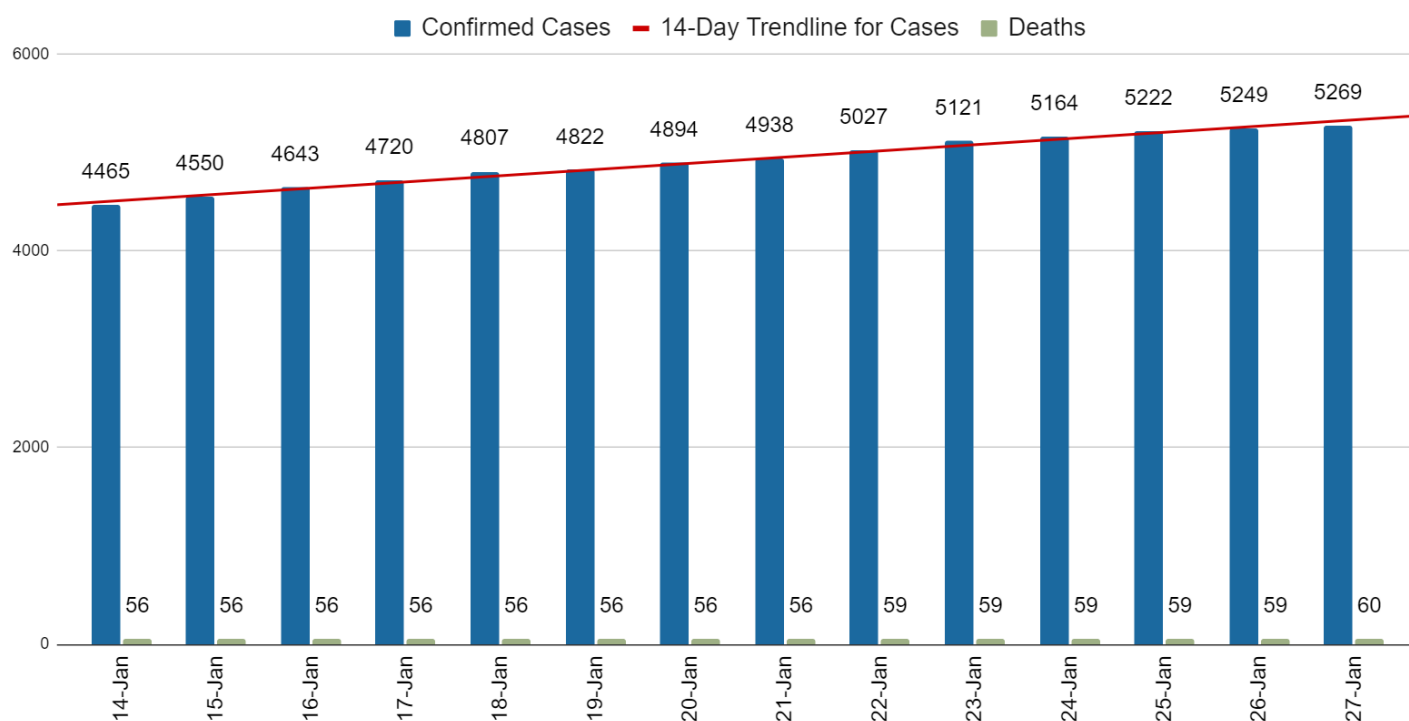
## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

<b>ACTIVATION:</b> Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	<b>ACTIVATION STATUS:</b> Partial	<b>HOURS OF OPERATION:</b> 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
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## GENERAL SITUATION

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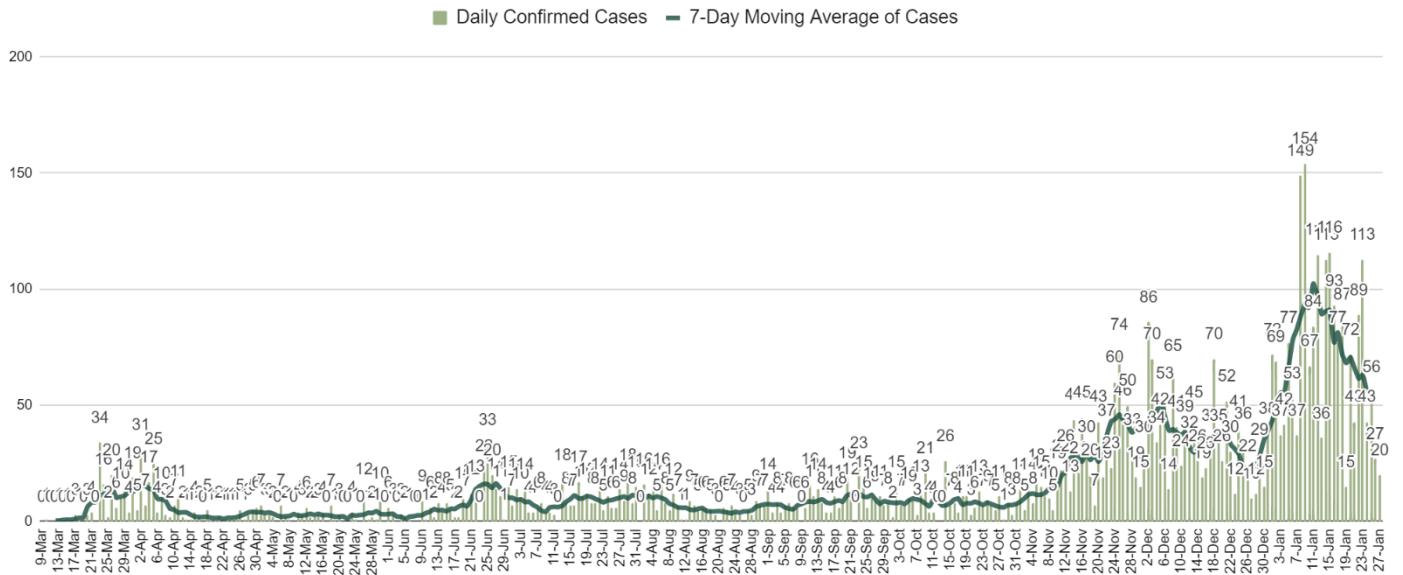
### 14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



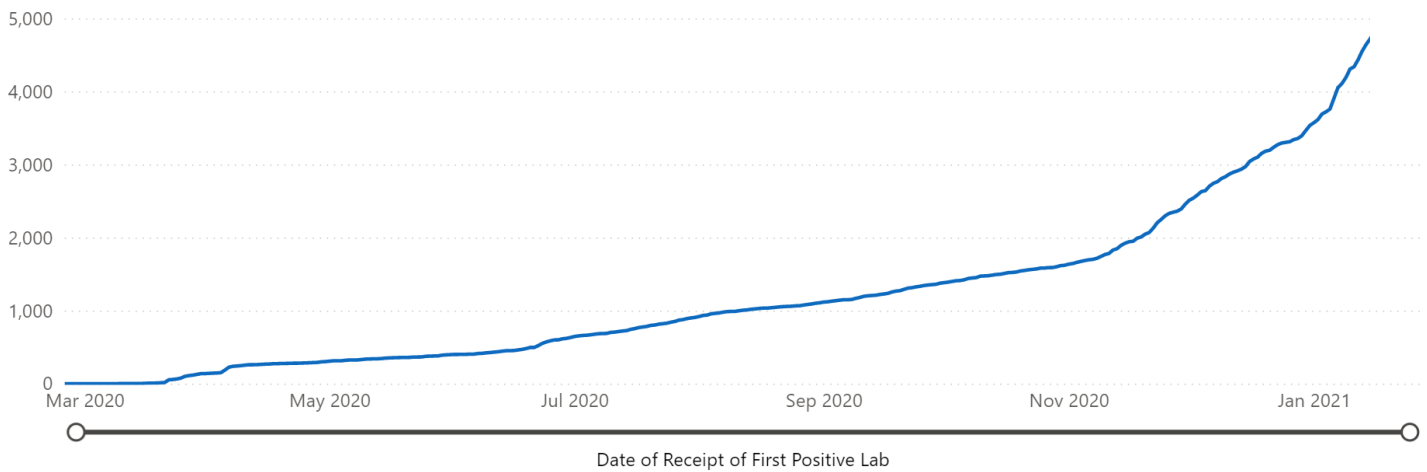
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
1/27/2021*	5269	60
1/26/2021*	5249	59
1/25/2021	5222	59
1/24/2021	5164	56
1/23/2021	5121	56

\*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 1/25/2021.

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

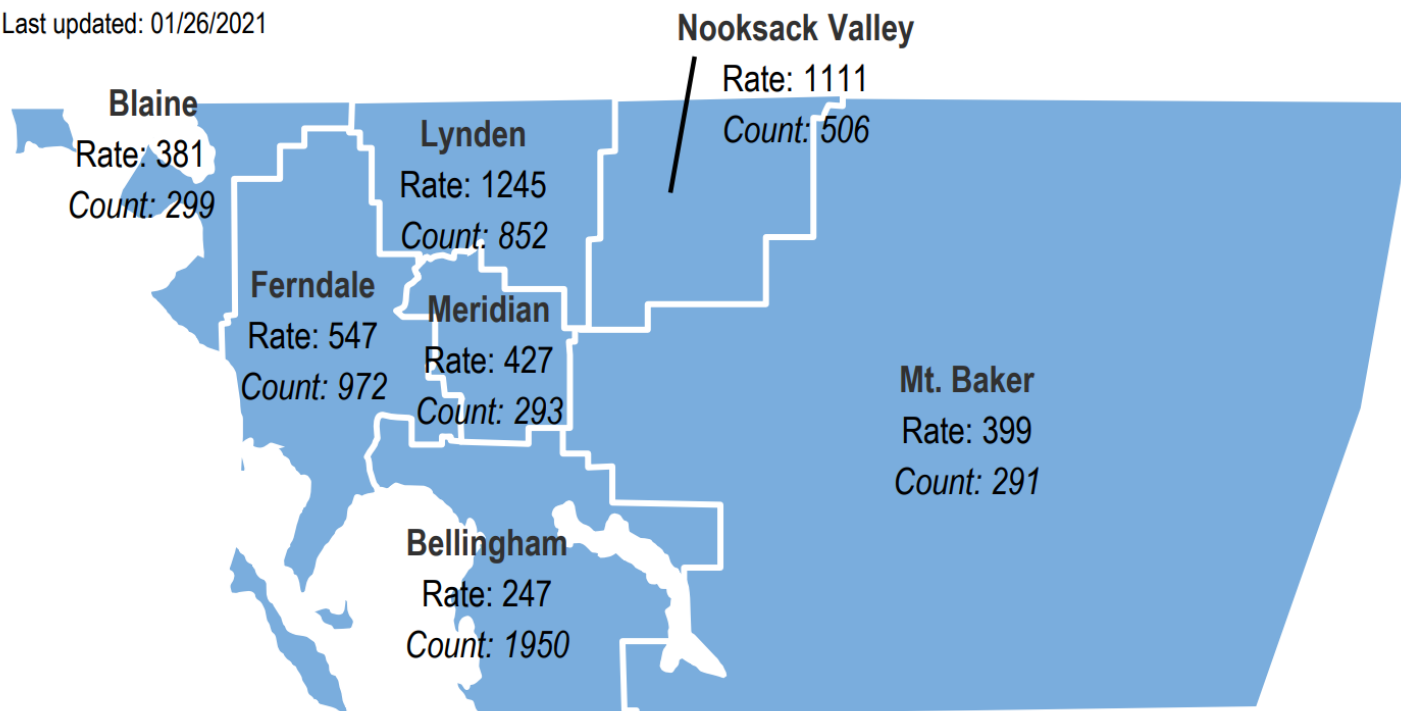


### CUMULATIVE CASE COUNTS



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

Last updated: 01/26/2021



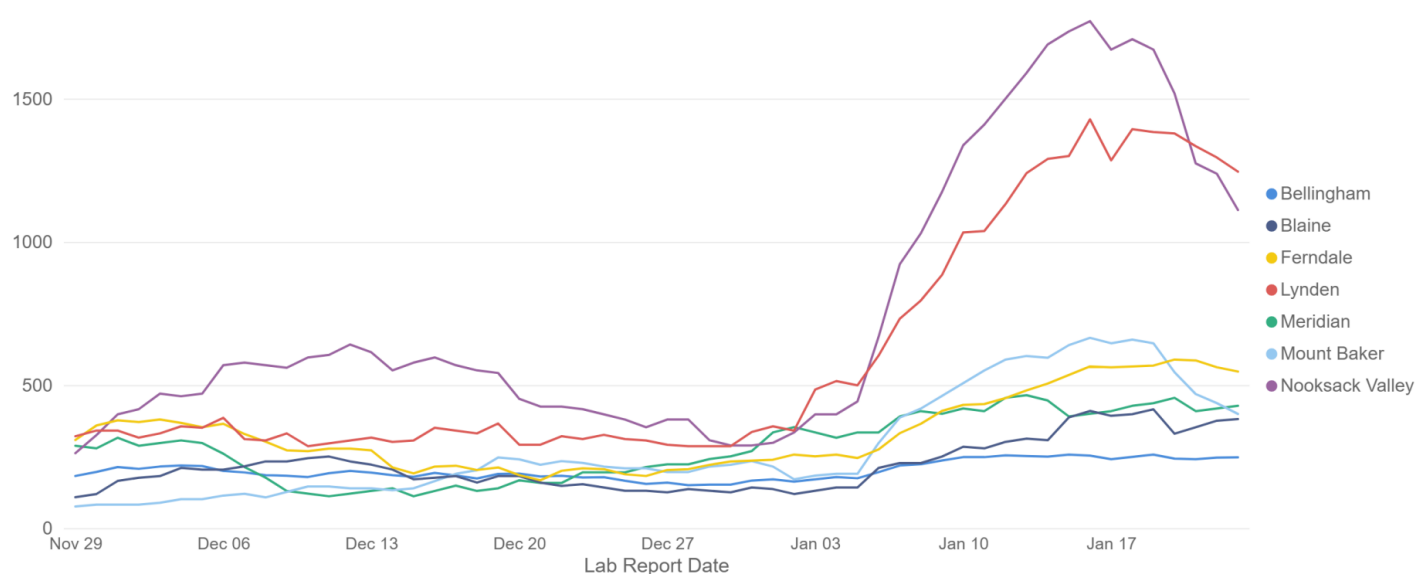
**Rate:** Number of confirmed cases per 100,000 people for the past two weeks (1/10/21-1/23/21) \*See [Data Explorer](#) for info

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

**Count:** Cumulative cases of COVID-19

## Newly confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks, by Whatcom County School District Boundaries \*see [Data Explorer](#) 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 1/27/2021:

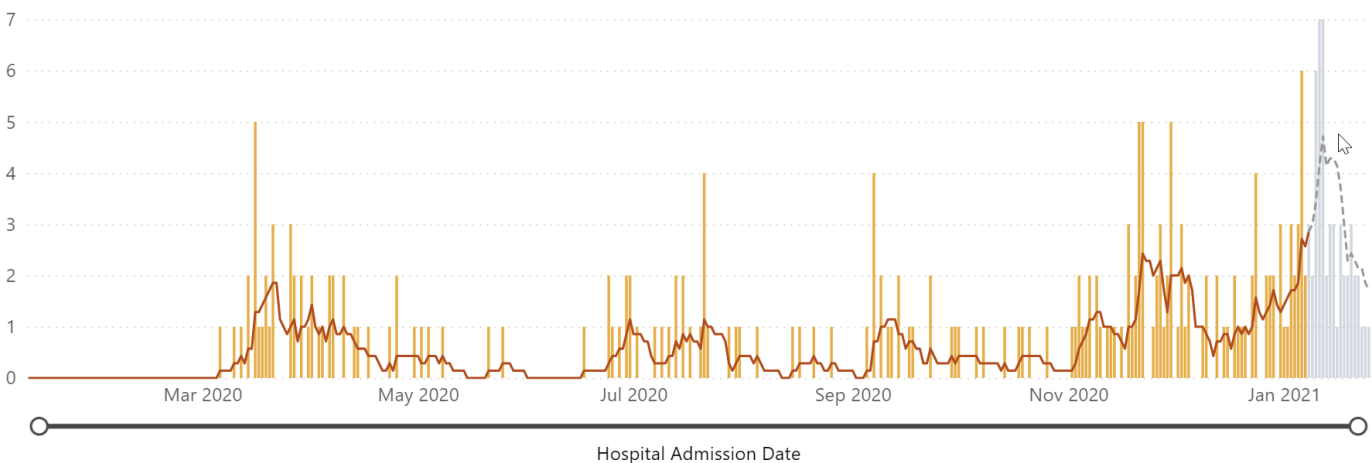
- 21 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 3 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 38 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0% surge/overflow beds occupied

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

### WHATCOM COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION COUNTS

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

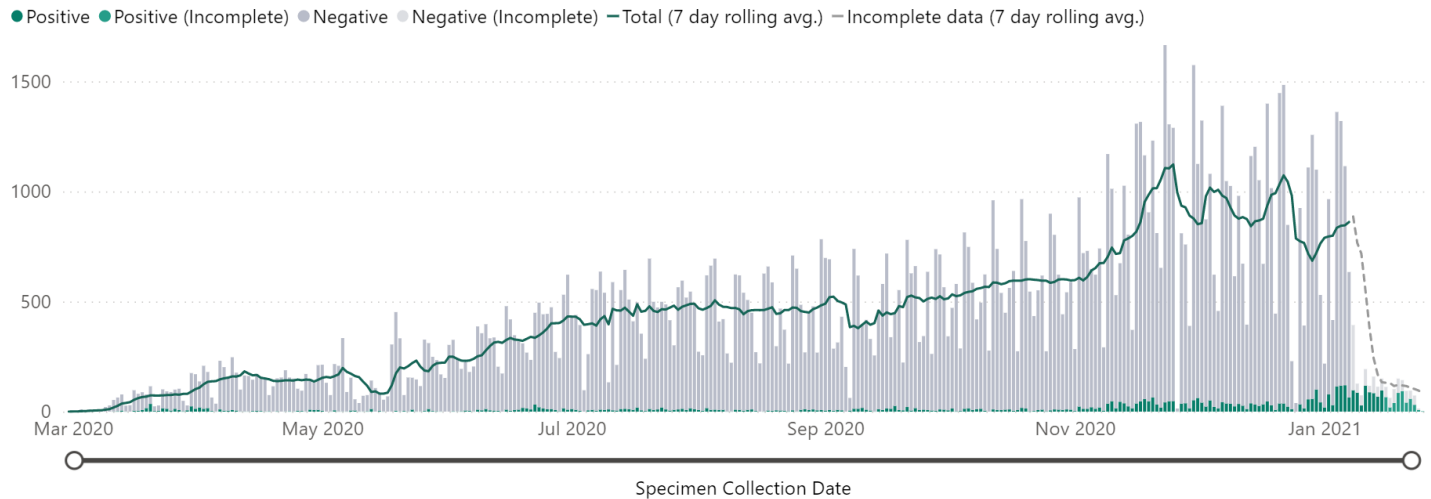


\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health

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

## WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

### NUMBER OF MOLECULAR TESTS



*\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health2*

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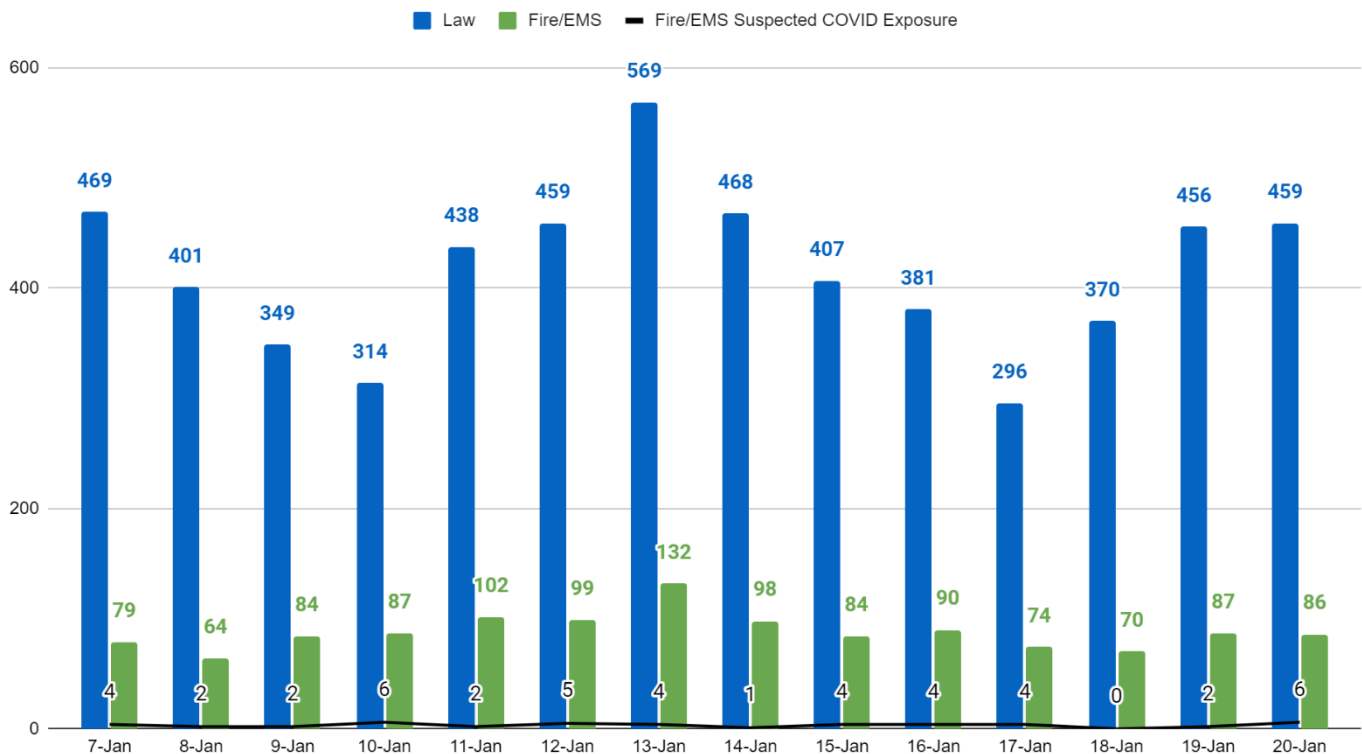
## Whatcom County Community Testing Program Results

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 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>32606</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>34119</b>	<b>4.4 %</b>

<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](http://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](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid)
  - [Vaccine news flash](#)
  - [Updated vaccine page](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
  - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts: WCHD & WUC
  - [Share of vaccine news flash](#)
  - [DOH now has two hotline numbers](#)

## Local and State Headlines

- Bellingham Herald: [New COVID-related death reported in Whatcom Tuesday, along with 23 confirmed cases](#) - 1-27-21
- Bellingham Herald: [COVID infection rates in northern Whatcom County taper off, but still remain high](#) - 1-26-21
- Lynden Tribune: [County's high case rate could be peaking](#) - 1-27-21
- Skagit Valley Herald: [County vaccinates 244 on first day of clinic](#) - 1-27-21
- Seattle Times: [Washington state will soon get more COVID-19 vaccines, Inslee says](#) - 1-27-21
- Spokesman Review: [Spokane Public Schools superintendent: Lack of vaccines alone won't stop return of secondary students](#) - 1-27-21
- Columbian: [Clark County's mass COVID-19 vaccination site opens Tuesday](#) - 1-26-21
- Yakima Herald-Republic: [Mass COVID-19 vaccination site at Yakima fairgrounds ready when supply allows](#) - 1-27-21

## National Headlines

- AP: [US boosting vaccine deliveries amid complaints of shortages](#) - 1-27-21
- AP: [States lift restrictions gradually amid fears of new variant](#) - 1-27-21
- CNN: [Vaccine rollout stumbles as a 'Hunger Games' approach leaves states and counties to fend for themselves](#) - 1-27-21
- Fox News: [Companies working on modified vaccines for new coronavirus strains](#) - 1-27-21
- Washington Post: [Teachers are moving to the front of the vaccine line — but that doesn't mean all schools will reopen right away](#) - 1-27-21
- NPR: [Why N95 Masks Are Still In Short Supply In The U.S.](#) - 1-27-21
- USA Today: [Luck, foresight and science: How an unheralded team developed a COVID-19 vaccine in record time](#) - 1-27-21
- USA Today: [YouTube removed over 500,000 COVID-19 misinformation videos since February](#) - 1-27-21

## 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 Wednesday'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, 9 rooms are occupied. Cumulatively, the I/Q facility has provided a total of 1,918 bed days of service for 221 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 vaccination of vulnerable populations.
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

**REPORT APPROVED BY:**  
Incident Command

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1/27/21

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16:00