

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 29	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

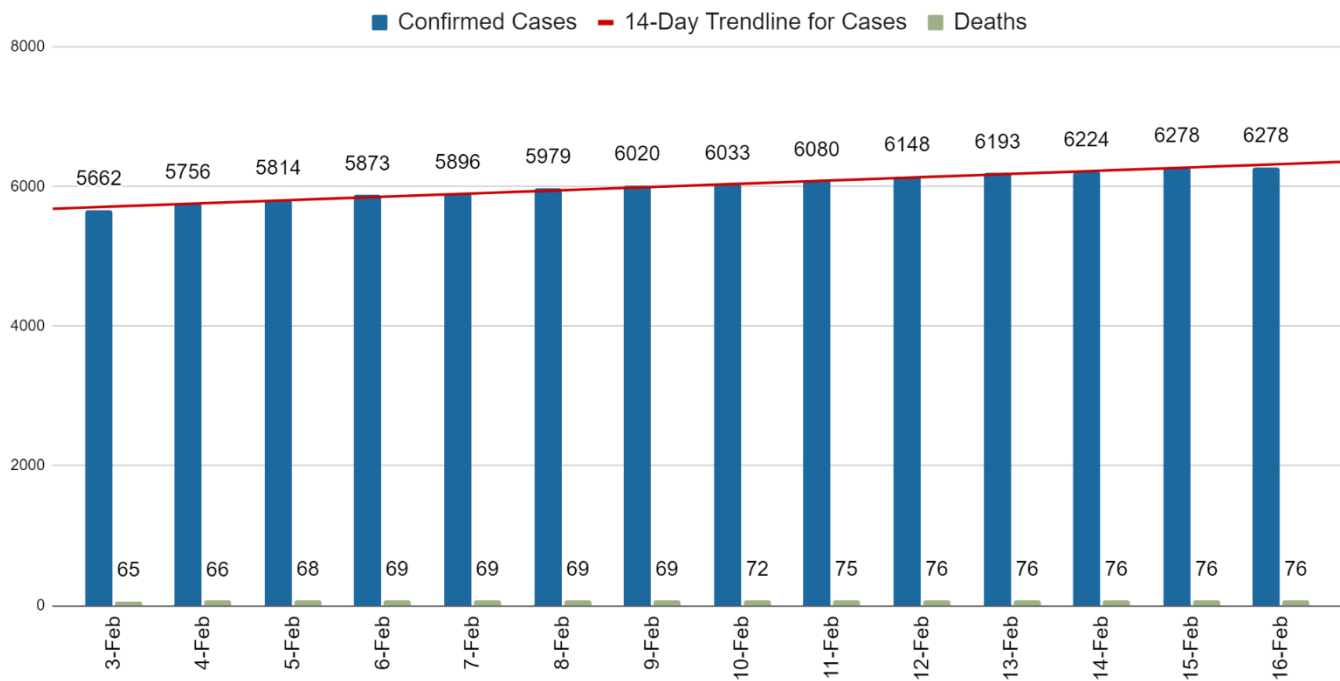
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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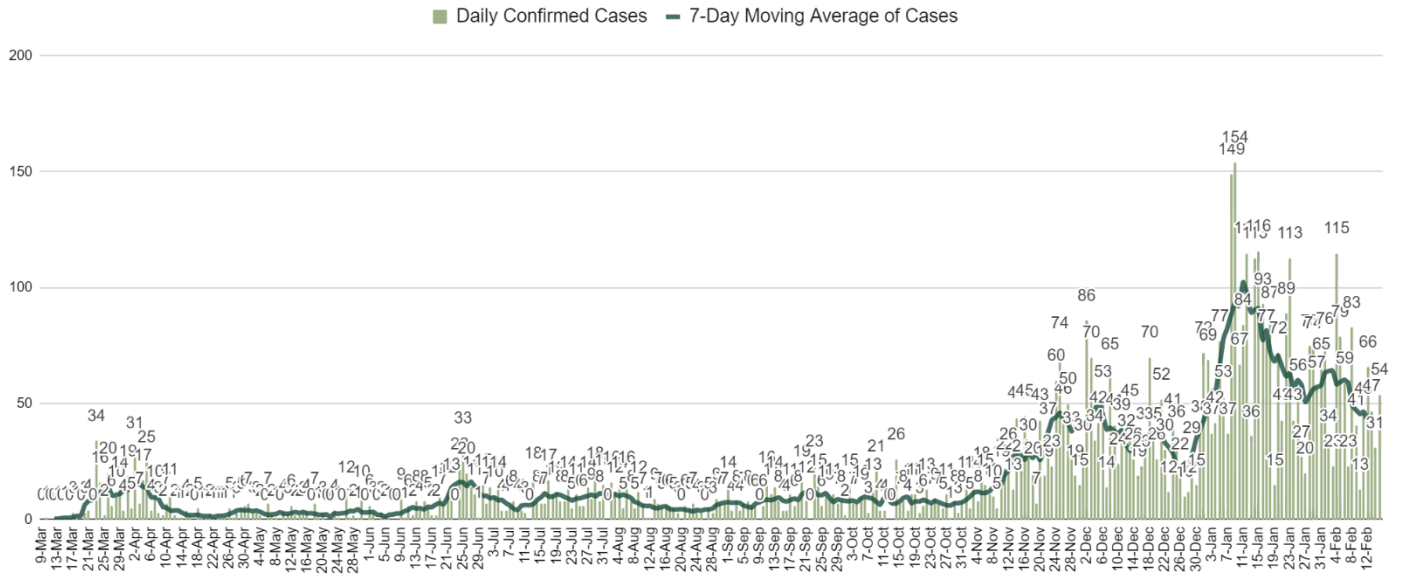
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



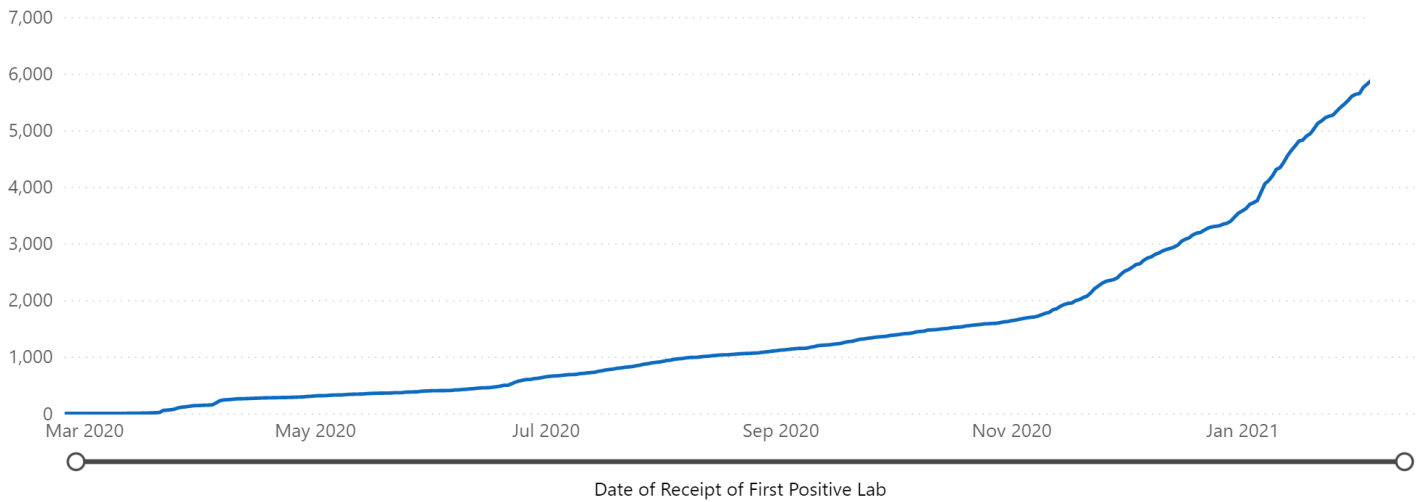
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
2/16/2021*	6278	76
2/15/2021*	6278	76
2/14/2021	6224	76
2/13/2021	6193	76
2/12/2021	6148	76

*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 2/13/2021. No data was provided for 2/16/21 due to the observance of President's Day.

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

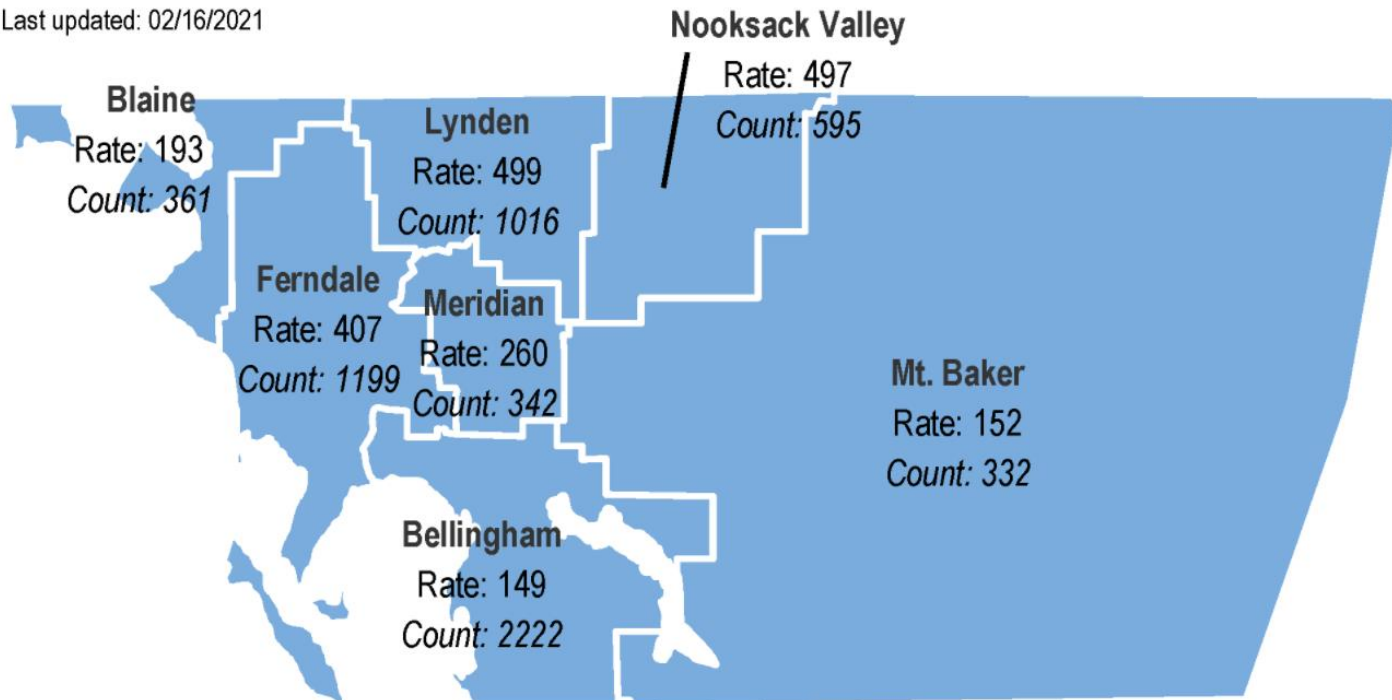


CUMULATIVE CASE COUNTS



COVID-19 in Whatcom County, by Sub-County Area: Recent Two Week Case Rates & Cumulative Counts

Last updated: 02/16/2021



Rate: Number of confirmed cases per 100,000 people for the past two weeks (1/31/21-2/13/21) *See [Data Explainer](#) for info

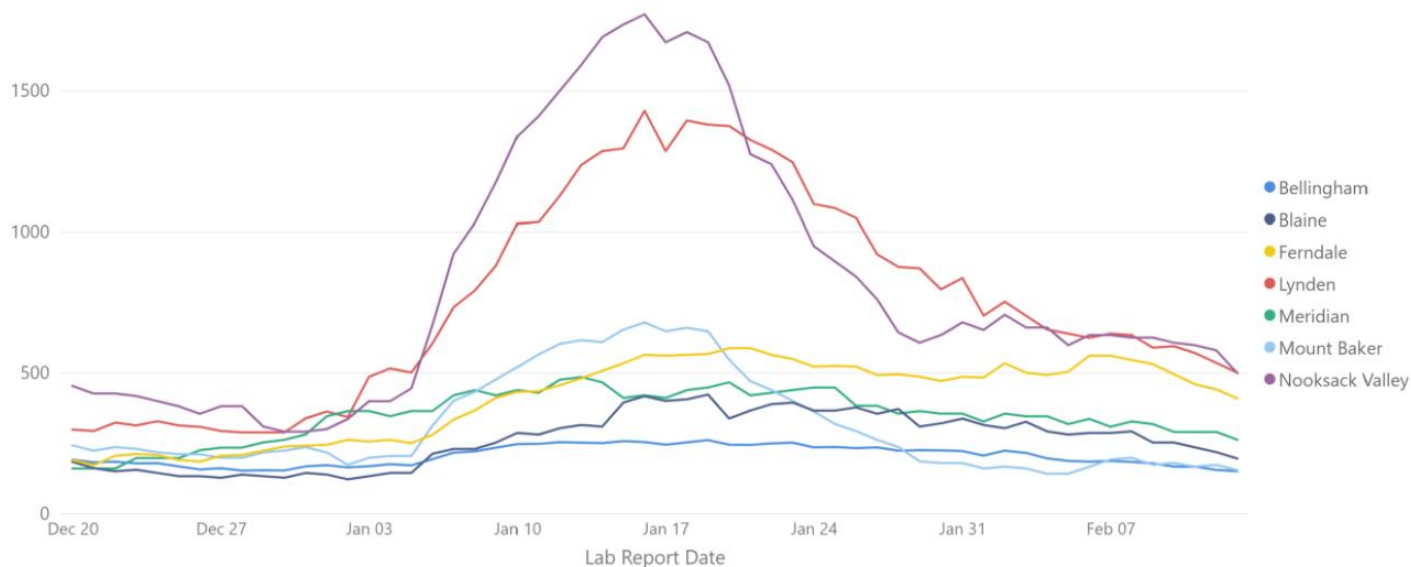
State Goal: Fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks

Count: Cumulative cases of COVID-19

Newly confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks, by Whatcom County Sub-County Areas

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

Data for the previous 8 weeks, 12/20/2020 - 02/13/2021



COUNTY	CASES	HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whatcom County			
Age 20-39	2,233	34	0
Age 40-59	1,527	74	2
Age 0-19	1,334	9	0
Age 60-79	795	117	17
Age 80+	226	67	50
UnknownAge	1	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 2/16/2021:

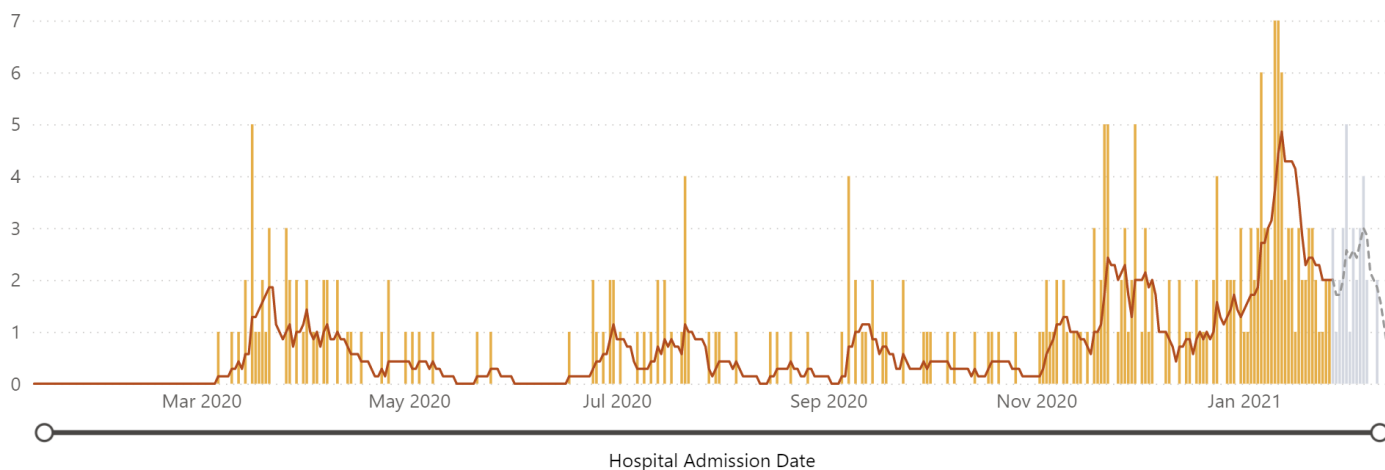
- 12 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 0 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 41 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0.0% surge/overflow beds occupied

* 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.)

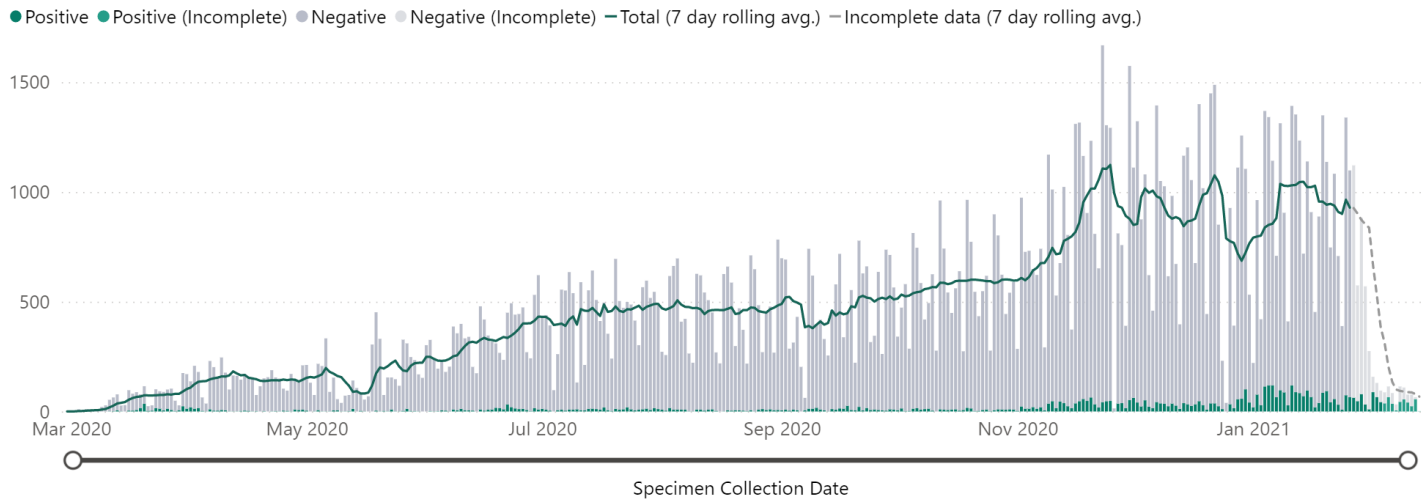


**Source: Washington State Department of Health

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

WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

NUMBER OF MOLECULAR TESTS



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

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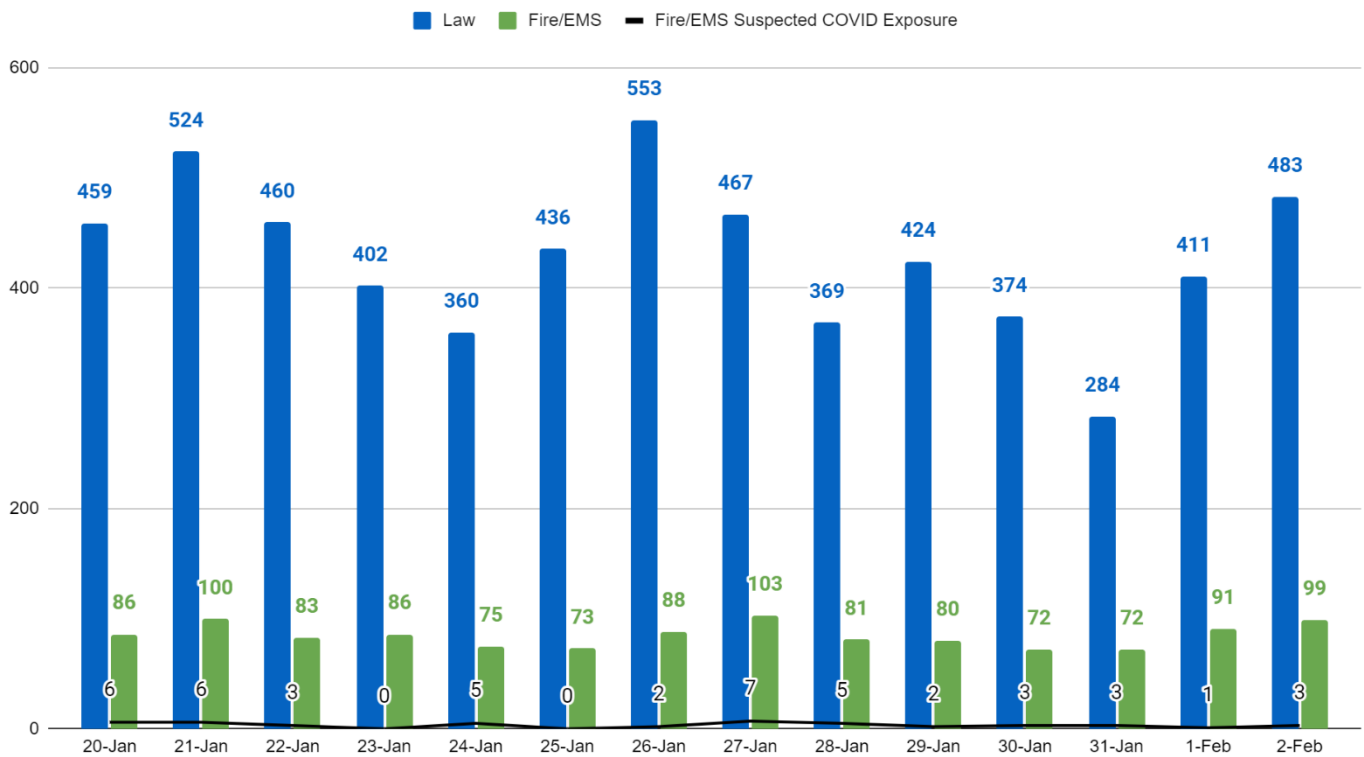
Whatcom County Community Testing Program Results

Data updated through 02/06/2021

Test Collection Week (Week Ending Date)	Negative Result	Positive Result	Total Tests	Percent Positive
2021-02-06	1851	144	1995	7.2 %
2021-01-30	2130	158	2288	6.9 %
2021-01-23	2436	189	2625	7.2 %
2021-01-16	2157	216	2373	9.0 %
2021-01-09	2452	277	2729	10.1 %
2021-01-02	1907	157	2064	7.6 %
2020-12-26	2150	78	2228	3.5 %
2020-12-19	2604	85	2689	3.2 %
2020-12-12	1902	64	1966	3.2 %
2020-12-05	1984	101	2085	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 %
Total	33042	1781	34823	5.1 %

<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](#)
- [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
 - [Community testing cancelled for weather media release](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts: WCHD & WUC
 - [Thank you for supporting local businesses](#)
 - [Limited first doses for week of 2/15](#)
 - [Presidents' Day openings/closures](#)
 - [COVID-safe holiday celebration ideas](#)
 - [Community testing cancelled 2/13](#)
 - [Whatcom's region moves into Phase 2 early](#)

Local and State Headlines

- Bellingham Herald: [PeaceHealth says it expects no first doses of COVID-19 vaccine for Whatcom this week](#) - 2-16-21
- Bellingham Herald: [This remote Whatcom community's fire chief has been pushing for COVID vaccine access](#) - 2-15-21
- Lynden Tribune: [State Health explains its allocation of vaccines](#) - 2-10-21
- All Point Bulletin: [First Covid-19 cases in Point Roberts](#) - 2-12-21
- Skagit Valley Herald: [County's efforts to test, vaccinate helped along by volunteers](#) - 2-14-21
- Seattle Times: [Public-private 'vaccine equity' fund aims to bring doses to Black and brown communities in Washington state](#) - 2-16-21
- Spokesman Review: [Lawmakers from both parties push for teachers to be vaccinated to open schools faster](#) - 2-16-21
- Yakima Herald-Republic: [Yakima & Selah Neighbors' Network helps seniors stay in their homes - and get COVID-19 vaccinations](#) - 2-16-21

National Headlines

- AP: [Latinos face barriers like fear, language in getting vaccine](#) - 2-16-21
- CNN: [In new Covid-19 guidance, CDC recommends 5 key strategies to reopen schools](#) - 2-12-21
- NY Post: [Seven new highly contagious COVID-19 variants found across US](#) - 2-16-21
- NY Times: [Covid-Linked Syndrome in Children Is Growing and Cases Are More Severe](#) - 2-16-21
- NBC News: [Coronavirus cases decline across U.S., but experts urge caution](#) - 2-15-21
- USA Today: [US could see 'staggering' fourth wave of COVID if variants are not contained](#) - 2-16-21
- Washington Post: [TSA reports back-to-back days of more than 1 million travelers over Presidents' Day weekend](#) - 2-16-21

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 Monday's scheduled food stocking efforts.
2. Continue operations of the Byron Avenue I/Q facility for community members needing isolation/quarantine. Currently, 14 rooms are occupied. Cumulatively, the I/Q facility has provided a total of 2,103 bed days of service for 243 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. Coordinate with local and regional partners to plan for future phases of COVID-19 vaccination, including large scale community vaccination.
6. Assist food security community partner agencies in transitioning their food distribution programs to self-supported, sustainable operations.
7. Conduct daily data entry, analysis, and reporting to support and inform Operations.
8. Monitor PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center hospitalization data.
9. Coordinate with local partners to expand testing capacity.

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Situation Unit

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Incident Command

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