

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 30	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

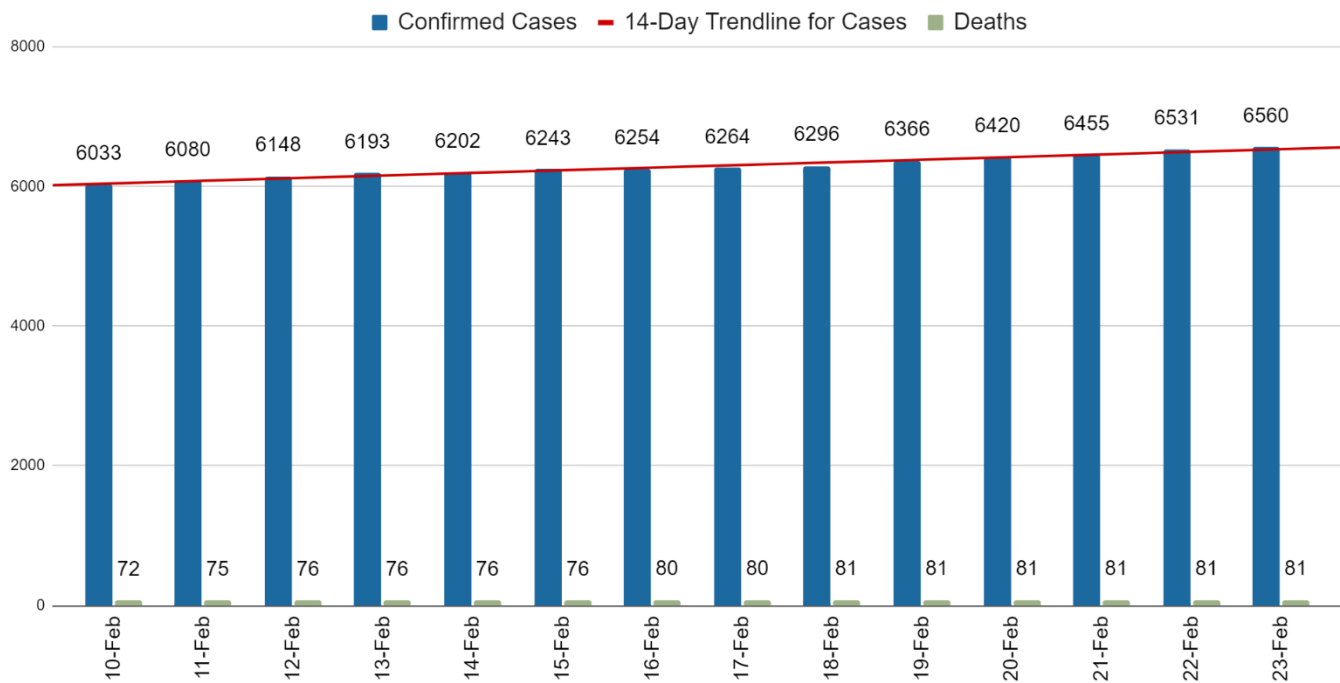
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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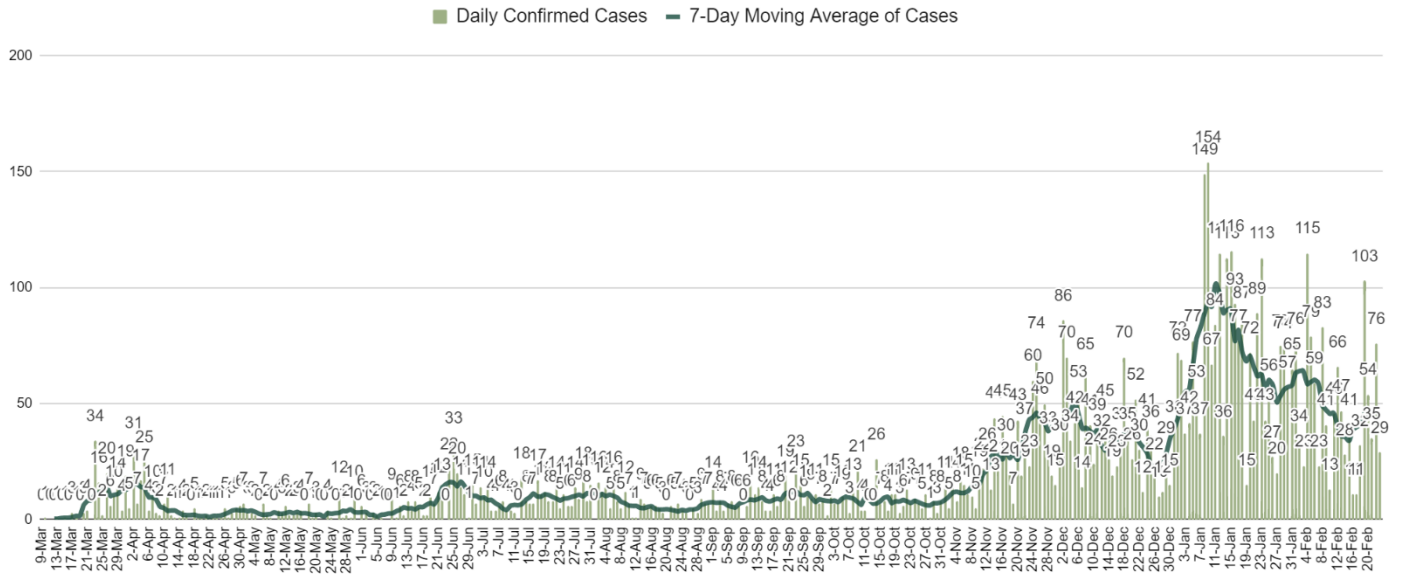
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



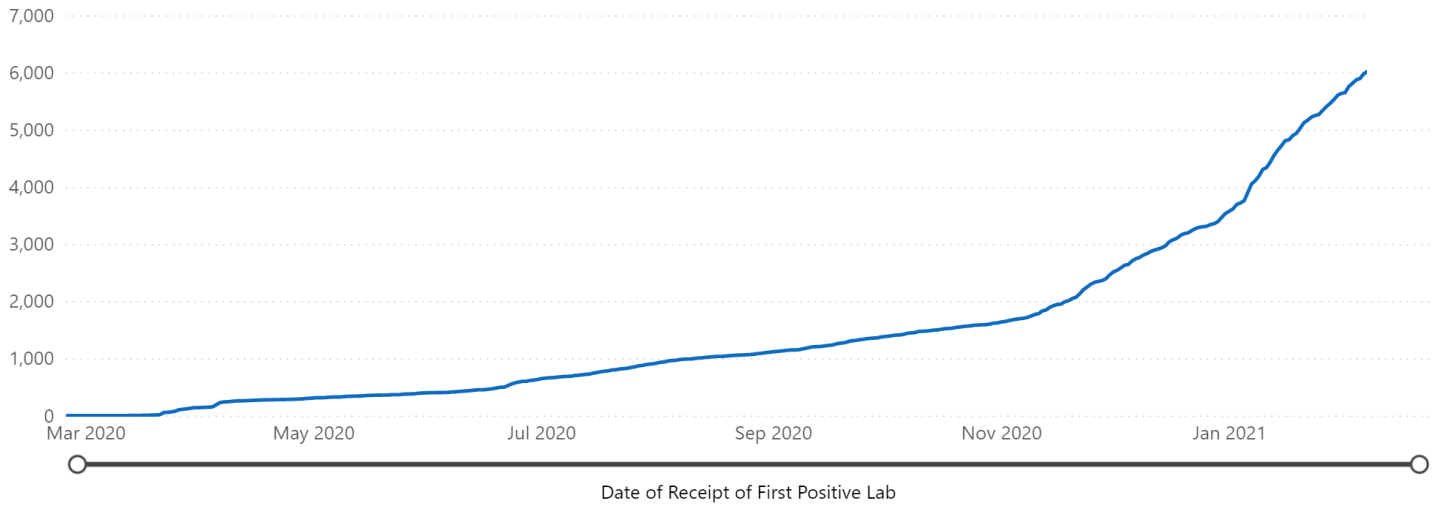
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
2/23/2021*	6560	81
2/22/2021*	6531	81
2/21/2021	6455	81
2/20/2021	6420	81
2/19/2021	6366	81

*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 2/21/2021.

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

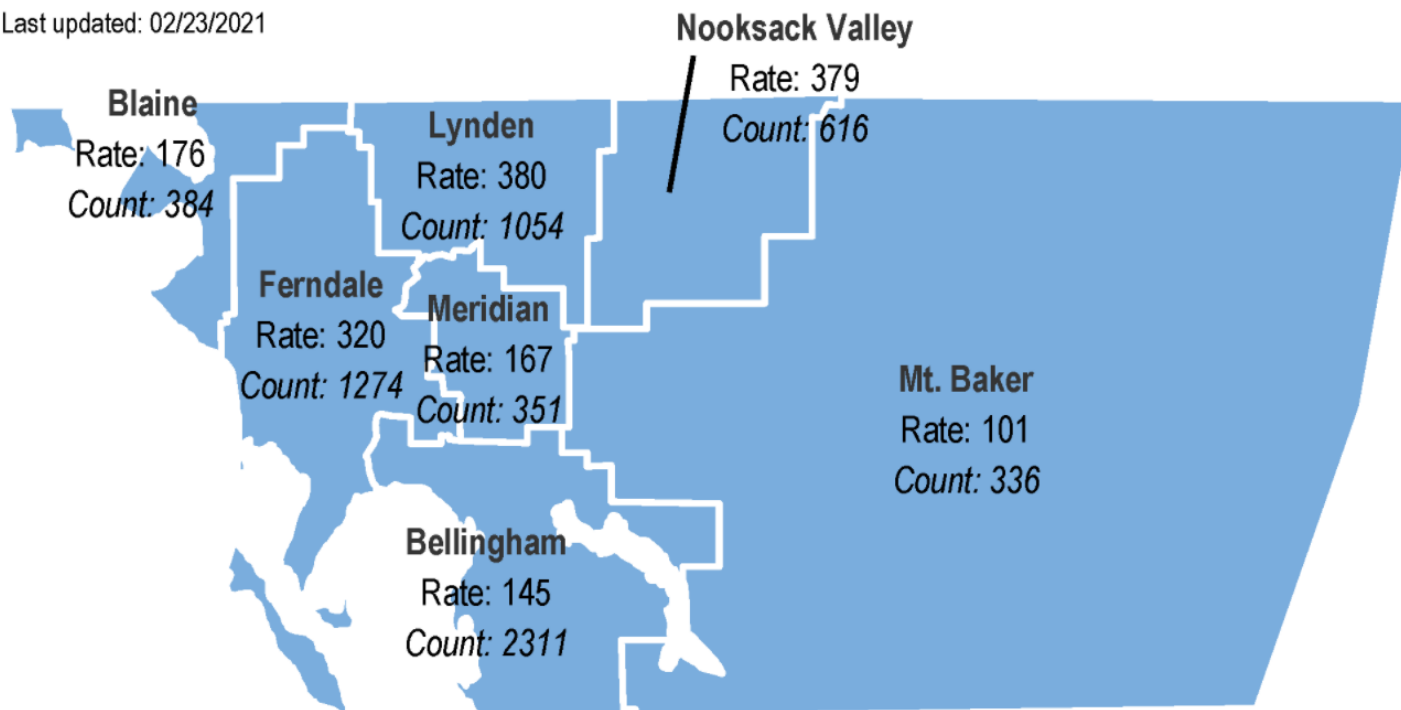


CUMULATIVE CASE COUNTS



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

Last updated: 02/23/2021



Rate: Number of confirmed cases per 100,000 people for the past two weeks (2/07/21-2/20/21) *See [Data Explainer](#) for info

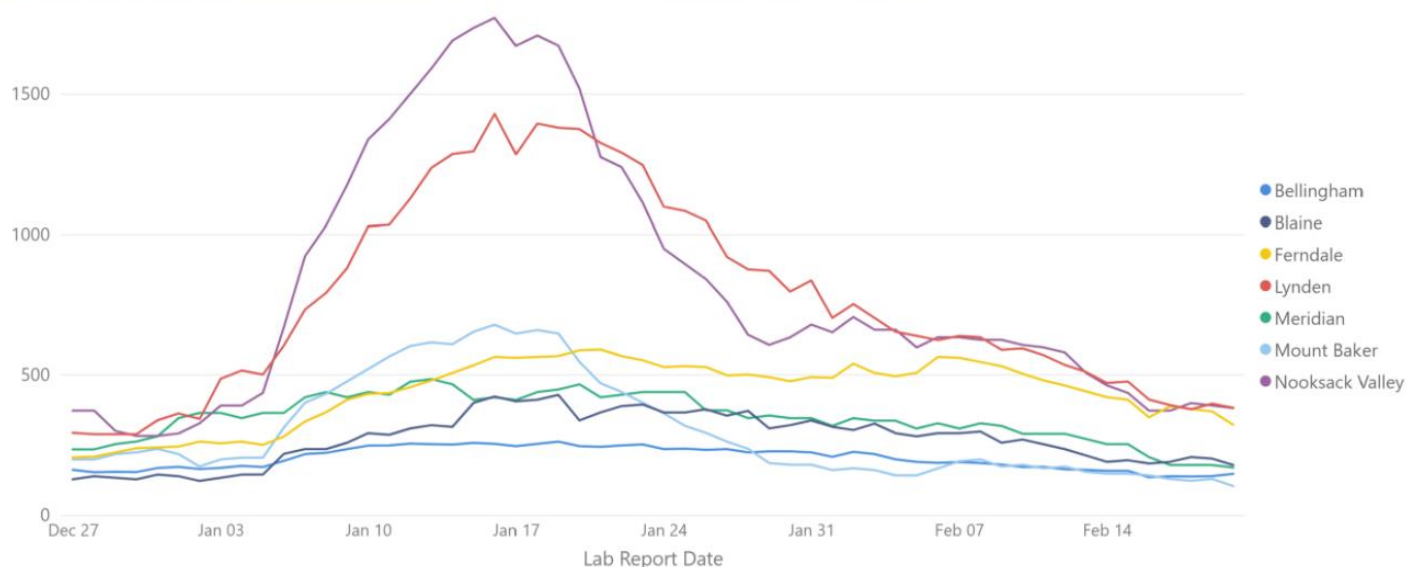
State Goal: Fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks

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, 12/27/2020 - 02/20/2021



Sub-county areas are defined by school district geographic boundaries.

COUNTY	CASES	HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whatcom County			
Age 20-39	2,366	33	0
Age 40-59	1,637	75	4
Age 0-19	1,462	9	0
Age 60-79	859	119	22
Age 80+	236	68	55
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 2/23/2021:

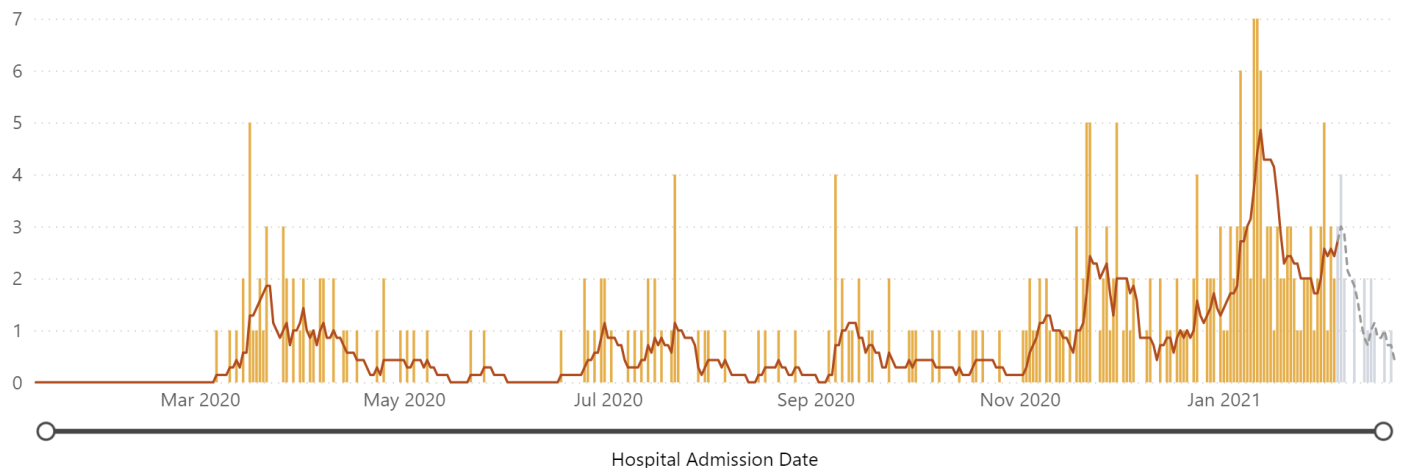
- 7 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 0 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 40 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0.0% surge/overflow beds occupied

* 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.)

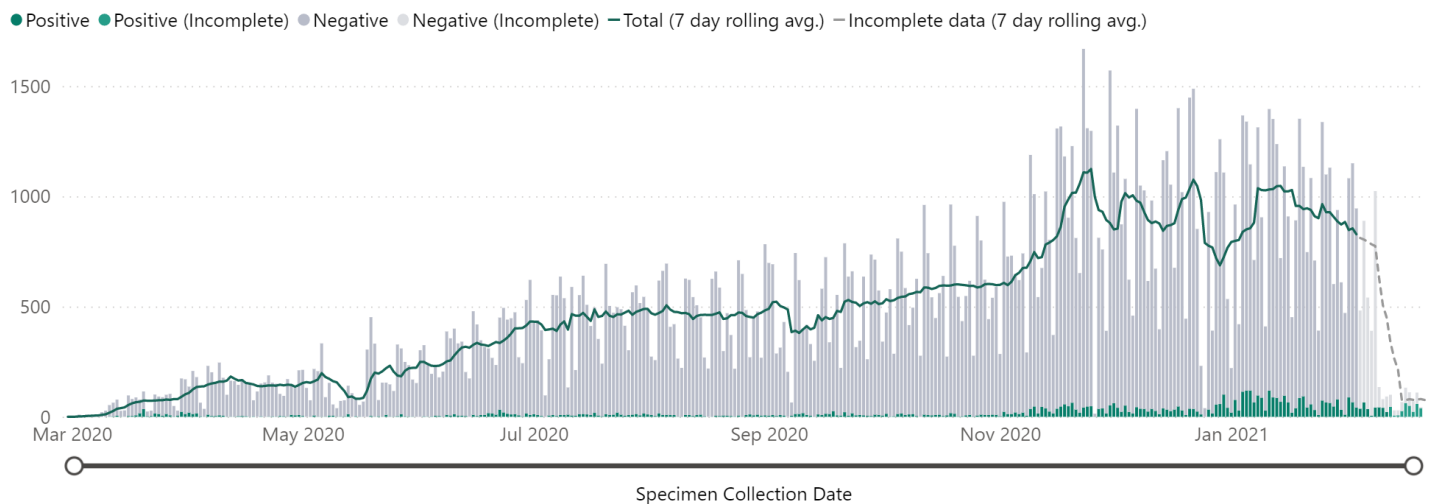


**Source: Washington State Department of Health

<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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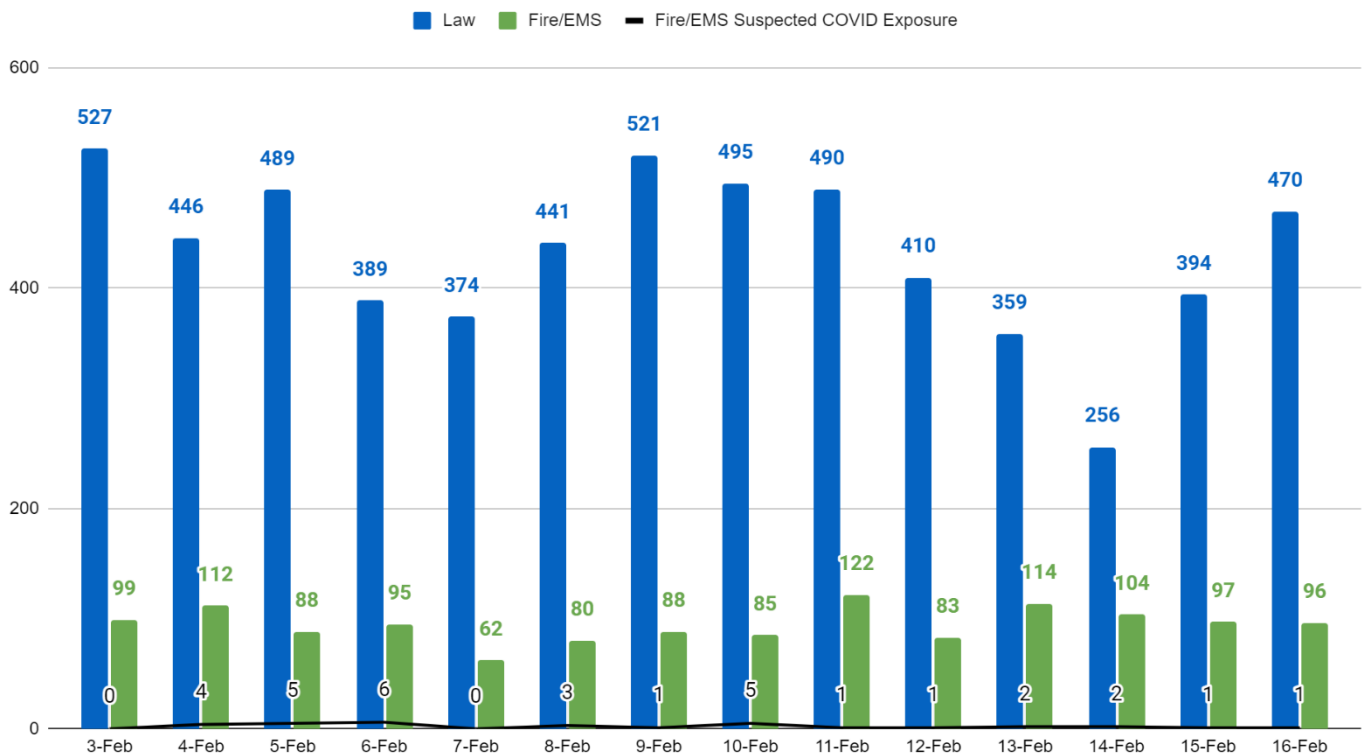
Whatcom County Community Testing Program Results

Data for testing weeks ending 12/12/2020 to 02/20/2021

Test Collection Week (Week Ending Date)	Negative Result	Positive Result	Total Tests	Percent Positive
2021-02-20	1702	106	1808	5.2 %
2021-02-13	1534	97	1631	5.9 %
2021-02-06	1851	144	1995	7.2 %
2021-01-30	2158	158	2316	6.8 %
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 %
Total	22853	1571	24424	6.4 %

<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](#)
- [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
 - [Media release: B.1.1.7 variant detected in Whatcom County](#)
 - [Updated vaccine web page](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts: WCHD & WUC
 - [Child care survey](#)
 - [Youth mental health](#)

Local and State Headlines

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom sees 94 new COVID-19 cases Monday, as Bellingham schools report 4 more incidents](#) - 2-23-21
- Bellingham Herald: [As COVID took hold, Whatcom's drug overdose deaths doubled during first half of 2020](#) - 2-21-21
- KGMI: [Nearly 30,000 receive vaccine in Whatcom County as slowdown in new COVID-19 cases levels off](#) - 2-23-21
- Skagit Valley Herald: [Skagit County to receive COVID-19 vaccine this week](#) - 2-23-21
- Seattle Times: [Some Washington state providers to get 'double delivery' of COVID-19 vaccine after last week's storm delays](#) - 2-22-21
- Spokesman Review: [COVID-19 hospitalizations declining locally, statewide](#) - 2-23-21
- Seattle PI: [Most of Washington's mass vaccination sites hope to reopen Tuesday after shipment delays](#) - 2-22-21

National Headlines

- USA Today: ['This is our generation's D-Day': As US surpasses 500,000 COVID-19 deaths, weary health care workers fight on amid the heartbreak](#) - 2-23-21
- CNN: [Fauci says CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people could come soon](#) - 2-23-21
- Washington Post: [Vaccine makers Pfizer and Moderna pledge massive boost to U.S. supply after sluggish rollout](#) - 2-23-21
- NY Times: [The pandemic is receding in the worst hotspots. Will it last?](#) - 2-23-21
- Route Fifty: [Vaccine Appointment Link Sharing 'Highly Problematic' for Health Departments](#) - 2-19-21
- Fox News: [Fauci's mixed messages, inconsistencies about COVID-19 masks, vaccines and reopenings come under scrutiny](#) - 2-23-21
- ABC News: [Disparities persist as US tops 500,000 COVID deaths](#) - 2-22-21

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 30

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. Provide consumables to meet the needs at Byron Avenue I/Q facility.
5. Coordinate with Planning to secure resources and staffing to fill the needs of the large-scale vaccination site.

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, 10 rooms are occupied. Cumulatively, the I/Q facility has provided a total of 2,180 bed days of service for 248 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 EMS Coordinator 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, mobile vaccination clinic, 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. Plan for large scale community vaccination clinics in cooperation with partner agencies.
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.

REPORT PREPARED BY:
Situation Unit

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Incident Command

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2/23/21

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