

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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

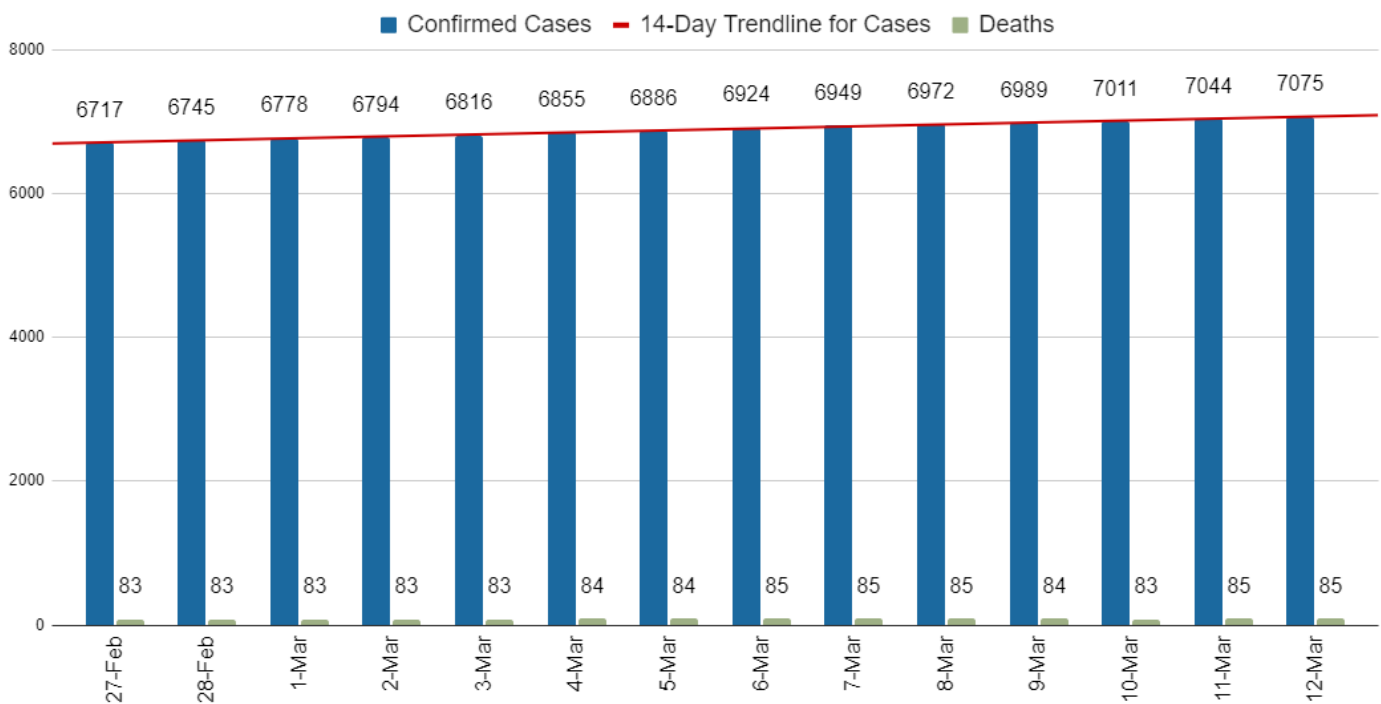
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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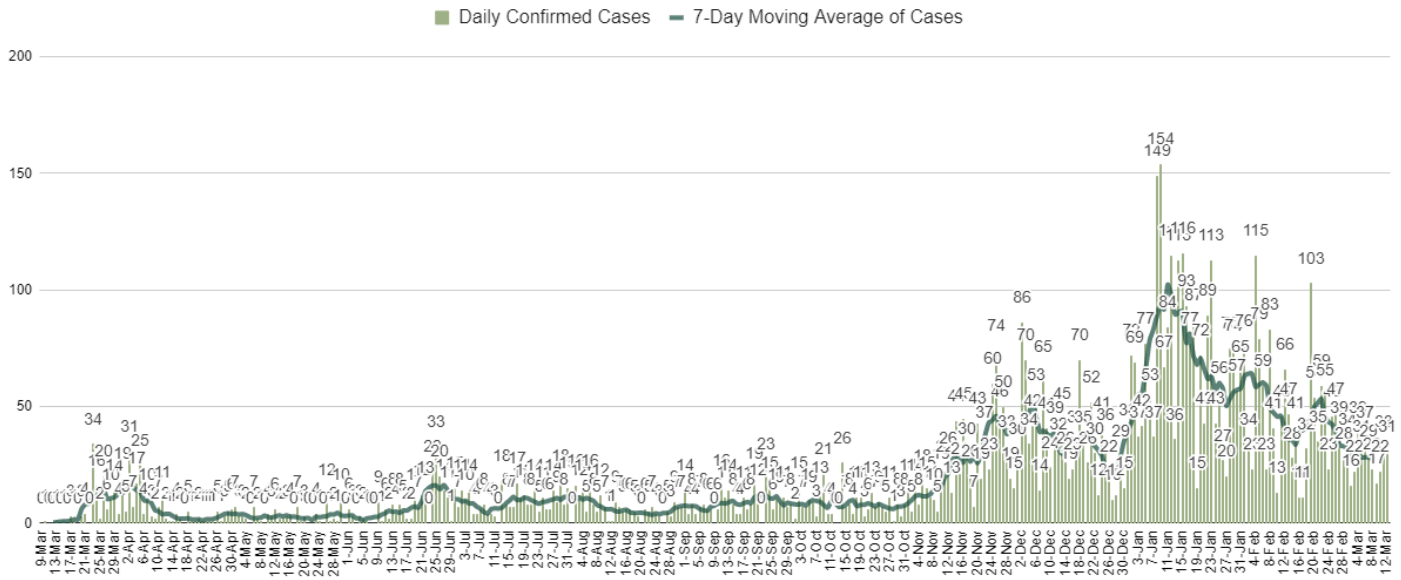
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



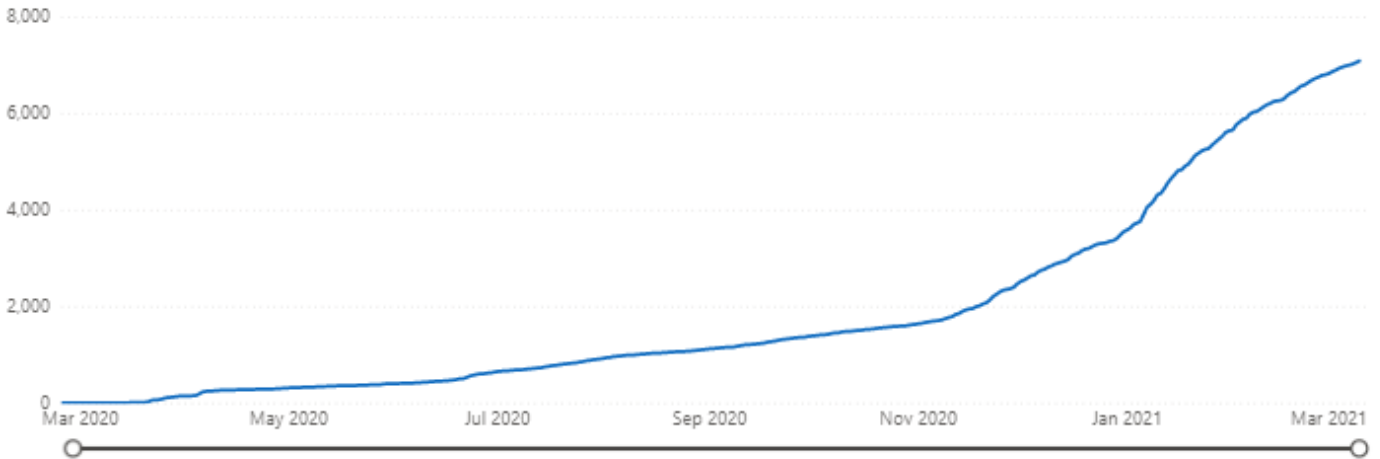
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
3/12/2021*	7075	85
3/11/2021*	7044	85
3/10/2021	7011	83
3/09/2021	6989	84
3/08/2021	6972	85

*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 3/10/2021.

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

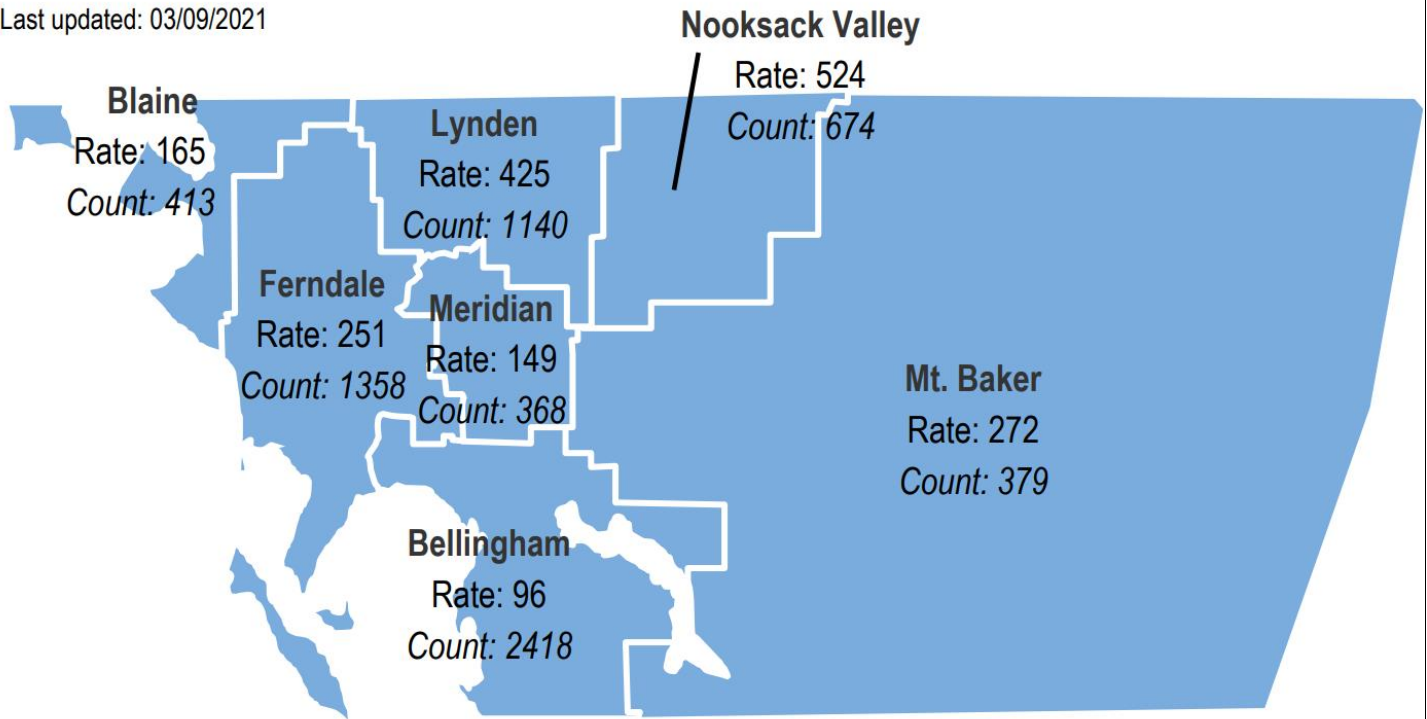


CUMULATIVE CASE COUNTS



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

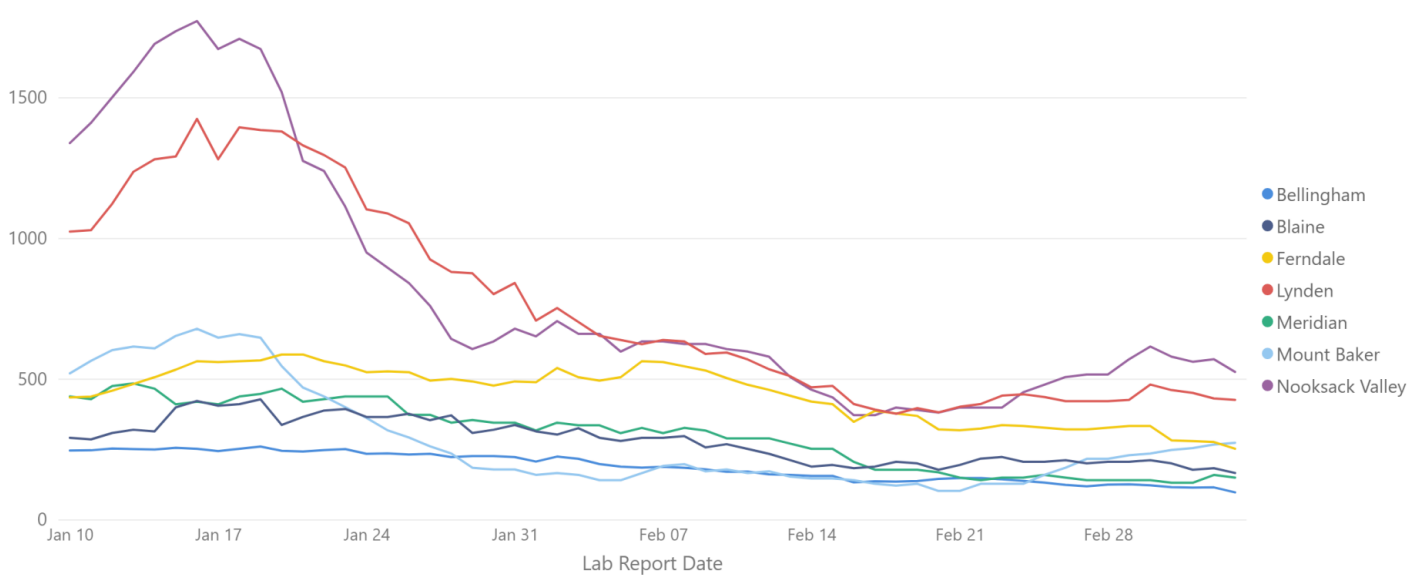
Last updated: 03/09/2021



Rate: Number of confirmed cases per 100,000 people for the past two weeks (2/21/21-3/06/21) *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

Data for the previous 8 weeks, 01/10/2021 - 03/06/2021



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

COUNTY	CASES	HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
Whatcom County			
Age 20-34	2,023	27	0
Age 0-19	1,589	11	0
Age 35-49	1,478	47	1
Age 50-64	1,147	79	9
Age 65-79	561	86	17
Age 80+	245	68	58
UnknownAge	1	0	0

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

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

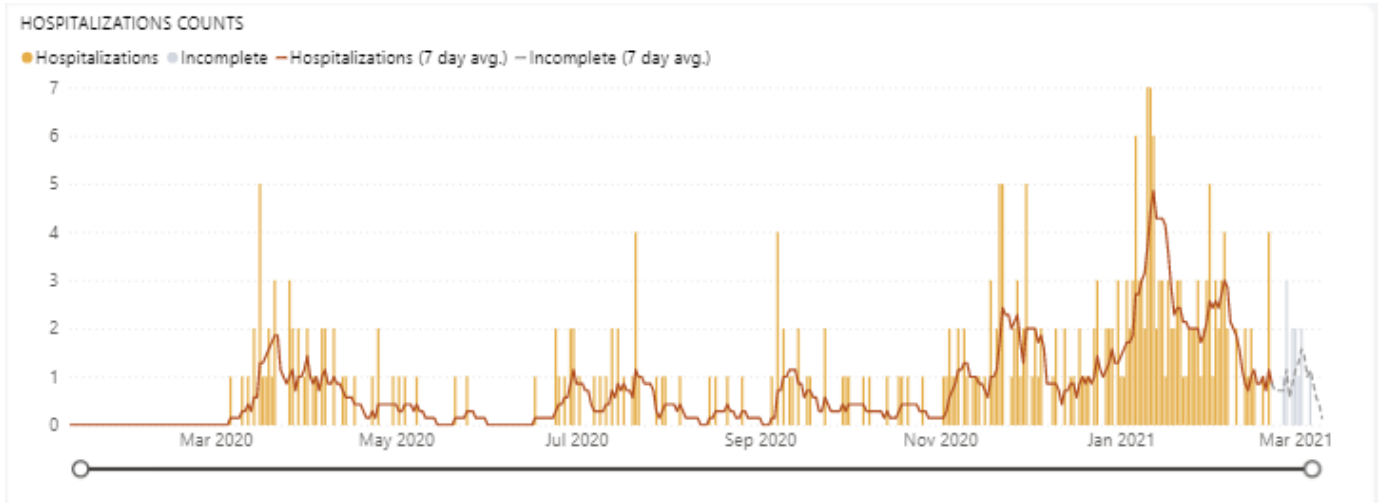
Data for PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center

Updated as of 3/12/2021:

- 2 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



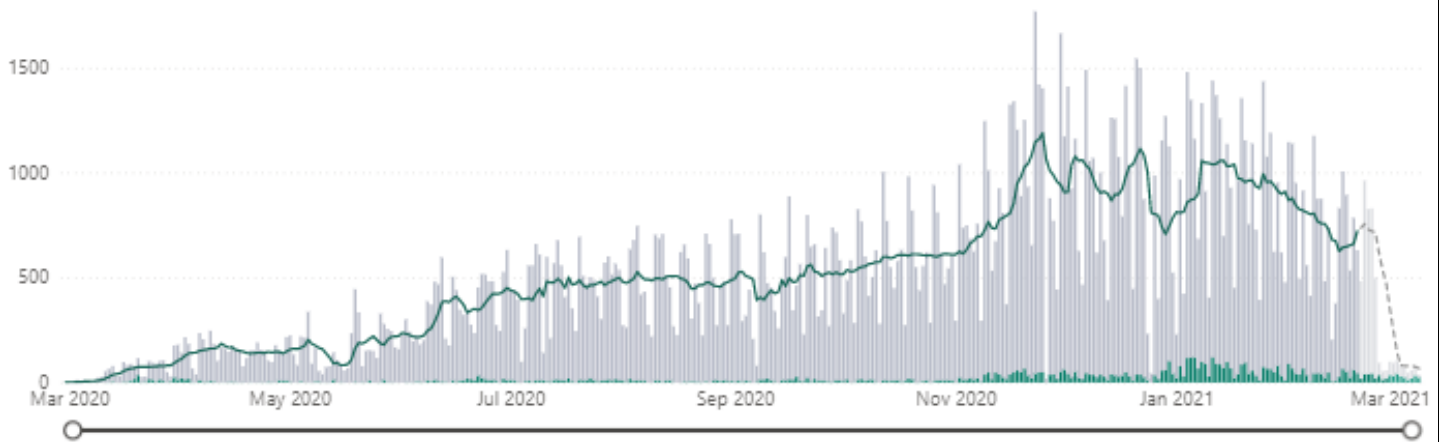
**Source: Washington State Department of Health

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

WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

NUMBER OF MOLECULAR TESTS

● Positive ● Positive (Incomplete) ● Negative ● Negative (Incomplete) — Total (7 day rolling avg.) — Incomplete data (7 day rolling avg.)



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

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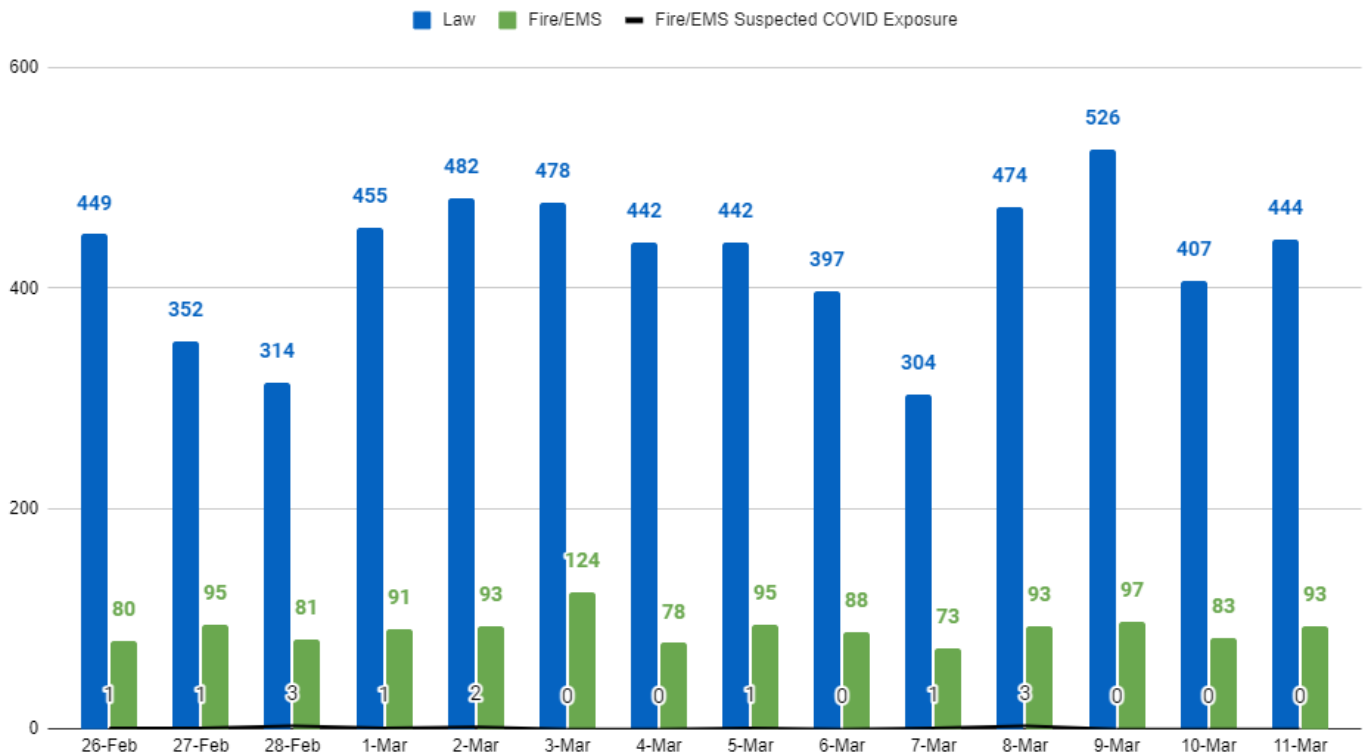
Whatcom County Community Testing Program Results

Data for testing weeks ending 12/12/2020 to 03/06/2021

Test Collection Week (Week Ending Date)	Negative Result	Positive Result	Total Tests	Percent Positive
2021-03-06	2190	118	2308	5.1 %
2021-02-27	2108	116	2224	5.2 %
2021-02-20	1913	129	2042	6.3 %
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	27362	1828	29190	6.2 %

<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)
 - [Q&A form for March 18 Vaccination Conversations event](#)
 - Updated [Community Vaccination Center](#) page
 - Updated [COVID Vaccine](#) page
- Whatcom Unified Command website (www.whatcomcovid.com)
 - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts: WCHD & WUC
 - [March 18 Vaccination Conversations event](#)
 - [More groups becoming eligible for vaccine](#)

Local and State Headlines

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom sees 27 new COVID cases Thursday, but no new B.1.1.7 variants last week](#) - 3-12-21
- KGMI: [All Washington counties to move into Phase 3 this month](#) - 3-11-21
- Northern Light: [Washington will move to Phase 3, expanding indoor dining and sports](#) - 3-11-21
- Tacoma News Tribune: [WA health officials wary of fourth COVID wave as state races to distribute vaccines](#) - 3-12-21
- Seattle Times: [Another coronavirus variant found in King County, health department says](#) - 3-11-21
- KING 5: [Despite free COVID-19 testing in Washington state, people are fighting big bills](#) - 3-12-21
- KXLY: [Washington essential workers moved up in vaccine rollout](#) - 3-11-21
- Columbian: [Camas High School COVID-19 case count grows](#) - 3-12-21

National Headlines

- AP: [AP-NORC poll: People of color bear COVID-19's economic brunt](#) - 3-12-21
- Philadelphia Tribune: [Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium changes process for administering vaccinations](#) - 2-26-21
- CNN: [The CDC released new Covid-19 guidance for childcare programs. These are its recommendations](#) - 3-12-21
- McClatchy: [Coronavirus weekly need-to-know: Leftover shots, COVID pill, restaurant dining & more](#) - 3-12-21
- Fox News: [Novavax COVID-19 vaccine shows 96.4% efficacy, less protection against variants](#) - 3-12-21
- USA Today: ['Really exciting news': Pfizer vaccine appears effective against asymptomatic COVID-19 cases, data from Israel suggests](#) - 3-12-21
- NBC News: [Covid vaccinations are free — but they're taking a toll on local pharmacies' bottom lines](#) - 3-12-21

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://hawaiicovid19.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 Friday'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 2,278 bed days of service for 253 community members.
3. Continue to implement the community low barrier COVID-19 testing program on a modified schedule at Lynden site and with partners at Bellingham airport site.
4. Mobilize outbreak testing team as needed to support outbreak assessment in congregate settings.
5. Scale up operations for large-scale vaccination clinic at Bellingham Technical College (BTC).
6. Mobilize mobile vaccination clinic as needed to vaccinate vulnerable populations- current focus, Adult Family Homes.
7. Continue daily operations supported by the communicable disease division at WCHD for case identification, interviewing, contact tracing, community mitigation, and isolation and quarantine work.
8. Work in collaboration with North Sound Accountable Community of Health to distribute care and food kits to vulnerable community members.
9. Work with the Incident Safety Officer to review safety plans for I/Q facility transportation, outbreak testing, mobile vaccination clinic, the community testing program, and the large-scale vaccination site at BTC.

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. Coordinate with local partners to expand testing capacity.

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Situation Unit

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Incident Command

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