

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



<b>REPORT #:</b> 20210415.1	<b>DATE:</b> 04/15/2021	<b>TIME:</b> 16:00
<b>INCIDENT NAME:</b> COVID-2019	<b>OPERATIONAL PERIOD:</b> 31	<b>MISSION NUMBER:</b> 20-0265

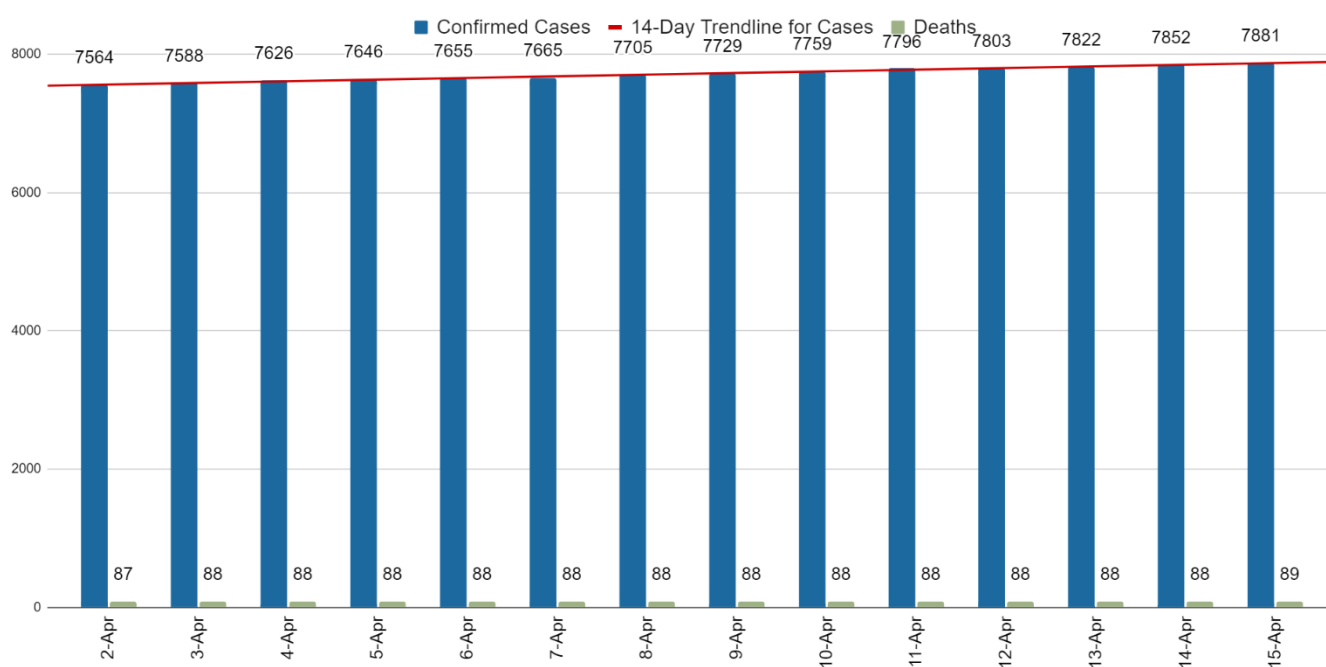
## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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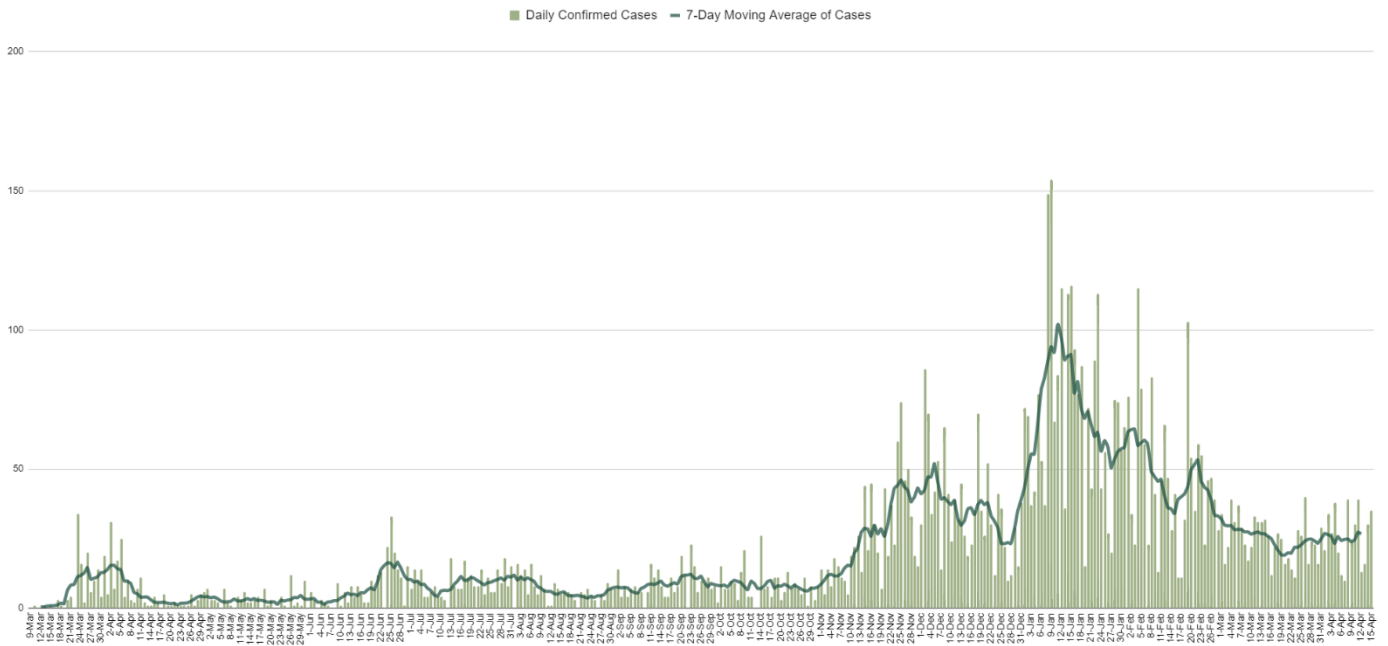
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



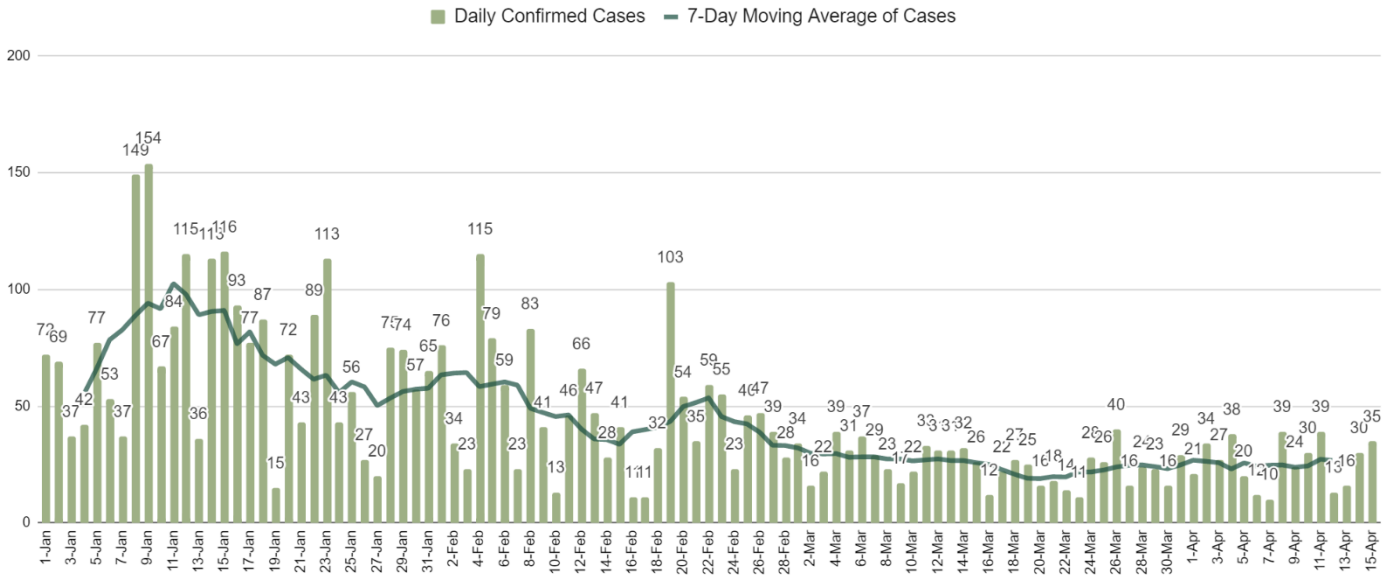
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/15/2021*	7881	89
4/14/2021*	7852	88
4/13/2021	7822	88
4/12/2021	7803	88
4/11/2021	7796	88

\*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 4/13/2021.

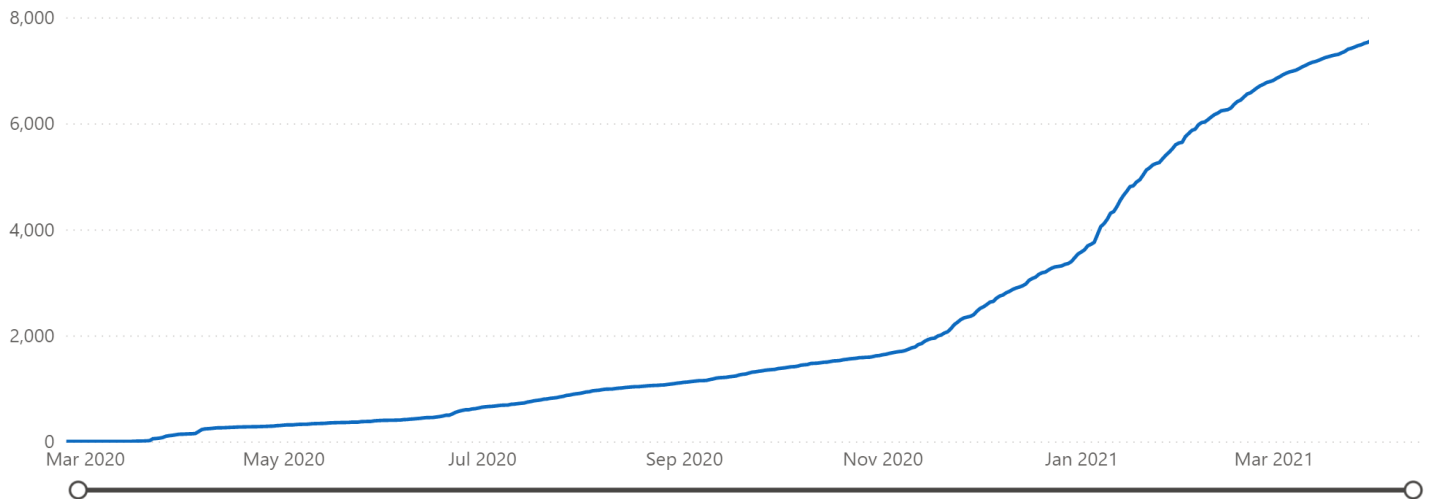
COVID-19 Daily Confirmed Cases with 7-Day Moving Average, Whatcom County



COVID-19 2021 Daily Confirmed Cases with 7-Day Moving Average, Whatcom County

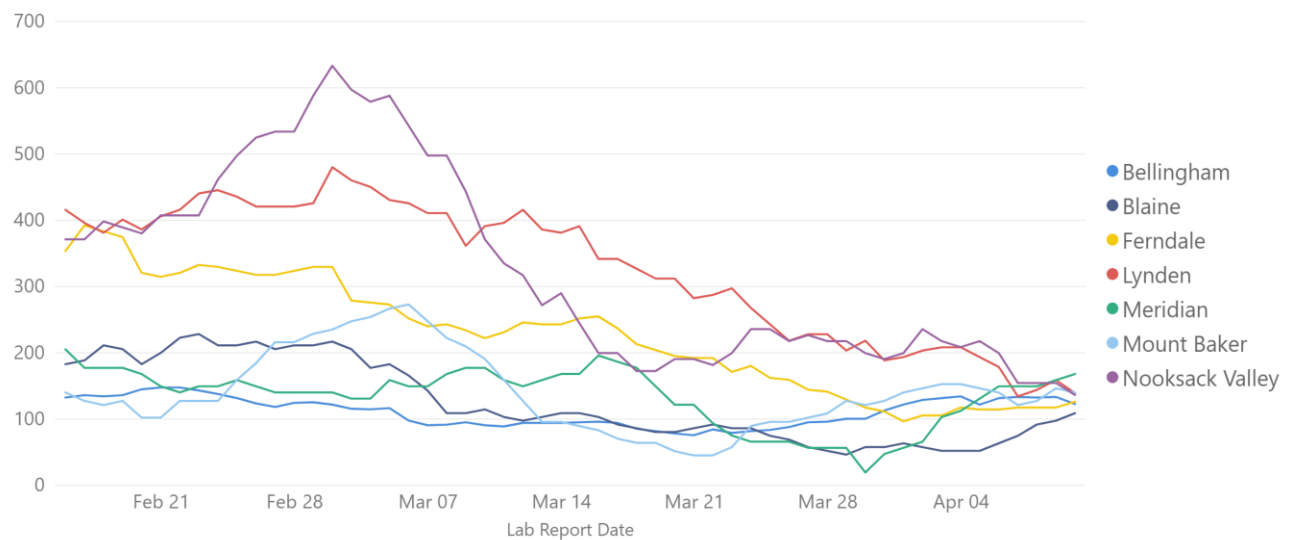


## CUMULATIVE CASE COUNTS



## Case Rates: Whatcom County Sub-County Areas

Newly confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people during the prior two weeks



COUNTY	CASES	HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
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Age 20-34	2,269	28	0
Age 0-19	1,816	14	0
Age 35-49	1,624	51	1
Age 50-64	1,263	83	9
Age 65-79	591	91	19
Age 80+	259	74	59
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 4/15/2021:**

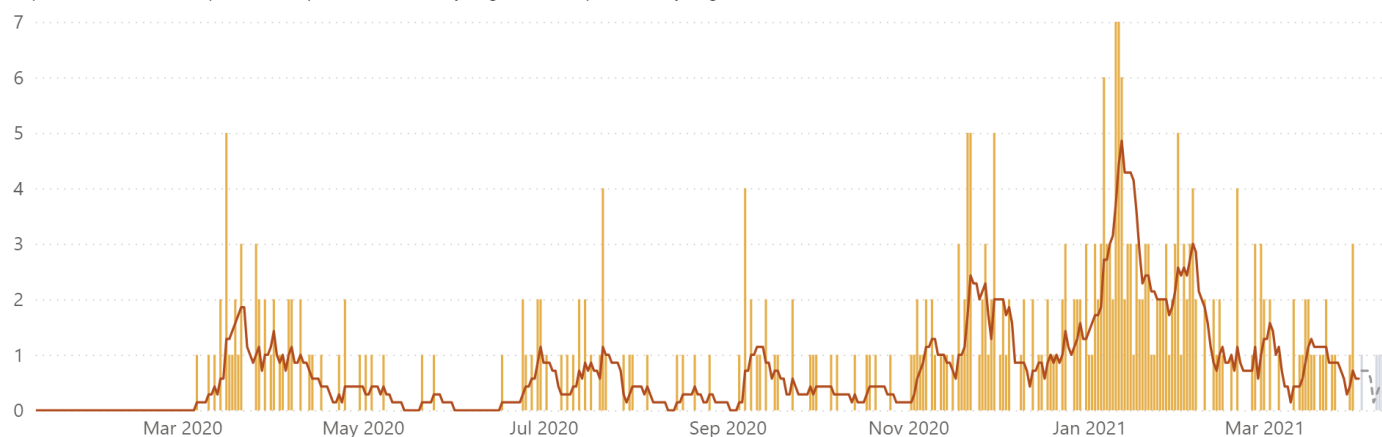
- 7 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 1 ventilator in use for a COVID-19 positive patient
- 37 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0.0% surge/overflow beds occupied

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

### WHATCOM COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION COUNTS

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

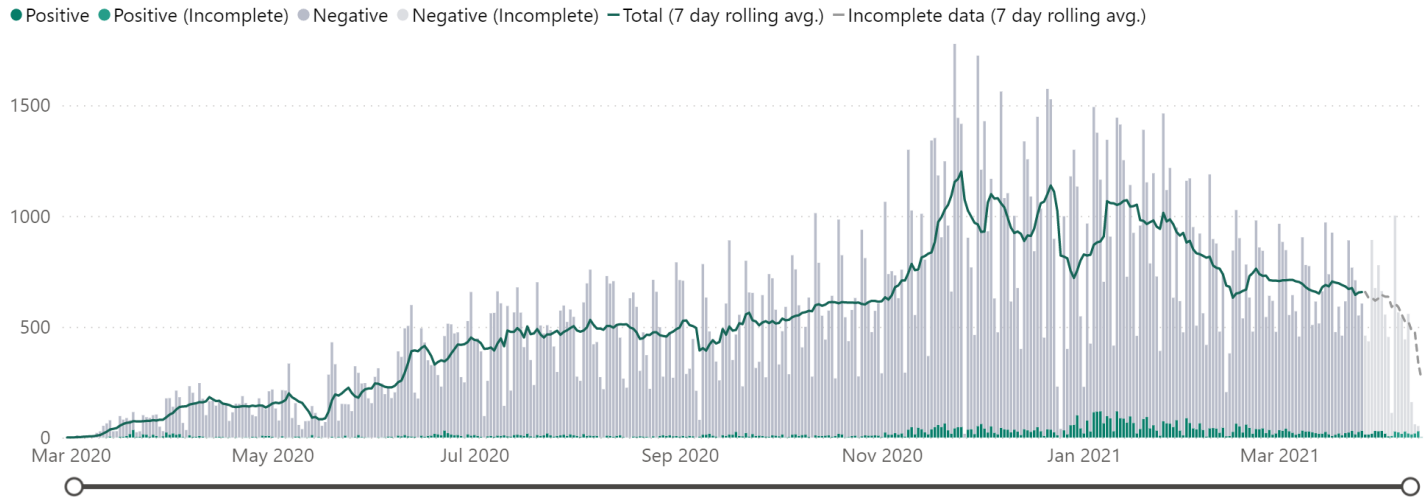


**\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health**

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

## WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

### NUMBER OF MOLECULAR TESTS



*\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health<sup>2</sup>*

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

## Whatcom County Community Testing Program Results

Data for testing weeks ending 12/12/2020 to 04/10/2021

Test Collection Week  
(Week Ending Date)

Test Collection Week (Week Ending Date)	Negative Result	Positive Result	Total Tests	Percent Positive
2021-04-10	1681	89	1770	5.0%
2021-04-03	2241	97	2338	4.1%
2021-03-27	1983	76	2059	3.7%
2021-03-20	2003	78	2081	3.7%
2021-03-13	1885	100	1985	5.0%
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	3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37155</b>	<b>2268</b>	<b>39423</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3486/COVID-19-Mobile-Testing-Data>

# Whatcom County Vaccination Progress

## Whatcom County Residents Who Have Received First Pfizer/Moderna Dose or J&J Dose

**78,862**

**34.59%**

As of 4/10/21

## Whatcom County Residents Who Are Fully Vaccinated

(Received both Pfizer/Moderna doses or J&J dose)

**52,418**

**22.99%**

### For the Week of April 4, 2021

CDC Allocation to WaDOH	5,840
Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership	5,640
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1,000
Long-Term Care Pharmacy Partnership (data not available)	
Indian Health Service (data not available)	

### First Doses/J&J Doses Allocated to Whatcom County Providers

For the  
Week of  
Apr 4  
**Total  
12,480**

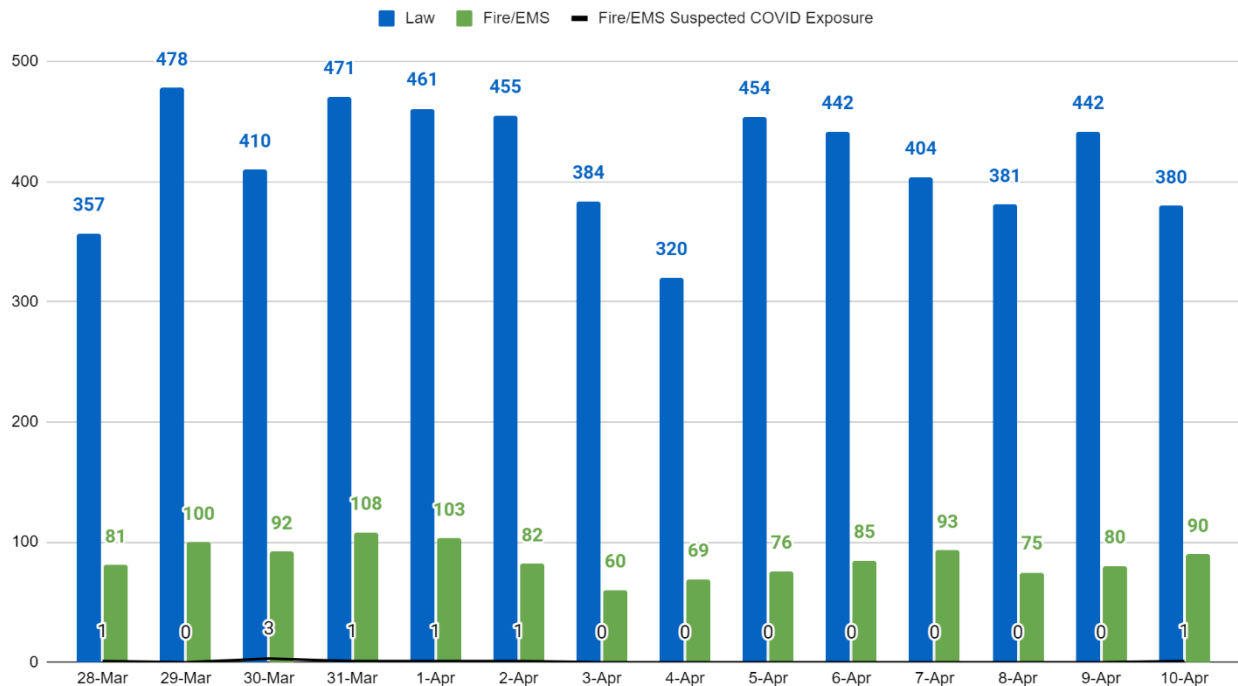
### For the Week of April 11, 2021

CDC Allocation to WaDOH	6,440
Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership	not yet available
Federally Qualified Health Centers	0
Long-Term Care Pharmacy Partnership (data not available)	
Indian Health Service (data not available)	

For the  
Week of  
Apr 11  
**Total  
(not final)  
6,440**

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information | Whatcom County, WA - Official Website](#)

## 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: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=24>
- [WUC Facebook](#)
- [Whatcom County Health Department Facebook](#)

### State and Federal Information

- [Governor Inslee's Proclamations](#)
- [Governor's Healthy Washington phased approach](#)
- [DOH COVID-19 data dashboard](#) (including vaccination progress)

### JIC Updates

- WCHD Website [www.whatcomcounty.us/covid](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid)
  - [Updated Resources for Businesses and Organizations 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
  - [CVC appointments now open](#)
  - [Reminder that Sunday appointments are available this week](#)
  - [Video on BRT spike after January surge](#)
  - [Don't get the vaccine until you're fully recovered from COVID](#)
  - [Nooksack Tribe hosting Pfizer clinics on April 14 and 20](#)

### Local and State Headlines

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom County reports four more fully vaccinated residents test positive for COVID-19](#) - 4-14-21
- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom sees 27 new COVID cases, one related death and one new variant case reported](#) - 4-14-21
- Olympian: [Over 200 vaccinated Washingtonians test positive for COVID. That's not unexpected](#) - 4-14-21
- Seattle Times: [It's COVID 'Vax Day' in Washington: Side effects may include joy, relief, tears](#) - 4-15-21
- Seattle Times: [Seahawks QB Russell Wilson and Ciara to host special to encourage people to get vaccinated](#) - 4-15-21

### National Headlines

- AP: [Barbers, artists help defy vaccine myths for people of color](#) - 4-15-21
- USA Today: [Pfizer CEO says third vaccine shot likely needed within 12 months; J&J vaccine pause problematic for farmworkers: Live COVID-19 updates](#) - 4-15-21
- Washington Post: [Why you shouldn't skip your second dose of coronavirus vaccine](#) - 4-15-21
- McClatchy: [COVID vaccines should last nine months, FDA says, amid debate over booster shots](#) - 4-14-21

- Bloomberg: [Unused COVID vaccines are piling up across U.S. as some regions resist](#) - 4-15-21
- The Atlantic: [The Rural Pandemic Isn't Ending](#) - 4-14-21
- CNN: [Breakthrough infections after vaccination are "very rare," experts say](#) - 4-15-21
- Fox News: [Blocking middle seats on planes reduces risk of COVID-19 spread: CDC](#) - 4-15-21

#### National Headlines

- USA Today: [‘Trouble filling our schedules’: Rural clinics, pharmacies seek to fill open vaccine slots as hesitancy looms](#) - 4-13-21
- NY Times: [Will the J&J COVID vaccine ‘pause’ sicken more people than it saves?](#) - 4-14-21
- CNN: [Johnson & Johnson vaccine pause means systems in place are working, CDC director says](#) - 4-14-21
- Fox News: [Inactivity increases risk of COVID-19 death, study suggests](#) - 4-14-21
- Washington Post: [Underserved communities bear brunt of paused Johnson & Johnson rollout](#) - 4-14-21
- CNBC: [Moderna says new data shows its Covid vaccine is more than 90% effective against virus six months after second shot](#) - 4-13-21

#### 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 31

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 3 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.
3. Provide resources and schedule volunteer staffing to support the outbreak testing team.
4. Manage PPE and other response resource inventories to meet current and anticipated community needs.
5. Distribute PPE to care facilities as requested.
6. Organize distribution plan for State provided masks for the Hospitality Industry.
7. Provide consumables to meet the needs at the Byron Avenue I/Q facility.
8. Provide resources to meet the needs of the Community Vaccination Center.
9. Schedule volunteers and Medical Reserve Corp to fill the staffing needs of the Community Vaccination Center.
10. Coordinate with Operations to provide staffing to support Mobile Vaccination Clinics.

### OPERATIONS

1. Support Thursday'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 2,599 bed days of service for 279 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 the Community Vaccination Center 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 Community Vaccination Center 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 a bi-weekly basis.
3. Coordinate with local and regional healthcare agencies to offer COVID-19 vaccinations.
4. Coordinate with local and regional partners to plan for vaccination of vulnerable populations.
5. Plan for community vaccination clinics in cooperation with partner agencies.
6. Draft Whatcom County Mass Vaccination Plan to be incorporated into a regional plan in accordance with DOH requirements.
7. Work with enrolled providers seeking FEMA reimbursement for mass vaccination efforts to meet eligibility requirements.
8. Assist food security community partner agencies in transitioning their food distribution programs to self-supported, sustainable operations.
9. Conduct daily data entry, analysis, and reporting to support and inform Operations.
10. Plan for future Isolation and Quarantine Facility needs.

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