

WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 32	MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265

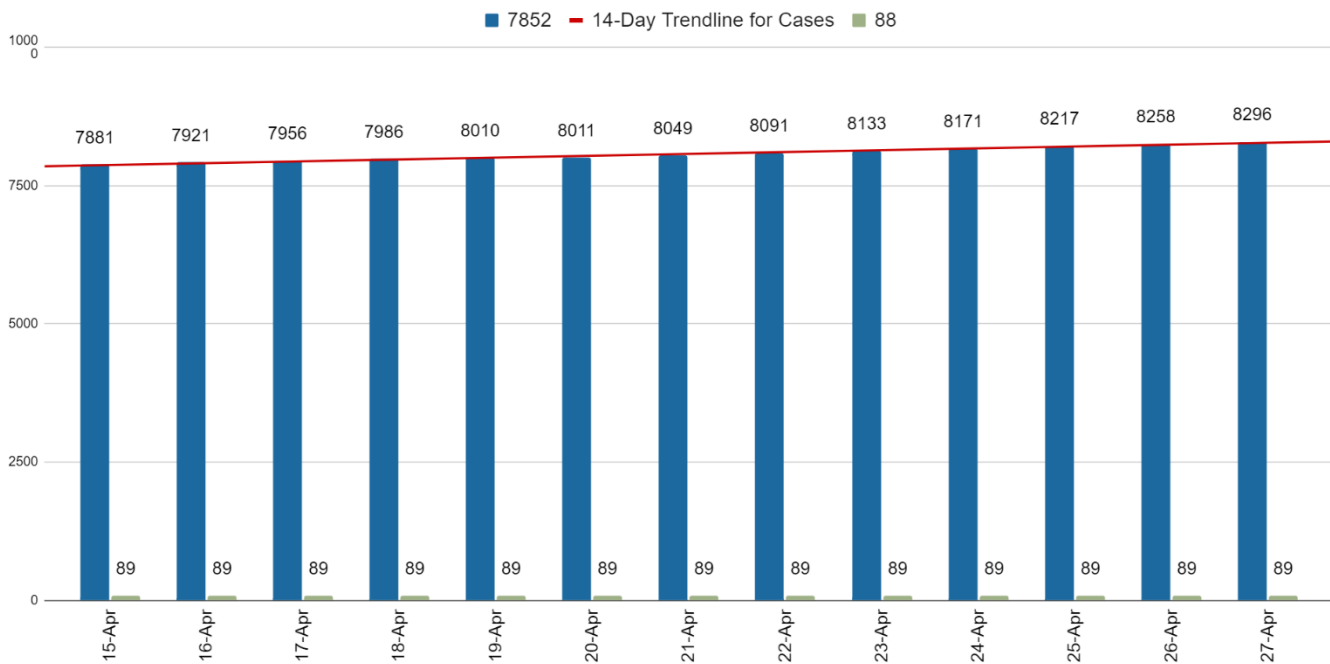
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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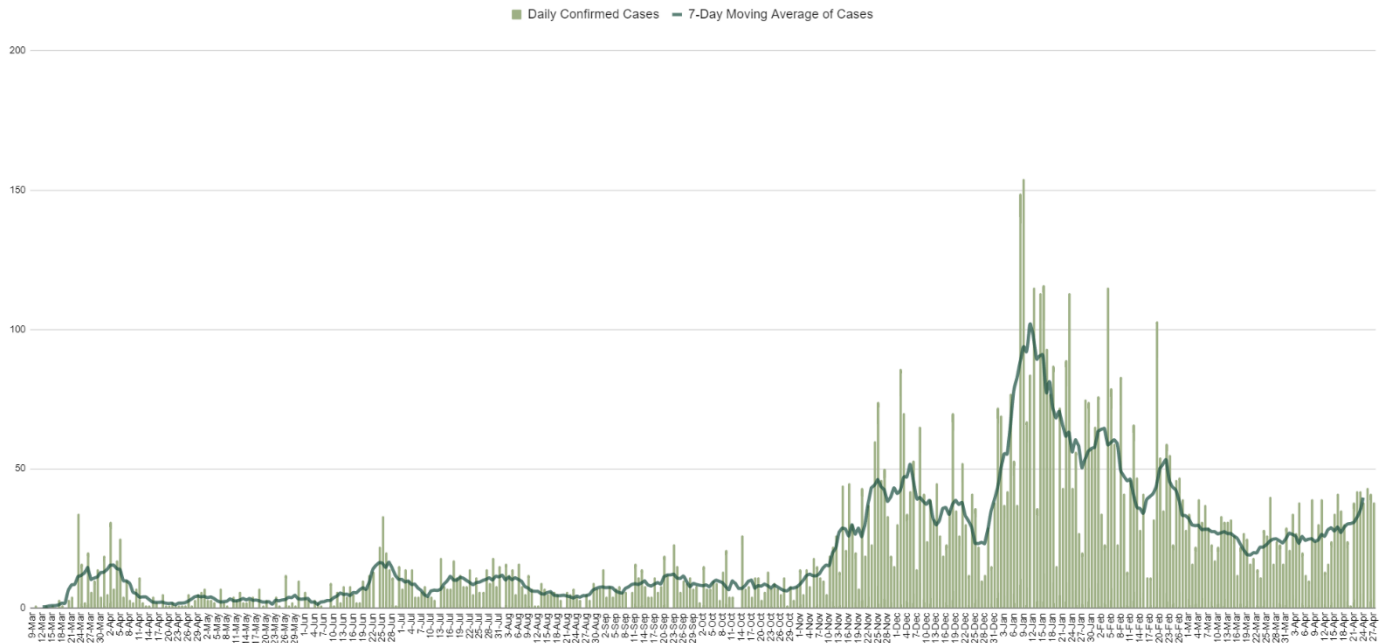
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



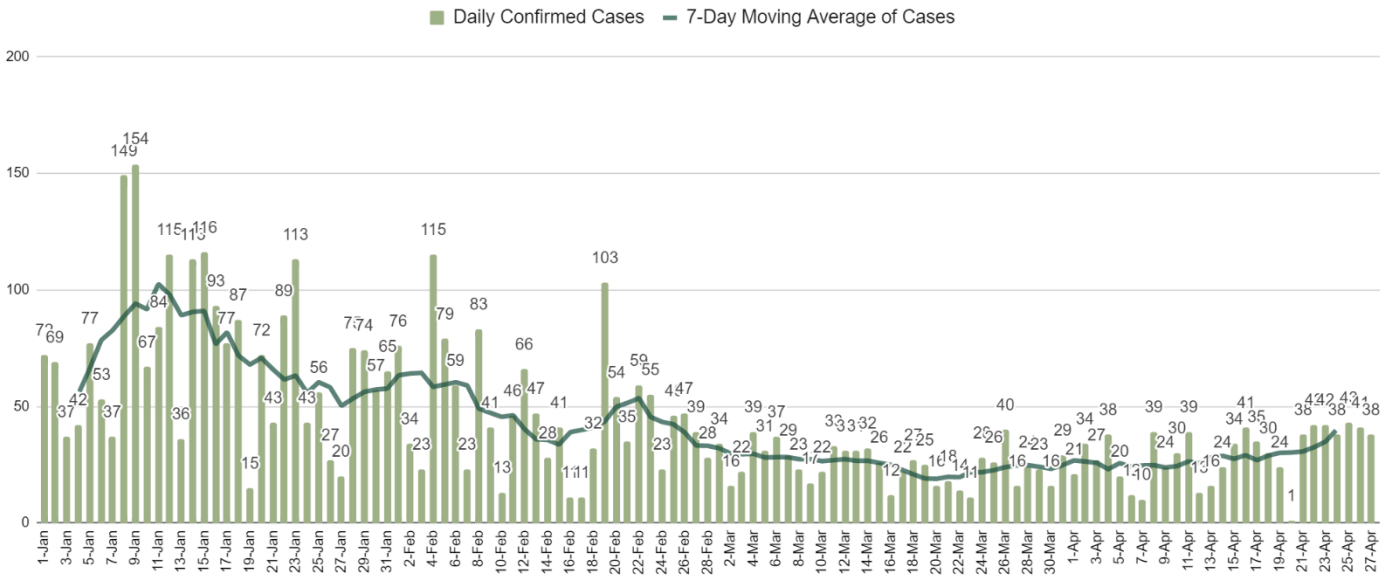
DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/27/2021*	8296	89
4/26/2021*	8258	89
4/25/2021	8217	89
4/24/2021	8171	89
4/23/2021	8133	89

*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 4/25/2021.

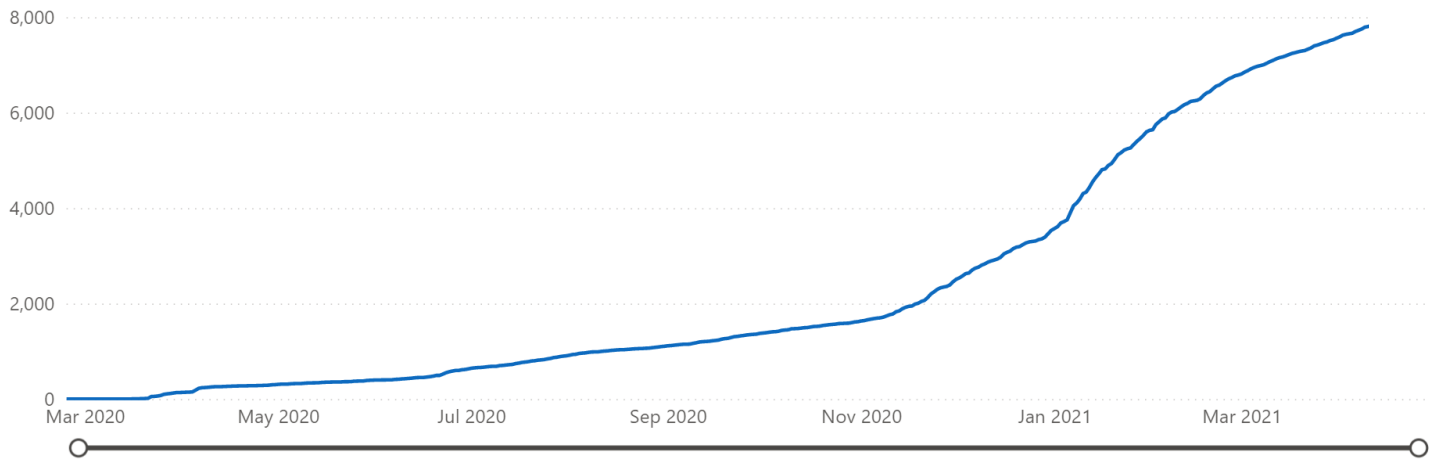
COVID-19 Daily Confirmed Cases with 7-Day Moving Average, Whatcom County



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

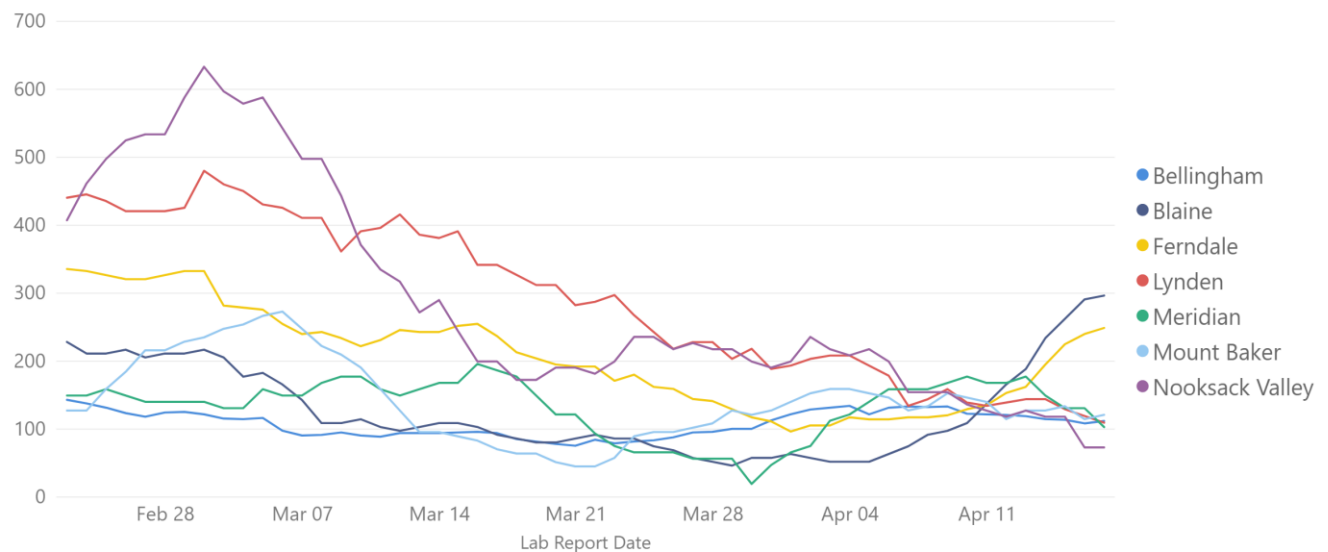


CUMULATIVE CASE COUNTS



Case Rates: Whatcom County Sub-County Areas

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



Data for the past 14 days is considered preliminary and may change due to data reconciliation.
Sub-county areas are defined by school district boundaries.

COUNTY	CASES	HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
Age 20-34	2,412	30	0
Age 0-19	1,913	14	0
Age 35-49	1,717	53	1
Age 50-64	1,340	89	9
Age 65-79	616	95	19
Age 80+	268	77	60
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

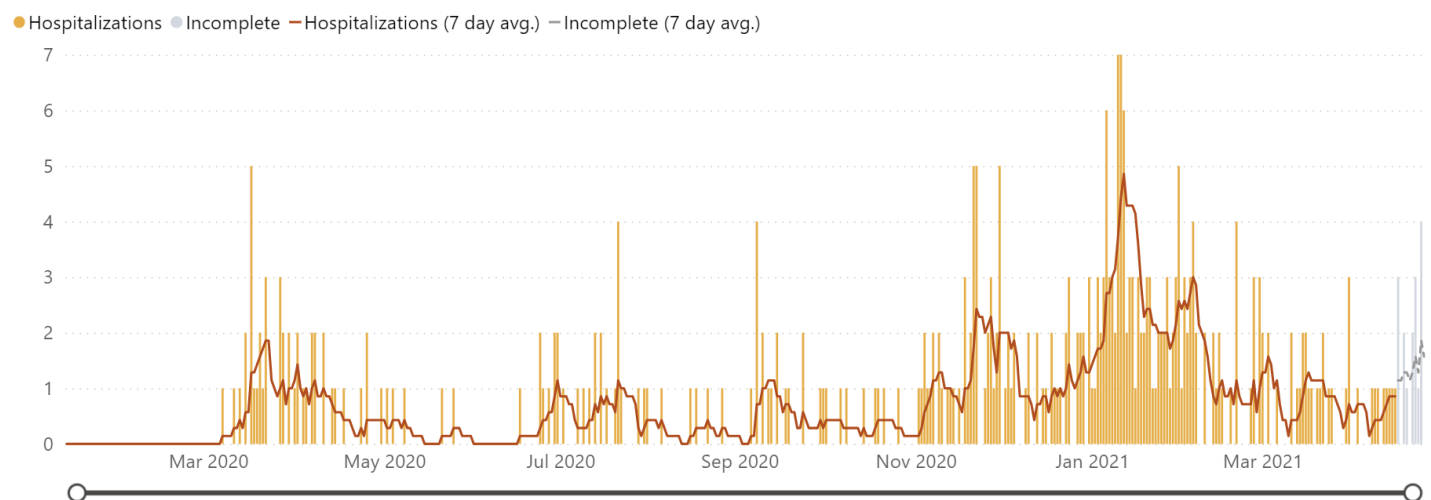
Updated as of 4/27/2021:

- 20 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 2 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 35 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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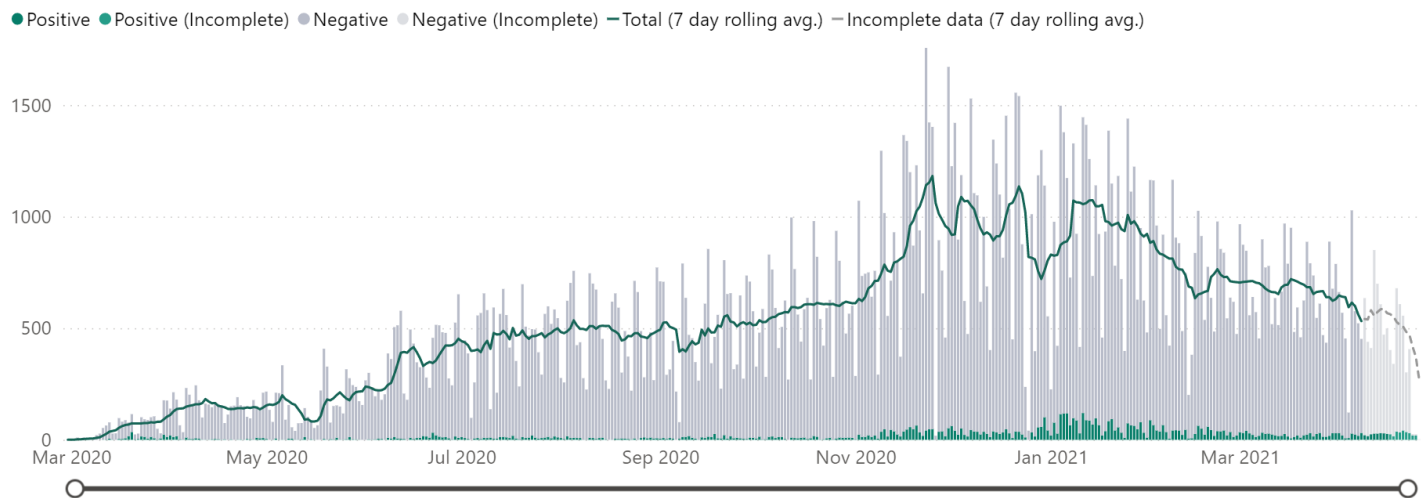


**Source: Washington State Department of Health

<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 04/24/2021

Test Collection Week (Week Ending Date)	Negative Result	Positive Result	Total Tests	Percent Positive
2021-04-24	1845	159	2004	7.9%
2021-04-17	1919	110	2029	5.4%
2021-04-10	1681	90	1771	5.1%
2021-04-03	2241	97	2338	4.1%
2021-03-27	1985	76	2061	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%
Total	40921	2538	43459	5.8%

<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

96,812

42.46%

As of 4/24/21

Whatcom County Residents Who Are Fully Vaccinated

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

67,159

29.46%

For the Week of April 18, 2021

CDC Allocation to WaDOH	7,380
Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership	5,440
Federally Qualified Health Centers	800
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 18 **Total
13,620**

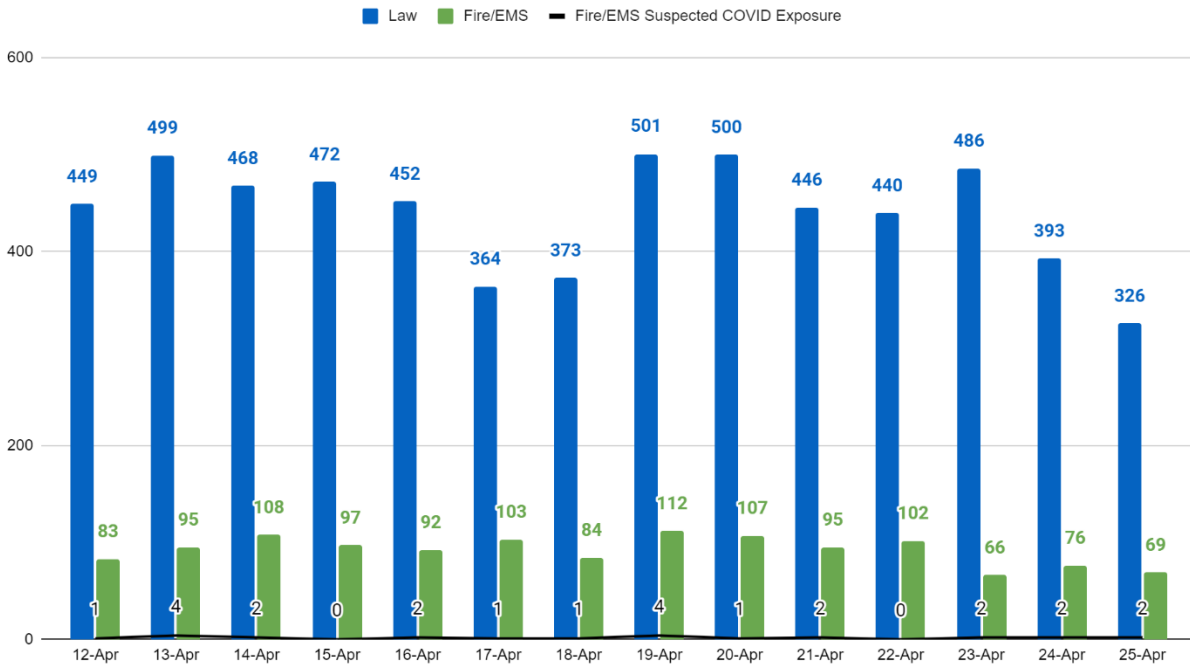
For the Week of April 25, 2021

CDC Allocation to WaDOH	4,140
Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership	not yet available
Federally Qualified Health Centers	1,170
Long-Term Care Pharmacy Partnership (data not available)	
Indian Health Service (data not available)	

For the Week of
Apr 25 **Total
(not final)
5,310**

[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
 - [New weekly CVC schedule](#) media release
 - [April 29 vaccination forum](#) media release
 - [Updated vaccination progress infographic](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts: WCHD & WUC
 - [CVC appointments now available for Thu evening and Sat](#)
 - [April 29 vaccination forum](#)
 - [Share of DOH Johnson & Johnson update](#)
 - [Share of "getting my vaccine" video](#)

Local and State Headlines

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom sees largest reported increase in new COVID cases in more than two months](#) - 4-27-21
- Bellingham Herald: [These evening hours, new location added to Bellingham COVID-19 vaccine clinics this week](#) - 4-27-21
- Bellingham Herald: [How does Bellingham's COVID-19 infection rate compare to other U.S. cities?](#) - 4-26-21
- KGMI: [Community Vaccination Center begins weeknight clinics](#) - 4-27-21
- Skagit Valley Herald: [Skagit County COVID-19 numbers continue to rise](#) - 4-26-21
- Seattle Times: [Younger people are getting sicker from COVID, Washington state hospital leaders say](#) - 4-26-21
- Spokesman Review: [Hospitalizations increase locally, statewide as fourth wave sets in](#) - 4-26-21
- Yakima Herald-Republic: [Plenty of vaccines are available for farmworkers and Latino residents, but not everyone is getting them](#) - 4-27-21

National Headlines

- AP: [CDC says many Americans can now go outside without a mask](#) - 4-27-21

- CNN: [Here's what one expert says can help hesitant Americans decide to get a Covid-19 shot](#) - 4-27-21
- McClatchy: [CDC, FDA see no Pfizer vaccine link to heart problem, eyeing with 'special interest'](#) - 4-27-21
- Fox News: [2 new clot cases in Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recipients reported, CDC investigating](#) - 4-27-21
- Washington Post: [How to Sell the Coronavirus Vaccines to a Divided, Uneasy America](#) - 4-26-21
- McClatchy: [New summer food program to feed more than 30 million kids, USDA says. What to know](#) - 4-26-21
- Politico: [The most promising coronavirus vaccine you've never heard of](#) - 4-26-21

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Communicate about COVID-19 vaccine distribution, allocation, 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 32

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. Preparing for the demobilization of the low barrier COVID-19 testing location at the Lynden Fairgrounds.
4. Provide resources and schedule volunteer staffing to support the outbreak testing team.
5. Manage PPE and other response resource inventories to meet current and anticipated community needs.
6. Distribute PPE to care facilities as requested.
7. Continue to distribute State provided masks to the Hospitality Industry.
8. Provide consumables to meet the needs at the Byron Avenue I/Q facility.
9. Provide resources to meet the needs of the Community Vaccination Center.
10. Schedule volunteers and Medical Reserve Corp to fill the staffing needs of the Community Vaccination Center.

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, 4 rooms are occupied. Cumulatively, the I/Q facility has provided a total of 2,624 bed days of service for 287 community members.
3. Announced closure of Lynden low barrier COVID-19 testing site as of 4/29/21.
4. Continuing work with partner agencies to ensure adequate testing options throughout the County.
5. Mobilize outbreak testing team as needed to support outbreak assessment in congregate settings.
6. Operate the Community Vaccination Center (CVC) at Bellingham Technical College (BTC) – currently Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
7. Continue daily operations supported by the communicable disease division at WCHD for vaccine and testing scheduling, 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.

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. Work with enrolled providers seeking FEMA reimbursement for mass vaccination efforts to meet eligibility requirements.
7. Assist food security community partner agencies in transitioning their food distribution programs to self-supported, sustainable operations.
8. Conduct daily data entry, analysis, and reporting to support and inform Operations.
9. Plan for future Isolation and Quarantine Facility needs.

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Situation Unit

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Incident Command

DATE:
4/27/21

TIME:
16:00