

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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| <b>REPORT #:</b> 20210430.1      | <b>DATE:</b> 04/30/2021       | <b>TIME:</b> 16:00             |
| <b>INCIDENT NAME:</b> COVID-2019 | <b>OPERATIONAL PERIOD:</b> 32 | <b>MISSION NUMBER:</b> 20-0265 |

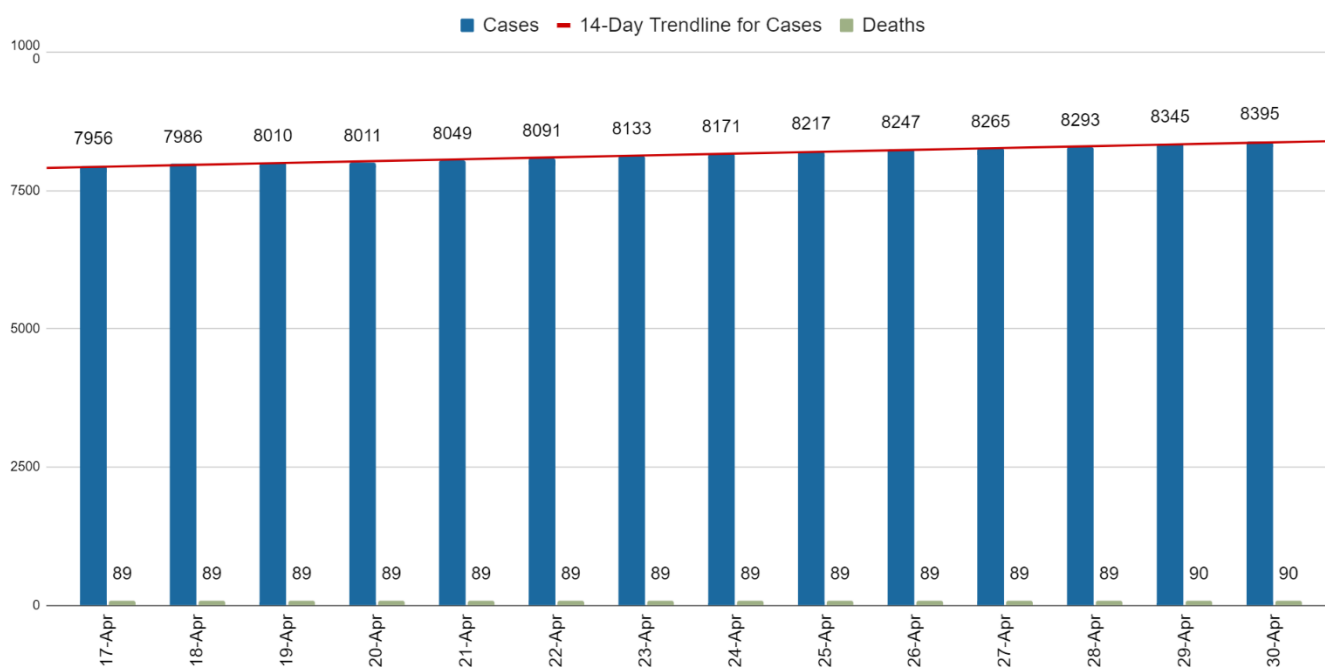
## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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| <b>ACTIVATION:</b><br>Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center | <b>ACTIVATION STATUS:</b><br>Partial | <b>HOURS OF OPERATION:</b><br>8:00 am – 4:30 pm |
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## GENERAL SITUATION

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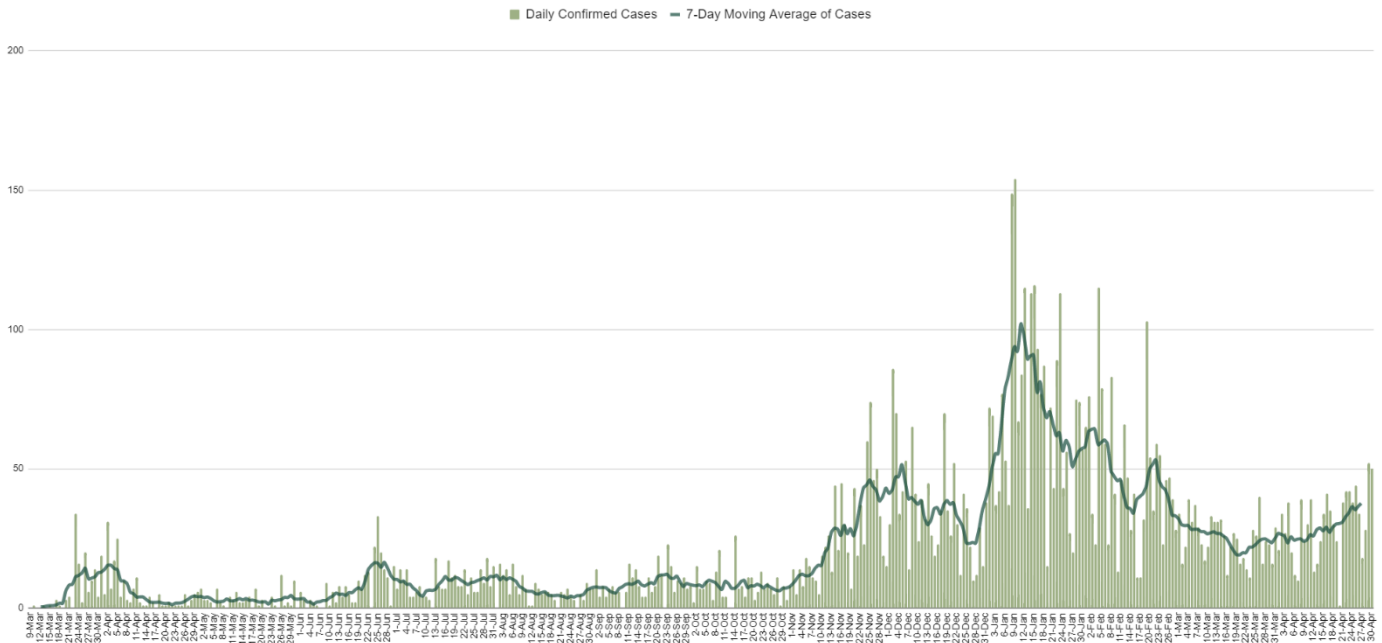
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



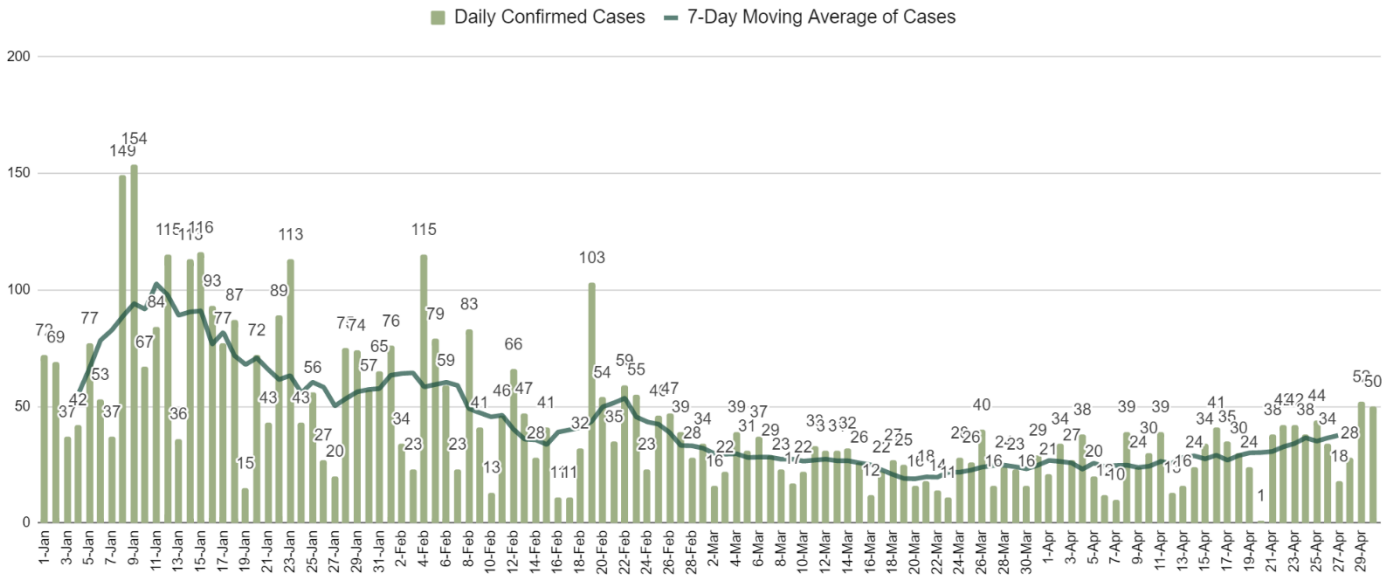
| DATE              | CONFIRMED CASES | DEATHS |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| <b>4/30/2021*</b> | 8395            | 90     |
| <b>4/29/2021*</b> | 8345            | 90     |
| <b>4/28/2021</b>  | 8293            | 89     |
| <b>4/27/2021</b>  | 8265            | 89     |
| <b>4/26/2021</b>  | 8247            | 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 4/28/2021.

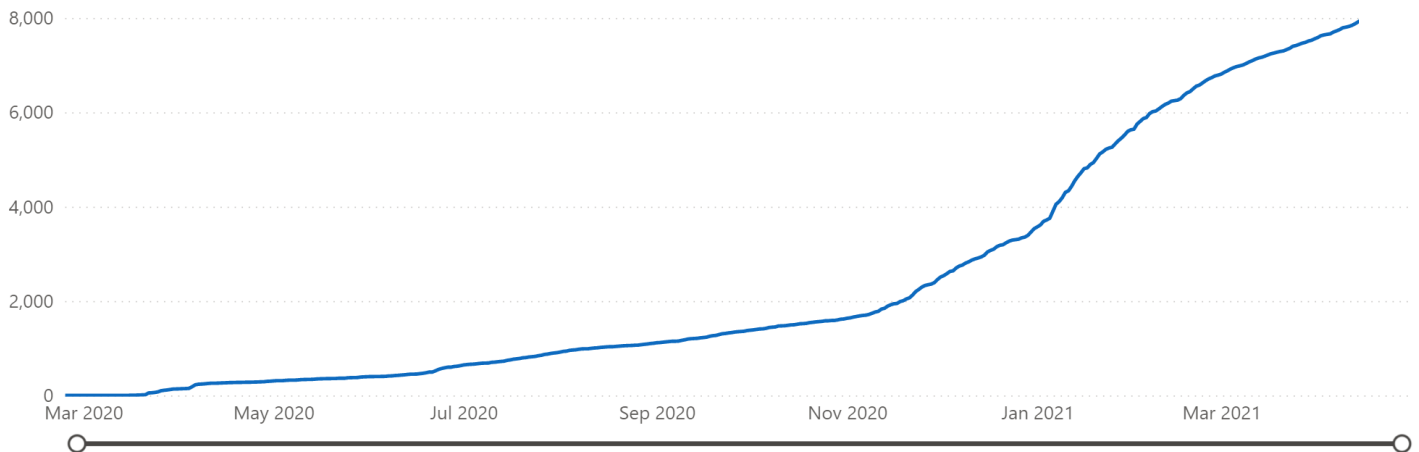
COVID-19 Daily Confirmed Cases with 7-Day Moving Average, Whatcom County



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

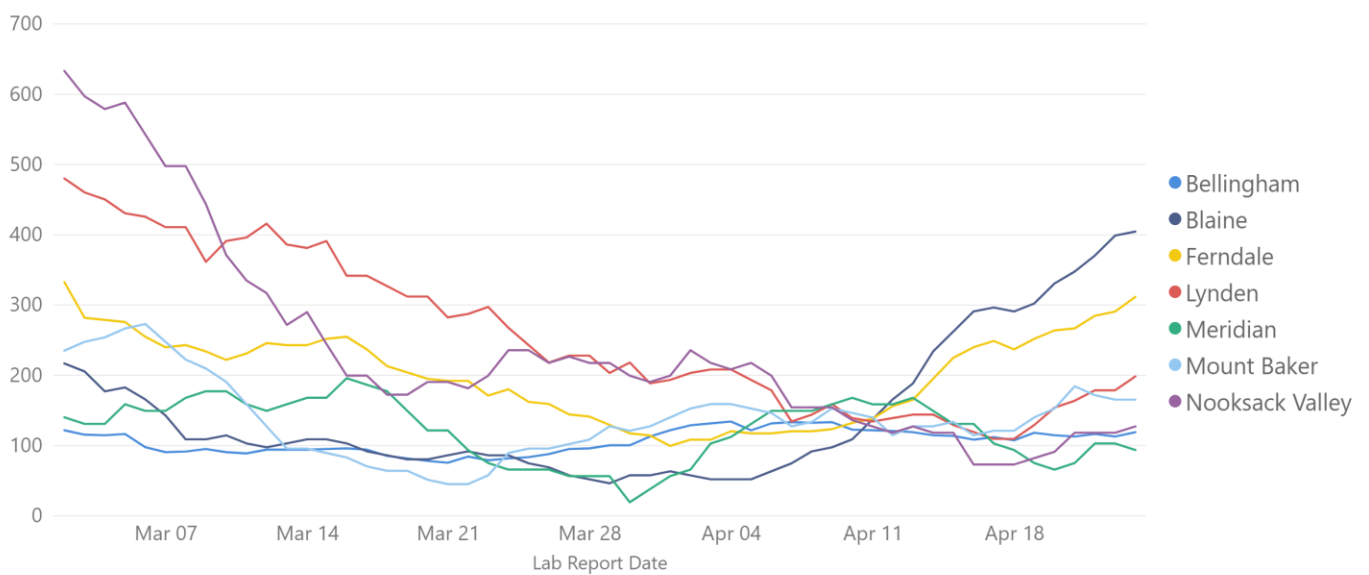


## CUMULATIVE CASE COUNTS



## 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 4/30/2021:

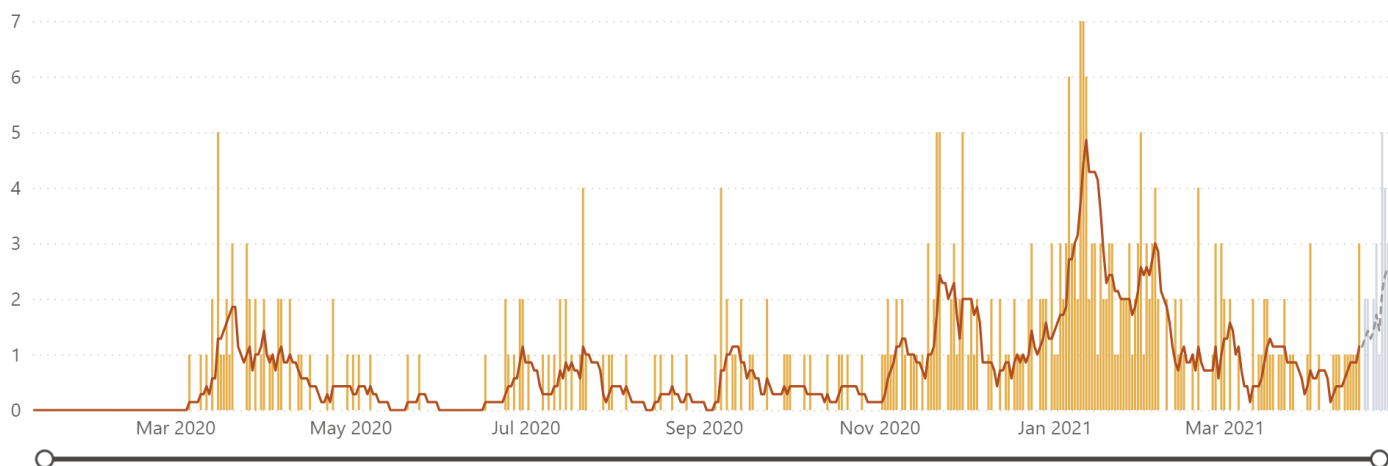
- 22 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 3 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 38 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0.0% surge/overflow beds occupied

\* 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.)



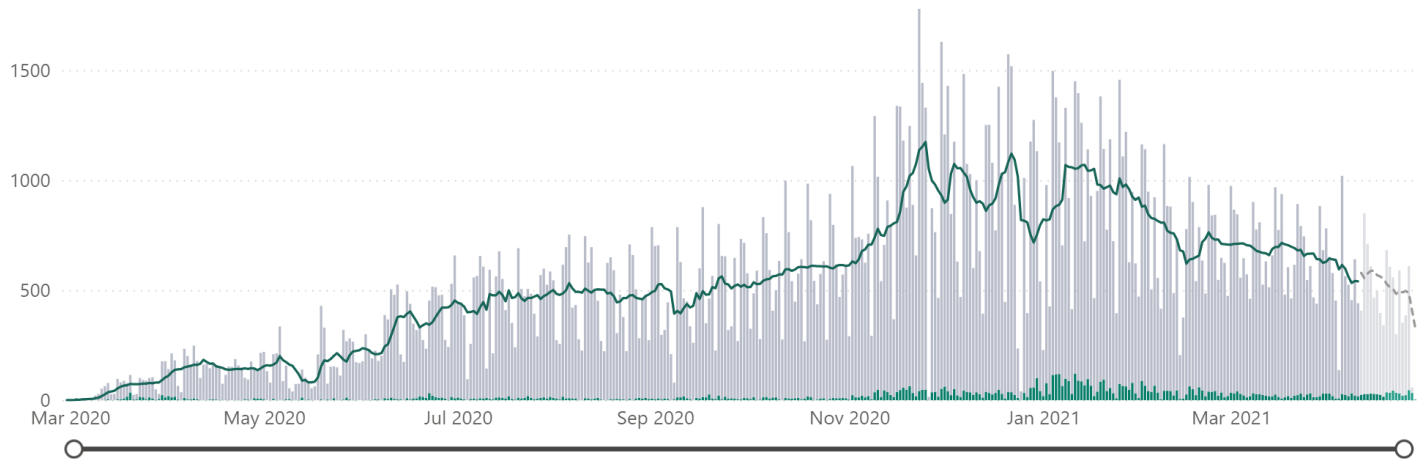
\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health

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

## WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

### NUMBER OF MOLECULAR TESTS

● 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 04/24/2021

| Test Collection Week<br>(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%             |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>40921</b>    | <b>2538</b>     | <b>43459</b> | <b>5.8%</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

**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**

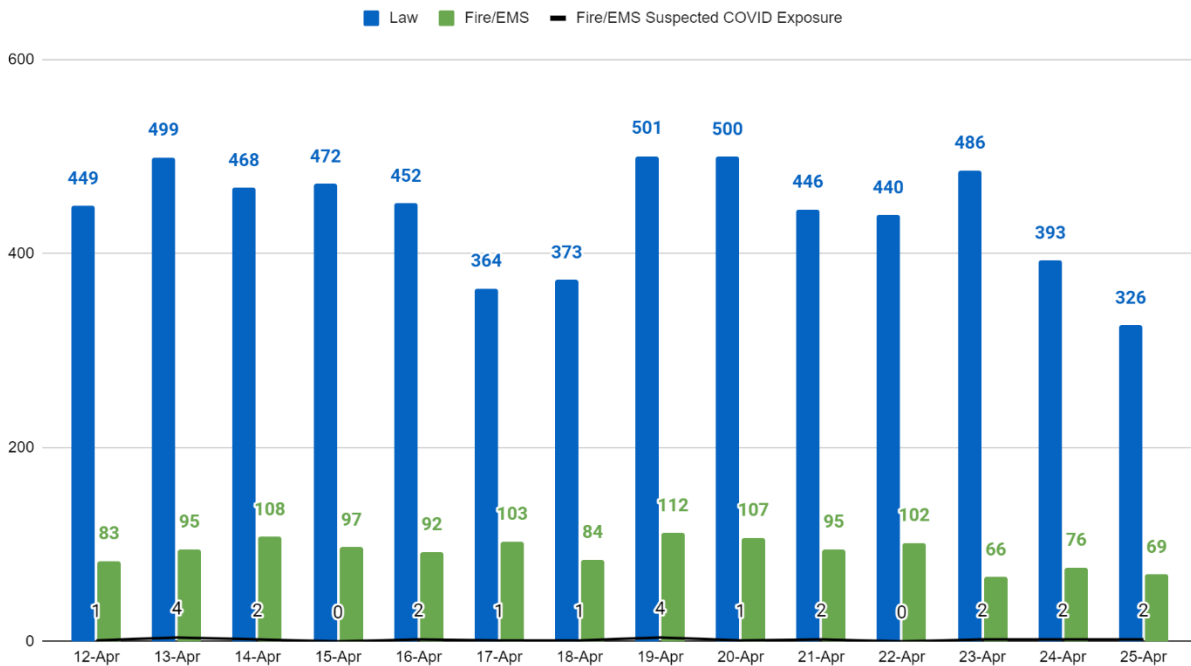
### For the Week of April 25, 2021

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 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](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid)
  - [April 29 media briefing](#)
  - [April 29 vaccination forum](#): vaccination progress and community partners connecting Whatcom residents to vaccines
  - [COVID testing video now available in Awakateko](#)
  - [May 2021 Questions & Answers: COVID Vaccines fact sheet](#) (available in English, Spanish, Russian)
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
  - Responded to inquiries and posted daily Status Report
- Social Media Posts: WCHD & WUC
  - [Saturday appointments at CVC available](#)
  - [WCHD is hiring](#)
  - [VA clinic on Saturday in Bellingham](#)
  - [National Infant Immunization Week](#)

### Local and State Headlines

- Bellingham Herald: [Whatcom should stay in Phase 3 Monday, but future is hazy as county sees 34 new COVID cases](#) - 4-30-21
- Bellingham Herald: [Who's getting vaccinated in Whatcom County? New data shows these racial and age differences](#) - 4-29-21
- All Point Bulletin: [Fire chief offers to vaccinate Americans living in B.C. and Canadians as well](#) - 4-29-21
- Seattle Times: [Who can go maskless? How new CDC guidelines square with increasing number of COVID cases in Washington](#) - 4-30-21
- Seattle Times: [How to reach the 'fence sitters'? Men lag behind women on COVID vaccination in Washington state](#) - 4-30-21
- Seattle PI: [Several counties in Washington, including King, are at risk of moving back to Phase 2 in May](#) - 4-30-21

- Spokesman Review: [Spokane-area restaurants reflect on the 'really disheartening' threat of going back to Phase 2](#) - 4-30-21
- NY Times: [How the Skagit Valley Chorale Learned to Sing Again Amid Covid](#) - 4-8-21

#### National Headlines

- AP: US officials: [Anxiety drove vaccine reactions in 5 states](#) - 4-30-21
- Miami Herald/McClatchy: [100 million fully vaccinated against COVID in United States, White House announces](#) - 4-30-21
- USA Today: [About 92% of Americans who got the COVID-19 vaccine returned for their second shot. That's good, but experts say the rest should do it now](#) - 4-29-21
- NY Times: [Vaccine Skepticism Was Viewed as a Knowledge Problem. It's Actually About Gut Beliefs](#) - 4-29-21
- NY Times: [Faith, Freedom, Fear: Rural America's Covid Vaccine Skeptics](#) - 4-30-21
- NY Times: [No, Other People's Covid Vaccines Can't Disrupt Your Menstrual Cycle](#) - 4-29-21
- NBC News: [Four months into the vaccination rollout, ethnicity and racial data collection continues to lag](#) - 4-29-21

#### 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://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. Demobilize the low barrier COVID-19 testing location at the Lynden Fairgrounds.
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. Continue to distribute State provided masks to 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.

### 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, 5 rooms are occupied. Cumulatively, the I/Q facility has provided a total of 2,639 bed days of service for 291 community members.
3. Continuing work with partner agencies to ensure adequate testing options throughout the County.
4. Mobilize outbreak testing team as needed to support outbreak assessment in congregate settings.
5. Operate the Community Vaccination Center (CVC) at Bellingham Technical College (BTC) – currently Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
6. 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.
7. 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.

**REPORT PREPARED BY:**  
Situation Unit

**REPORT APPROVED BY:**  
Incident Command

**DATE:**  
4/30/21

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16:00