

WHATCOM UNIFIED WEEKLY SITUATION REPORT



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| REPORT #: 20210526.1 | DATE: 05/26/2021 | TIME: 16:00 |
| INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019 | OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 33 | MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265 |

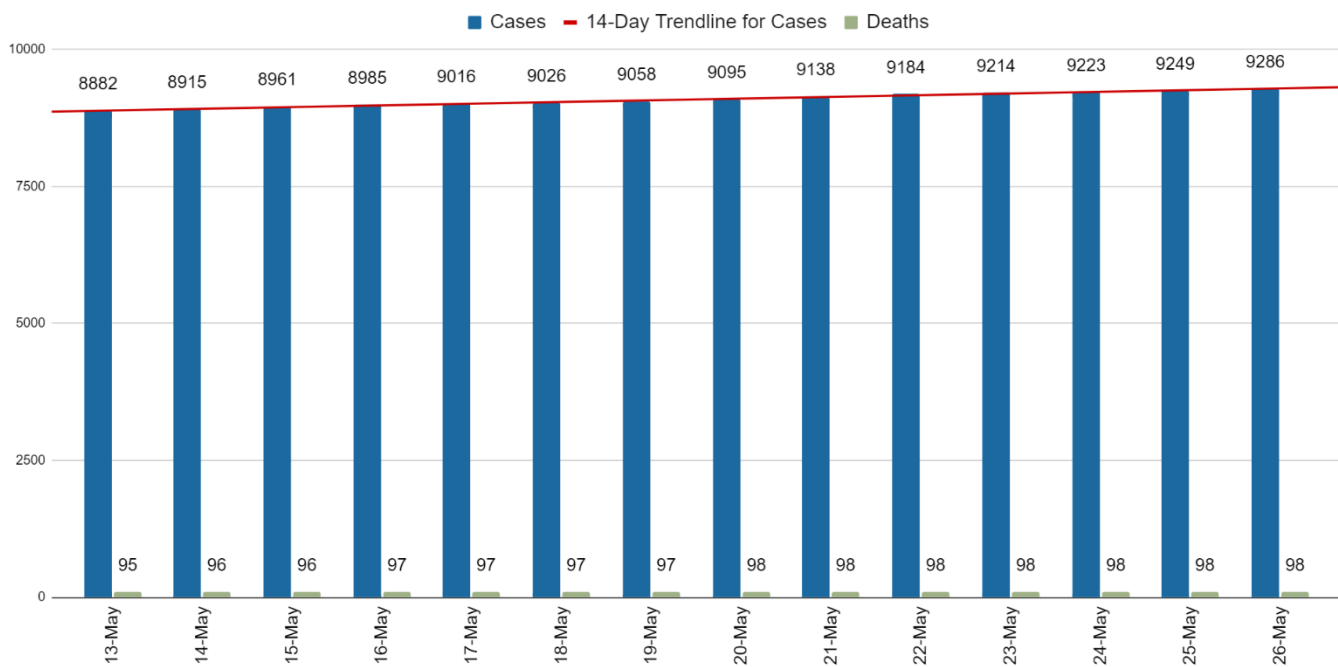
WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

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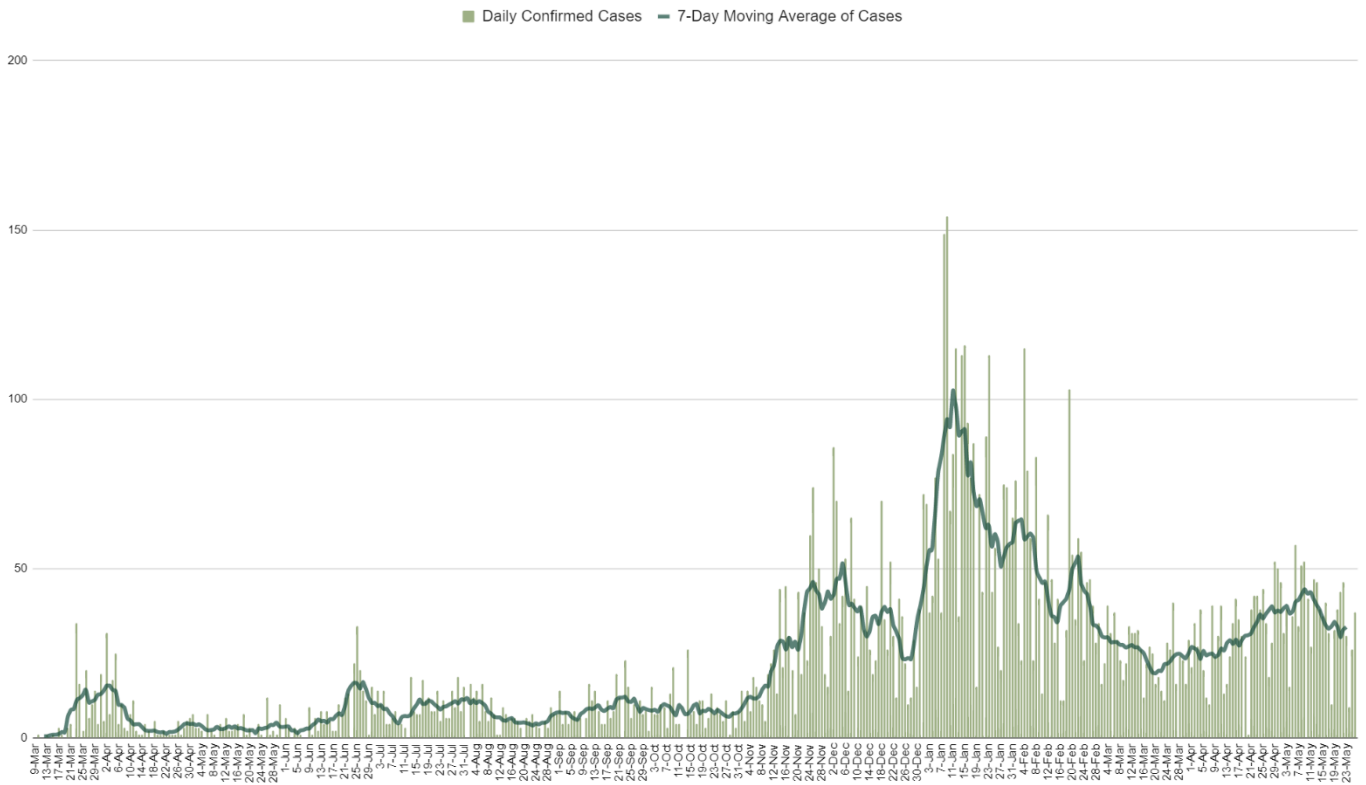
14-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County



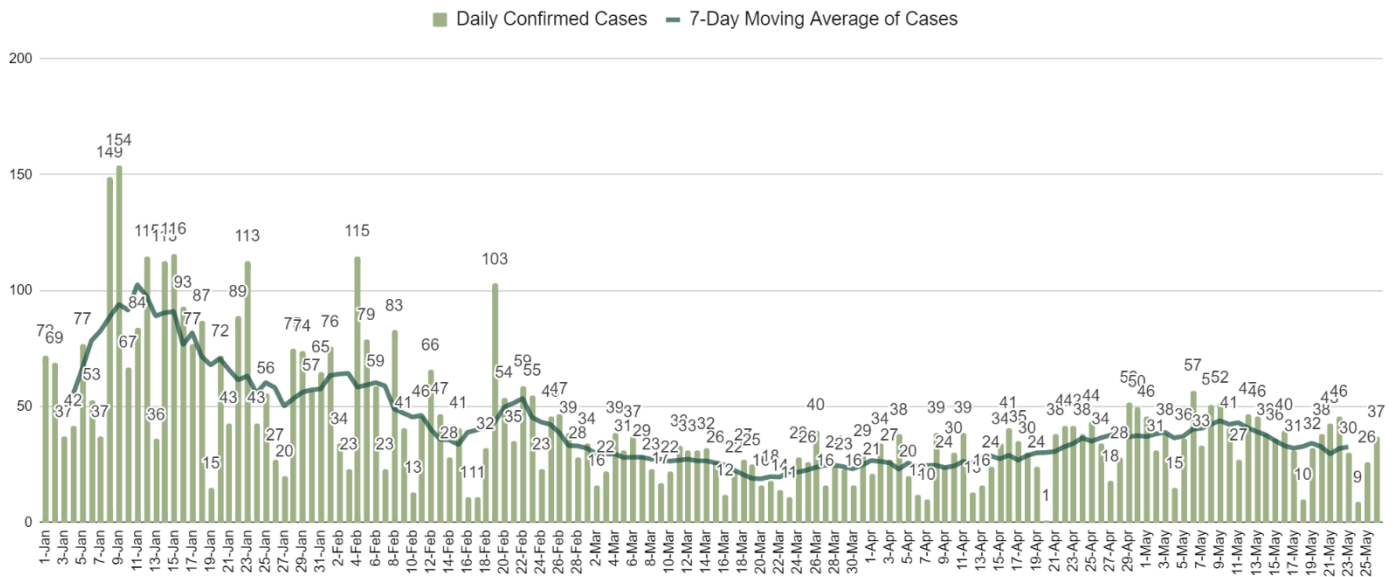
| DATE | CONFIRMED CASES | DEATHS |
|------------|-----------------|--------|
| 5/26/2021* | 9286 | 98 |
| 5/25/2021* | 9249 | 98 |
| 5/24/2021 | 9223 | 98 |
| 5/23/2021 | 9214 | 98 |
| 5/22/2021 | 9184 | 98 |
| 5/21/2021 | 9138 | 98 |
| 5/20/2021 | 9095 | 98 |

*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 5/24/2021.

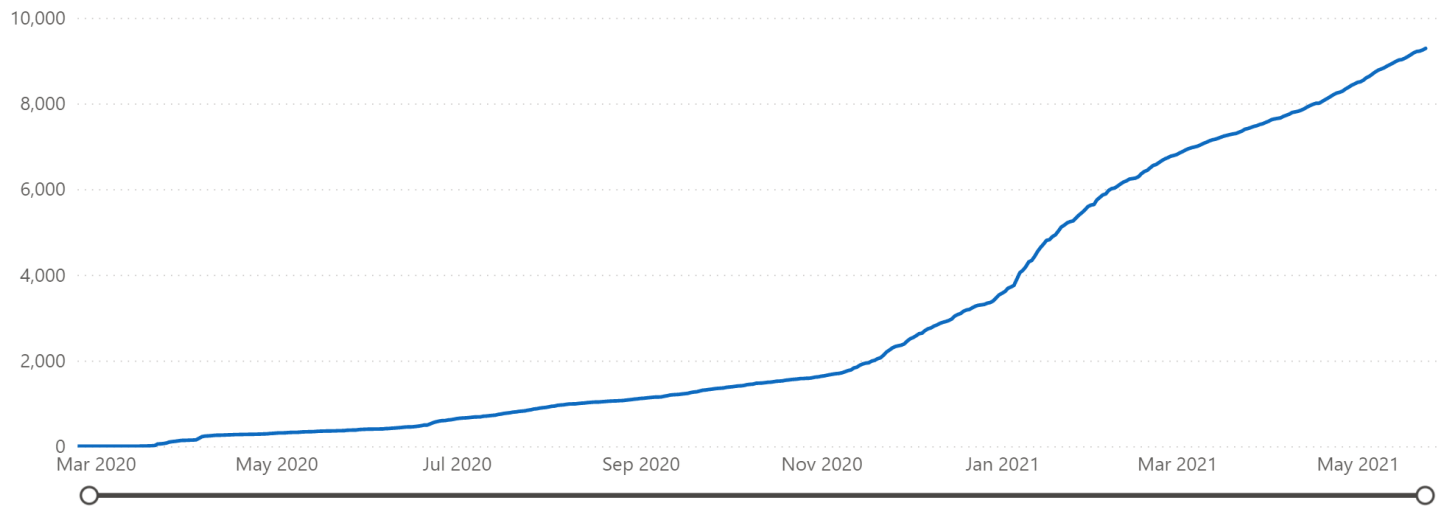
COVID-19 Daily Confirmed Cases with 7-Day Moving Average, Whatcom County



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

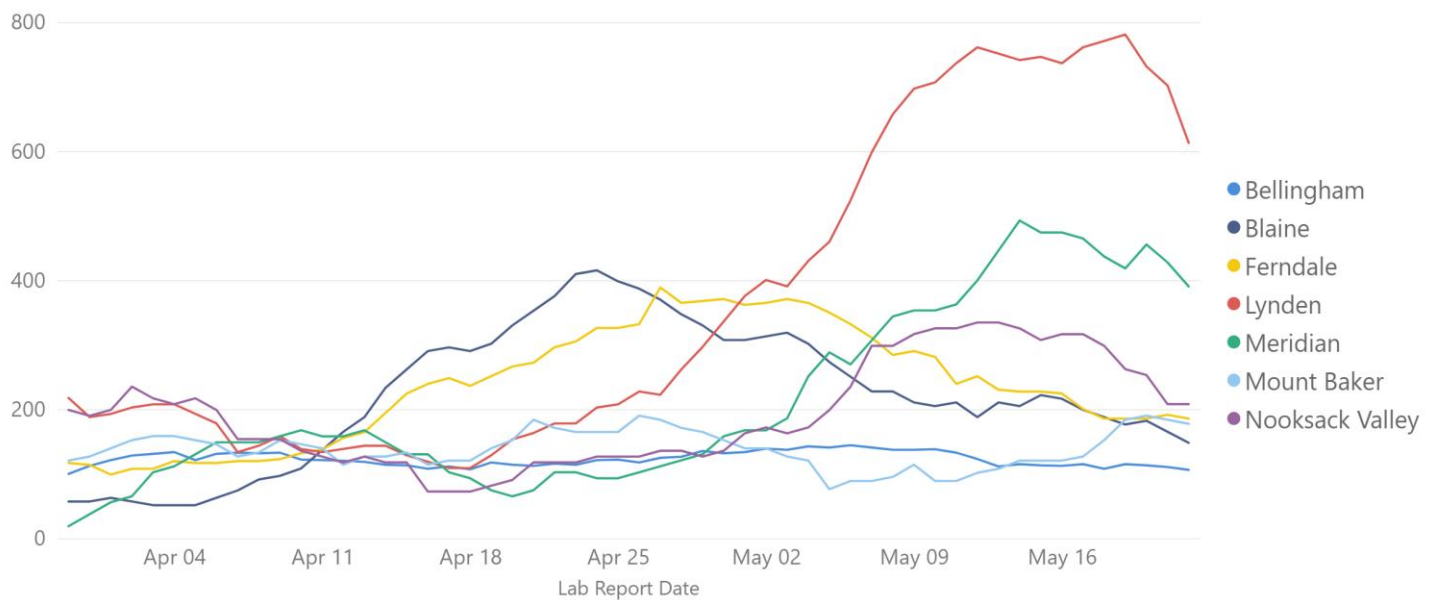


CUMULATIVE CASE COUNTS

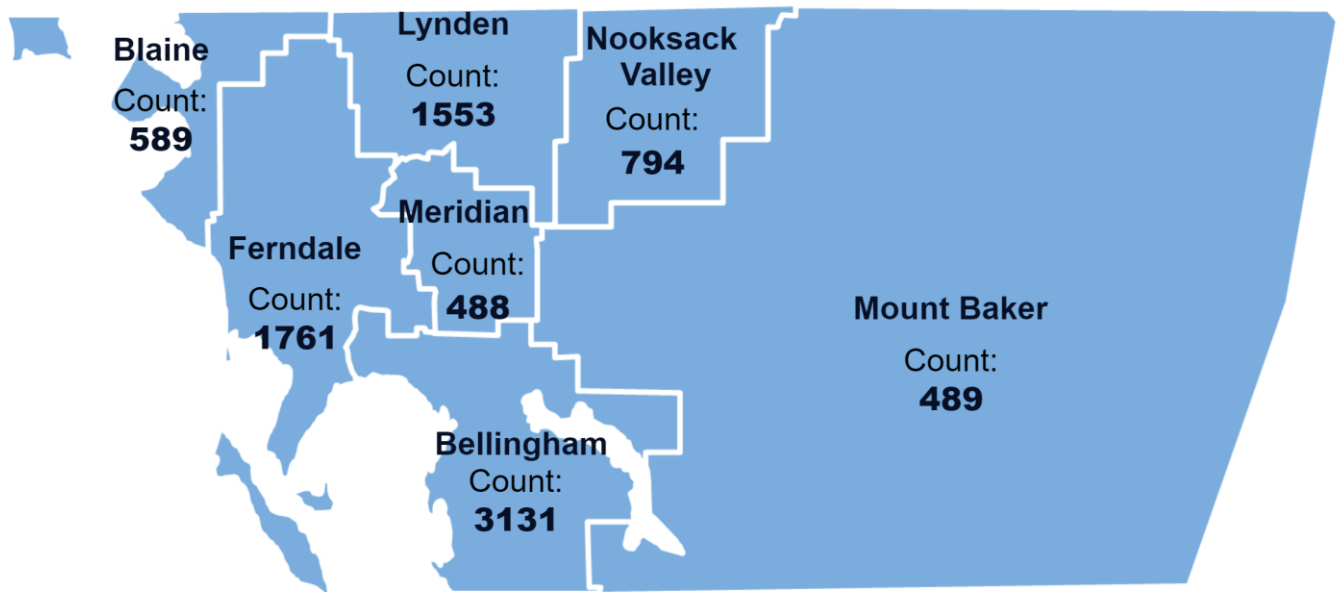


Case Rates: Whatcom County Sub-County Areas

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



COVID-19 in Whatcom County, by Sub-County Areas: Cumulative Counts



| COUNTY | CONFIRMED CASES | PROBABLE CASES | TOTAL CASES | HOSPITALIZATIONS | DEATHS | VACCINE DOSES GIVEN |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Whatcom | 8,950 | 367 | 9,317 | 424 | 98 | 185,355 |
| Total | 8,950 | 367 | 9,317 | 424 | 98 | 185,355 |

The table includes cases, hospitalizations and deaths by county and age group. Given the sensitivity of the data, counties with 5 or fewer cases have been removed.

| COUNTY | CASES | HOSPITALIZATIONS | DEATHS |
|--|-------|------------------|--------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whatcom County | | | |
| Age 20-34 | 2,611 | 33 | 0 |
| Age 0-19 | 2,121 | 14 | 0 |
| Age 35-49 | 1,892 | 61 | 3 |
| Age 50-64 | 1,461 | 109 | 9 |
| Age 65-79 | 657 | 103 | 21 |
| Age 80+ | 286 | 83 | 62 |
| 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 5/26/2021:

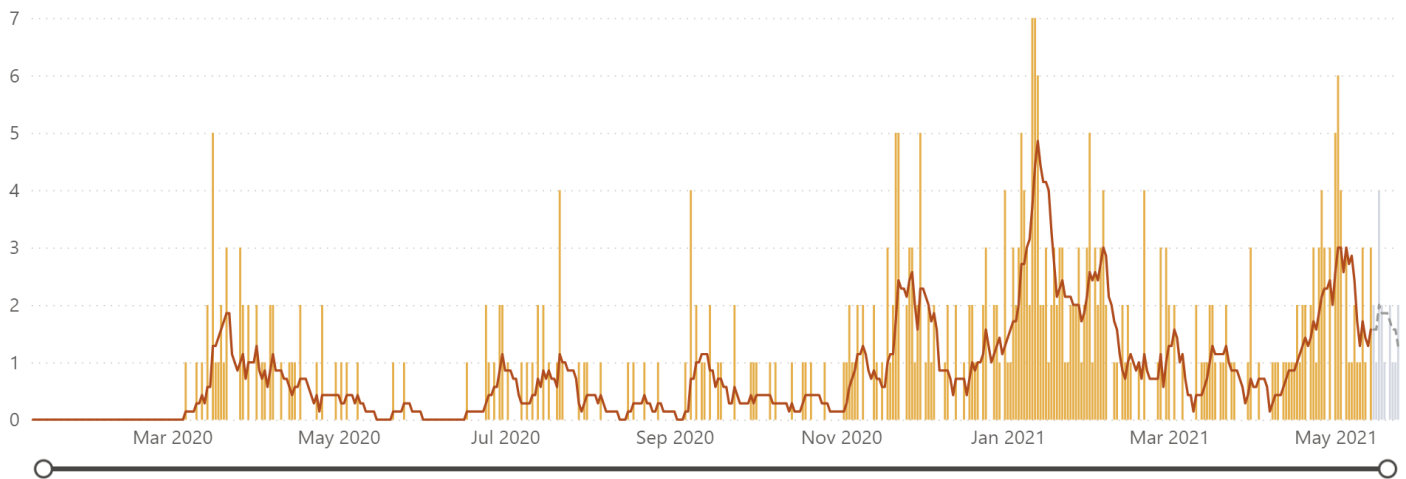
- 15 confirmed positive COVID-19 patients
- 0 suspected COVID-19 patients
- 0 ventilators in use for COVID-19 positive patients
- 38 ventilators available
- 42 surge/overflow beds available
- 0.0% surge/overflow beds occupied

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

WHATCOM COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION COUNTS

HOSPITALIZATION COUNTS

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

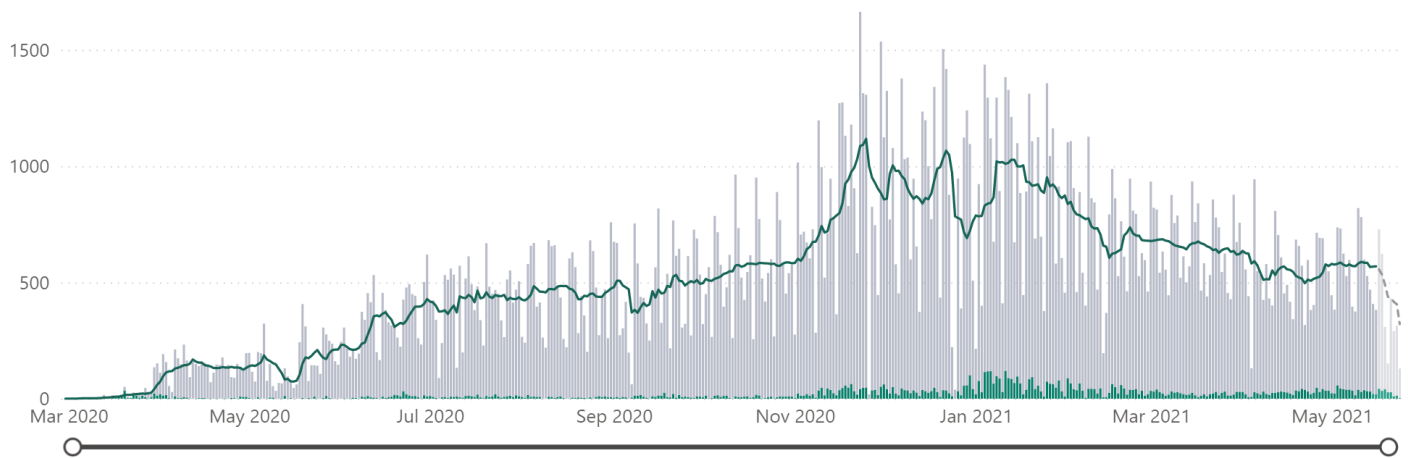


****Source:** Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>

WHATCOM COUNTY-NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED

NUMBER OF MOLECULAR TESTS

● 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 05/25/2021

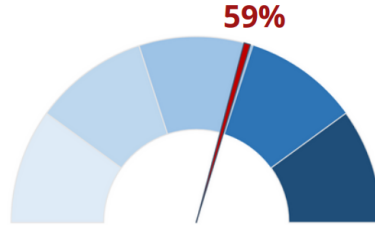
| Test Collection Week (Week Ending Date) | Negative Result | Positive Result | Total Tests | Percent Positive |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 2021-05-22 | 1763 | 117 | 1880 | 6.2% |
| 2021-05-15 | 2082 | 136 | 2218 | 6.1% |
| 2021-05-08 | 2095 | 169 | 2264 | 7.5% |
| 2021-05-01 | 2066 | 152 | 2218 | 6.8% |
| 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 | 2426 | 180 | 2606 | 6.9% |
| Total | 48927 | 3112 | 52039 | 6.0% |

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

Whatcom County Vaccination Progress

As of 5/22/21

Eligible Whatcom Residents (12+ years):
Received At Least One Dose



Total Whatcom Residents:
Received At Least One Dose

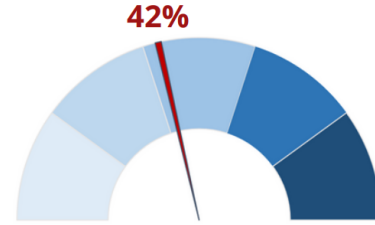
115,471 **50.65%**

Total Whatcom Residents:
Fully Vaccinated

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

96,421 **42.29%**

Total Whatcom Residents:
Fully Vaccinated



Doses Allocated to
Whatcom County
Providers

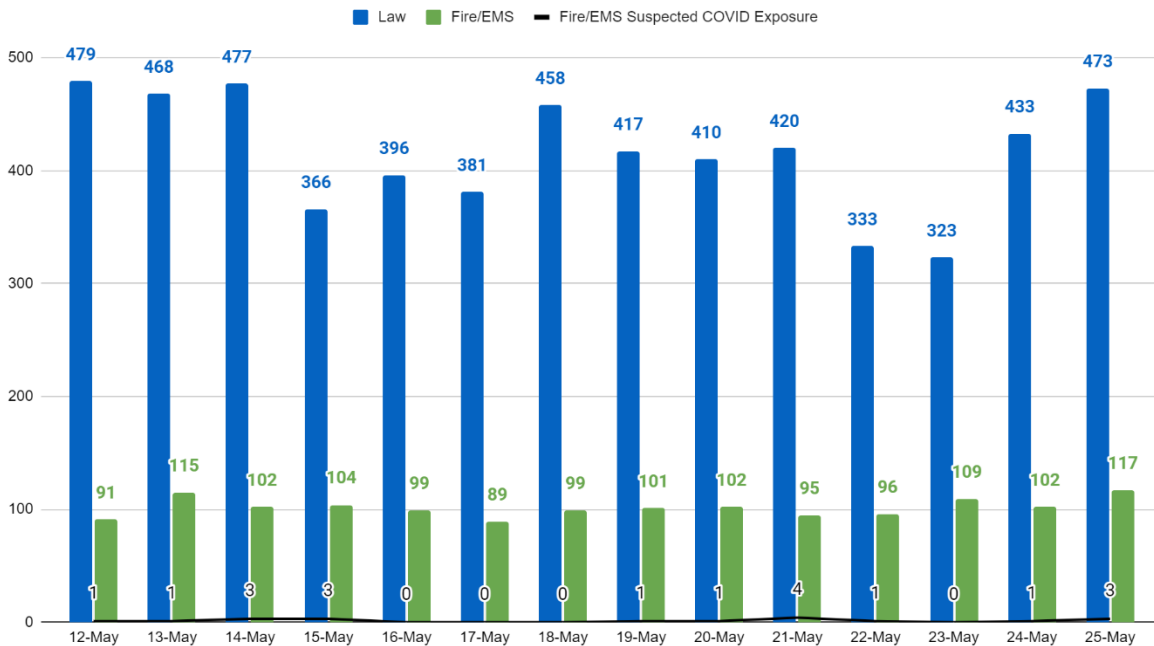
For the Week of May 16 **Total**
10,730

For the Week of May 23 **Total (not final)**
1,870

Please see the Data Explainer for an explanation of how dose numbers are compiled.

[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 Health Department News Flashes: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=24>
- [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 and race/ethnicity data)
- [Labor & Industries guidelines for fully vaccinated workers](#)
- [DOH updated mask guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals](#)

JIC Updates

- WCHD Website www.whatcomcounty.us/covid
 - [Weekly vaccine update news flash](#)
 - [WA's new masking mandates news flash](#)
 - [East County vaccine clinic partnerships news flash](#)
 - [May 20 vaccination forum media release](#)
 - [May 20 vaccination forum \(YouTube recording\)](#)
 - [Weekly updated maps of vaccination percentages by sub-county](#)
 - [Weekly data updates](#)
 - [Weekly vaccination infographic update](#)
 - [Weekly testing data update](#)
 - Updated [COVID Vaccine page](#)
 - Updated [Masks and Face Coverings page](#)
 - Updated [Resources for Businesses & Organizations page](#)
- Whatcom Unified Command website www.whatcomcovid.com
 - Responded to inquiries and posted weekly Status Report
- Social Media Posts: WCHD & WUC
 - [Weekly vaccine update](#)
 - [Nooksack Tribe's Pfizer clinics postponed to June 2-3](#)
 - [HIPAA and proof of vaccination](#)
 - [CVC clinics on Tue and Thu this week](#)
 - [Recording of May 20 vaccination forum](#)
 - [Share of Nooksack Tribe vaccine clinics](#)
 - [Masking guidelines news flash](#)
 - [Racial Equity Commission Summit](#)
 - [East County vaccine clinic partnership](#)

- [Fourth of July vaccination timeline](#)
- [Second North County vaccine party](#)
- [Community update with Amy Hockenberry](#)
- [May 20 vaccination forum](#)

Weekly Media Themes

- More than half of Whatcom residents have initiated vaccination; 61% of residents 16 and older have initiated vaccination.
- Many businesses are retaining mask rules despite new CDC guidance.
- 50% of Americans are now fully vaccinated.

Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Communicate about COVID-19 vaccine distribution, allocation, and safety.
- Communicate about testing access.
- 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 33

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. Provide resources and schedule volunteer staffing to support the outbreak testing team.
3. Manage PPE and other response resource inventories to meet current and anticipated community needs.
4. Distribute PPE to care facilities, medical facilities, dental facilities, pharmacies, and local government agencies, as requested.
5. Provide consumables to meet the needs at the Byron Avenue I/Q facility.
6. Provide resources to meet the needs of the Community Vaccination Center.
7. Schedule volunteers, Medical Reserve Corp, and Civil Air Patrol to fill the staffing needs of the Community Vaccination Center.

OPERATIONS

1. Support weekly 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, 1 room is occupied. Cumulatively, the I/Q facility has provided a total of 2,954 bed days of service for 321 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 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.
10. Coordinate and submit weekly regional vaccination situation report to Washington State Department of Health in support of the regional Incident Management Organization formed by Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan Counties.

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Situation Unit

REPORT APPROVED BY:
Incident Command

DATE:
5/26/21

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