

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



<b>REPORT #:</b> 20200421.1	<b>DATE:</b> 4/21/2020	<b>TIME:</b> 16:00
<b>INCIDENT NAME:</b> COVID-2019	<b>OPERATIONAL PERIOD:</b> 7	<b>MISSION NUMBER:</b> 20-0265

## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

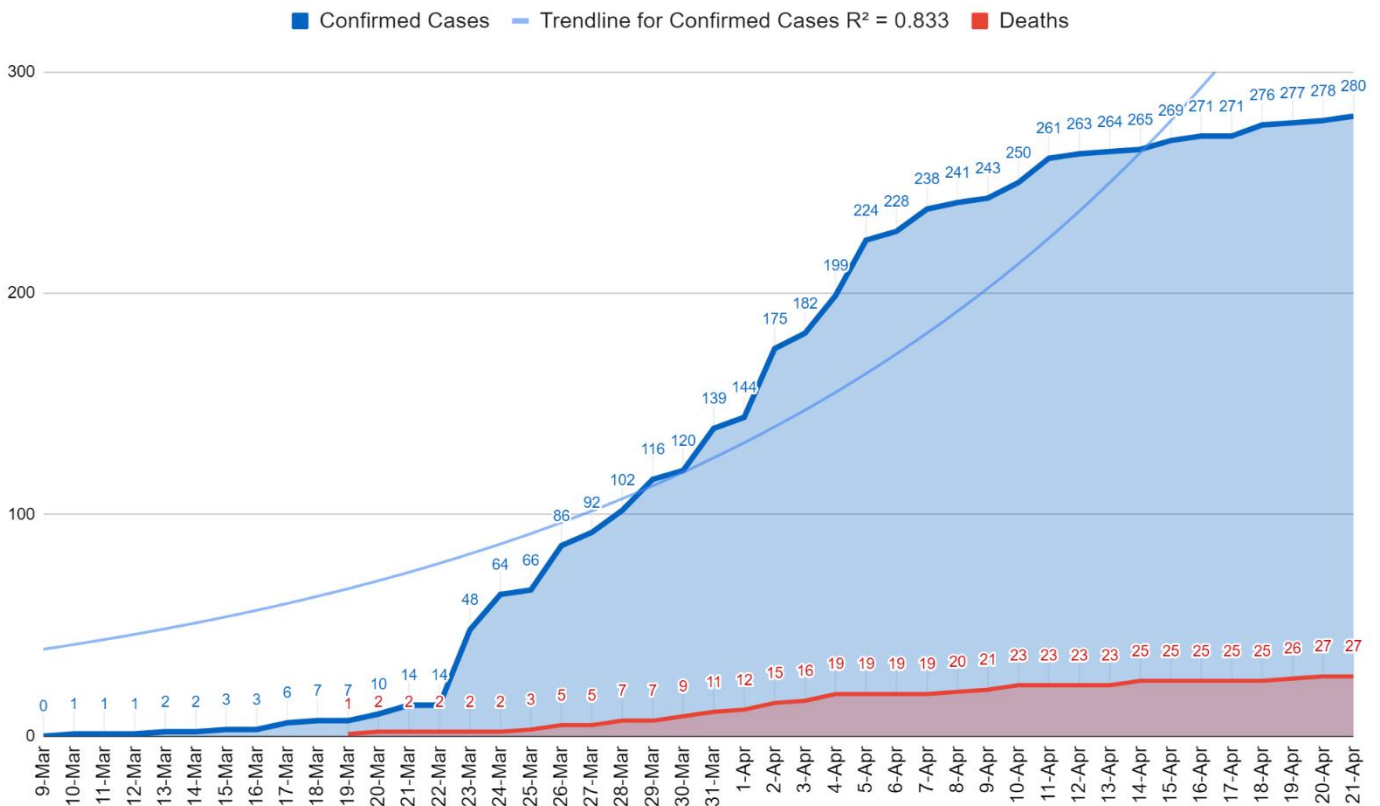
<b>ACTIVATION:</b> Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center	<b>ACTIVATION STATUS:</b> Partial	<b>HOURS OF OPERATION:</b> 7am – 7pm
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## GENERAL SITUATION

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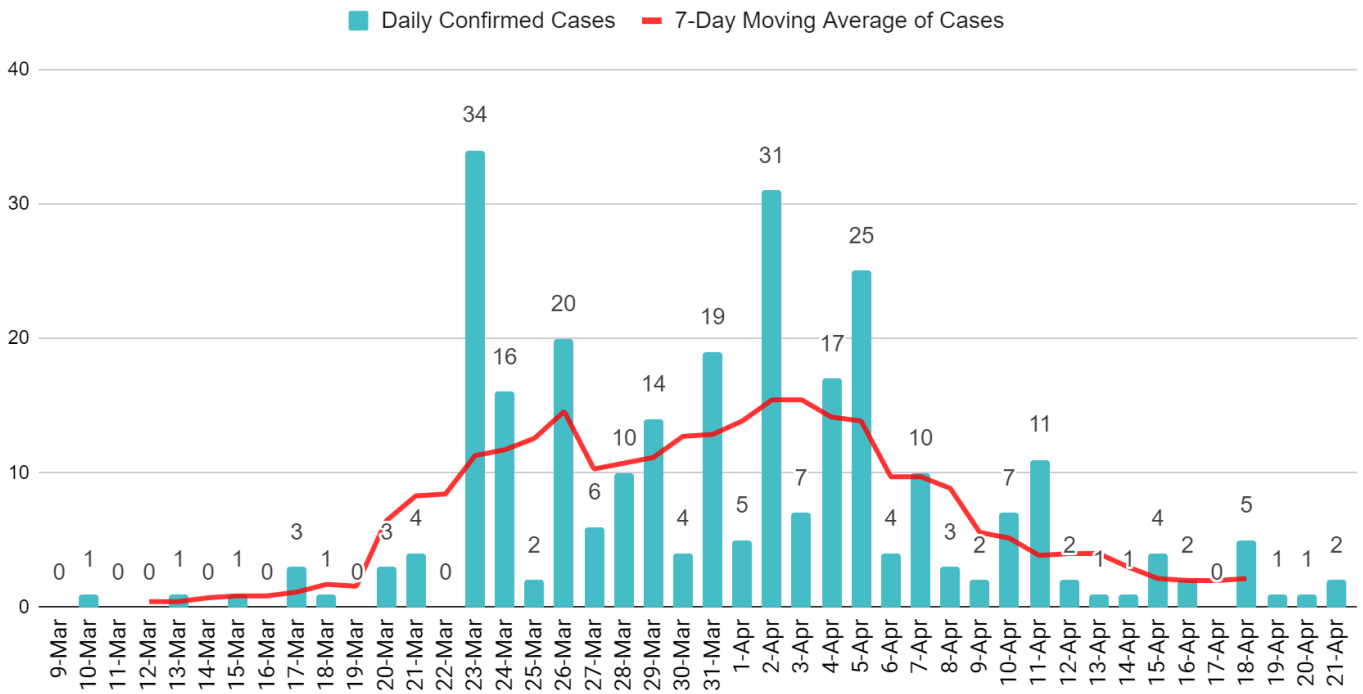
### WHATCOM COUNTY TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES

COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County (Updated 4/20/2020)

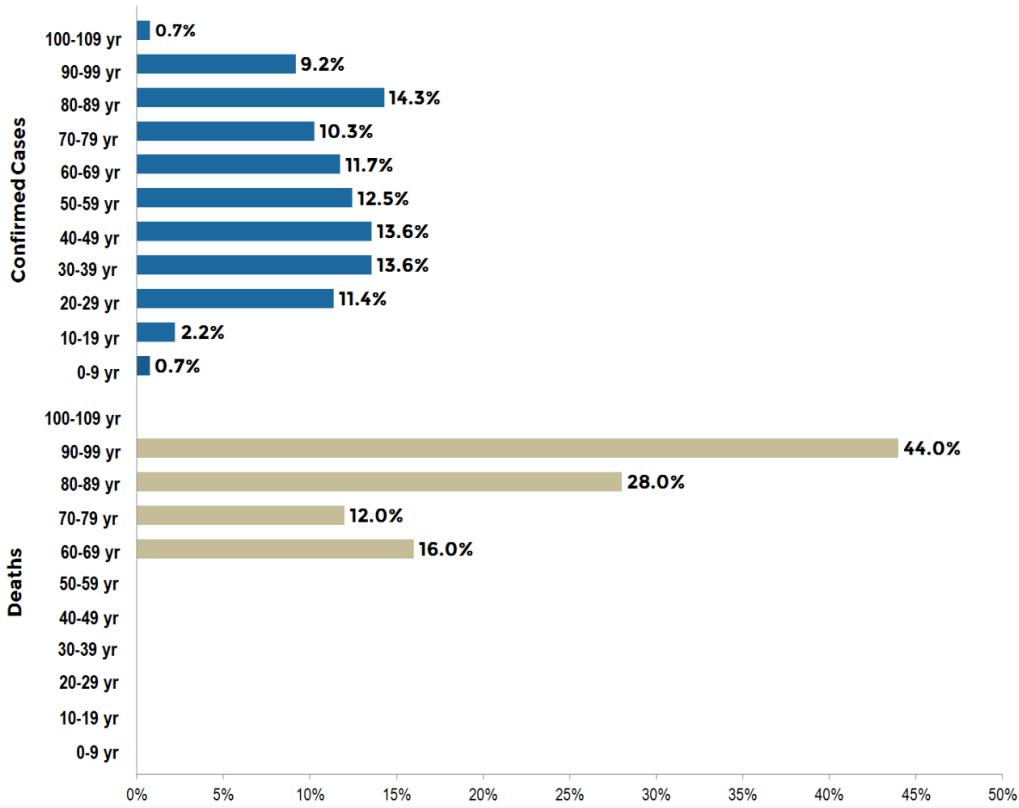


DATE	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
4/21/2020	280	27
4/20/2020	278	27
4/19/2020	277	26
4/18/2020	276	25
4/17/2020	271	25

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



### Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category



\*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center	4/21/20	4/20/20	4/18/20	4/17/20
Total Beds	232	232	232	232
Total Patients Admitted	120	153	153	153
Total Beds Available	112	79	79	79
Total Ventilators Available	33	43	43	43

\*Note: Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

\*\*Source: PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Washington State Hospital Association

## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

[COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region, Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia \(as of April 20, 2020\)](#)

	4/21/2020 (Updated 4/20/2020)		4/20/2020 (Updated 4/19/2020)		4/17/2020 (Updated 4/16/2020)		4/16/2020 (Updated 4/15/2020)	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
<a href="#">Island County</a>	166	8	166	8	164	8	163	8
<a href="#">San Juan County</a>	14	-	14	-	14	-	13	-
<a href="#">Skagit County</a>	255	7	245	7	218	6	209	6
<a href="#">Snohomish County</a>	2,163	97	2,143	93	2,032	86	1,988	80
<a href="#">King County</a>	5,293	360	5,172	346	4,809	320	4,697	312
<a href="#">Washington</a>	12,085	652	11,790	634	11,152	583	10,783	567
<a href="#">British Columbia</a>	1,699	86	1,618	78	1,575	77	1,561	75
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	321	9	319	9	300	9	293	9
<a href="#">California</a>	30,978	1,208	28,963	1,072	26,182	890	24,424	821
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	584	10	580	10	541	9	530	9
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	1,736	48	1,672	45	1,609	41	1,587	41
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	1,956	75	1,910	74	1,736	64	1,663	58
<a href="#">U.S.</a>	746,625	39,083	720,630	37,202	632,548	31,071	605,390	24,582
<a href="#">Global</a>	2,501,156	171,810	2,424,419	166,256	2,182,734	147,384	2,088,425	139,419

## COVID-19 in Washington State Number of Individuals Tested by Specimen Collection Date

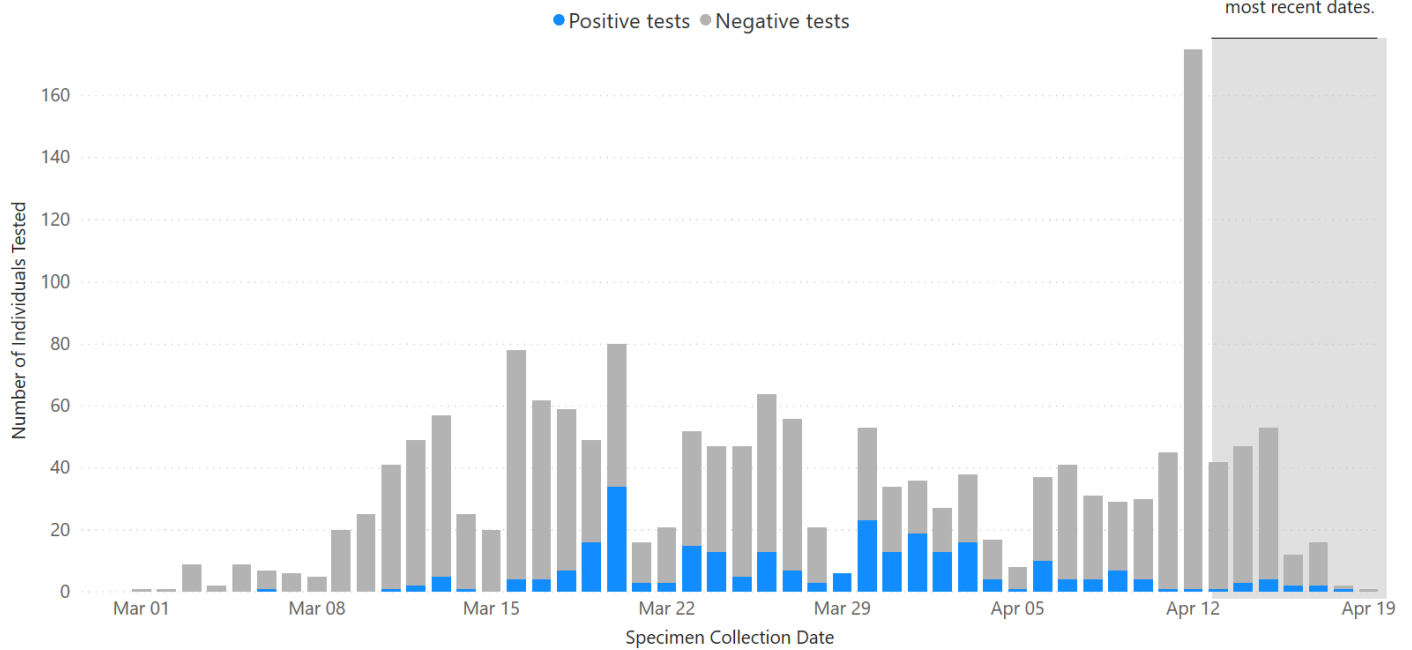
**Data as of April 19, 2020 11:59PM PT**

Percent positive tests 16.1%

Counties

Whatcom County ▾

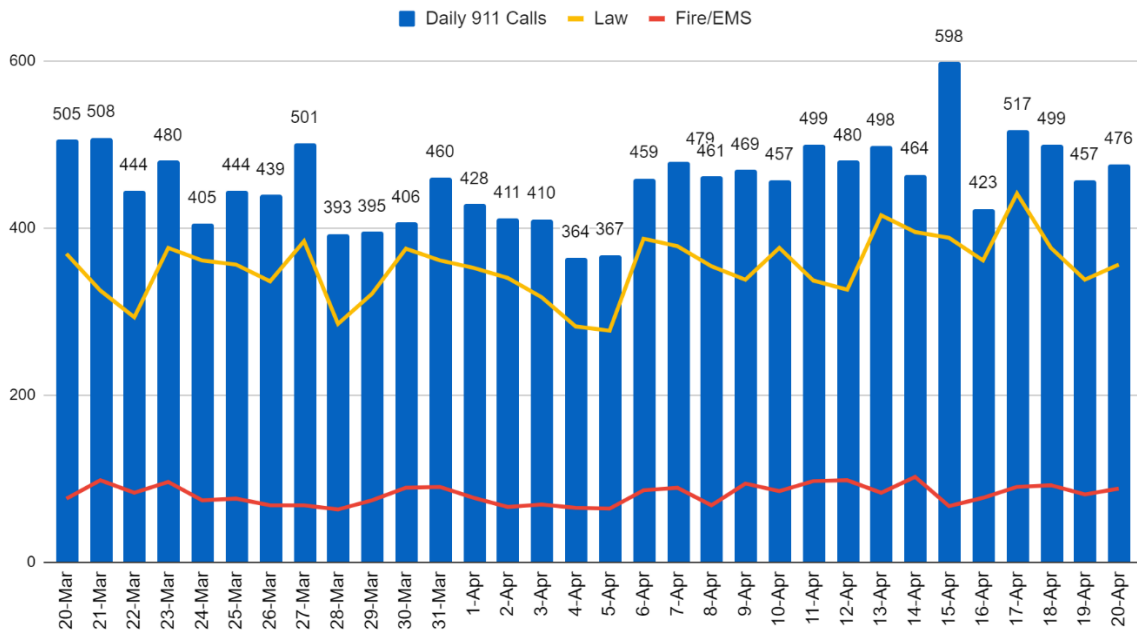
Data may be incomplete for the most recent dates.



COVID-19 data are reported as timely, accurately and completely as we have available. Data are updated as we receive information that is more complete and will change over time as we learn more.

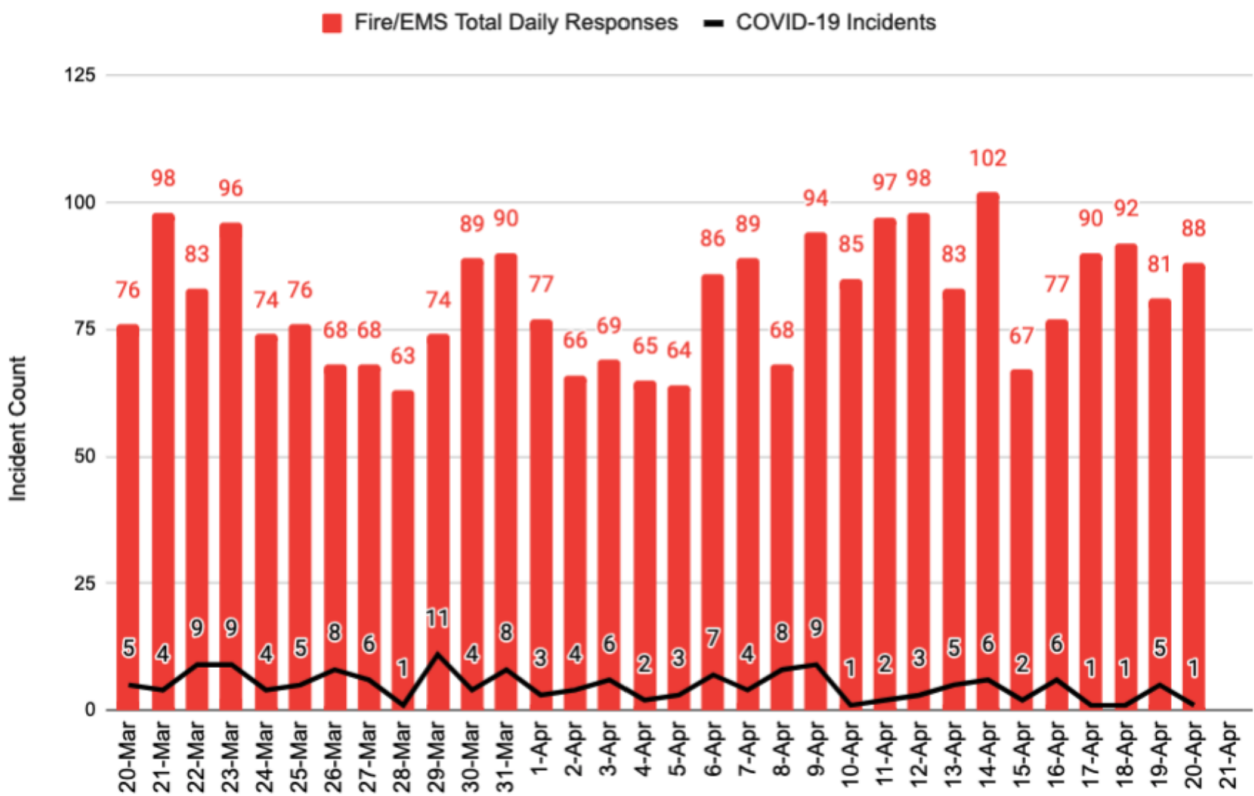
\*Source: Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>

Daily 911 Call Totals with Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS Response Totals, Whatcom County



\*Note: A single incident can generate multiple 911 calls and incidents can occur without a 911 call.

Total Daily EMS Response Calls and Suspected COVID-19 Incidents, Whatcom County



\*\*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](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us)
- [WUC Facebook](#)
- [WUC Twitter](#)
- [Whatcom County Health Department Facebook](#)

### **State and Federal Information**

- Governor Inslee's Proclamations: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>
- President Trump extended the federal guidelines for social distancing through 4/30/20
- Washington State Department of Health provides guidance on wearing cloth face coverings <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf>

### **JIC Updates**

- WCHD Website ([www.whatcomcounty.us/covid](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid))
  - Case updates
  - Fixing broken links
- Whatcom Unified Command website ([www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com))
  - Current status report for April 20
  - Minor updates as needed
  - Research and preparation for updates to Mental Health section
- WCHD Facebook Updates
  - DOH Smoking/Vaping - Give Your Lungs a Fighting Chance
  - Earth Day - What can you do at home to celebrate?
  - We're Hiring - Public Health Nurse Supervisor
  - Thank You Childcare Workers!
  - 4-21-20 Case Count Update
- WUC Facebook Updates
  - Share 1st Responders Give Free Meals 4/24
  - Share Thank You Childcare Workers
- Other
  - Ongoing conversations with media

### Local Headlines:

- Bellingham Herald: "[Bellingham plans to open showers at Civic Stadium during coronavirus pandemic](#)" (April 21, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "[More Bellingham summer programs and events canceled over coronavirus concerns](#)" (April 20, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "[This Whatcom community's \[Pt. Roberts\] residents can be tested for coronavirus, even minus symptoms](#)" (April 20, 2020)

### State and Federal Headlines:

- NPR: "[What Happens if US Reopens Too Fast? Documents Show Federal Coronavirus Predictions](#)" (April 21, 2020)
- Spokesman-Review: "[COVID-19 puts rural hospitals in Eastern Washington on brink of financial collapse](#)" (April 21, 2020)
- The Olympian: "[Washington State COVID-19 cases pass 12,000](#)" (April 20, 2020)
- CNN: "[Trump is threatening to block immigration over coronavirus. But immigrants are on the frontlines of the pandemic](#)" (April 21, 2020)

### Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives.
- Re-organize the health department website to improve accessibility and connect users with current resources.
- We continue to work with Liaison to determine local COVID-19 call center needs and the best tool to address local phone inquiries.
- Continue to reinforce the importance of staying home and staying healthy for our community.
- Work with Liaison to develop a plan for distribution of communication materials for community groups.
- We are working on a more robust, strategic communications plan incorporating an equity focus throughout our messaging.
- Prepare materials related to new Isolation and Quarantine Facility (IQF) at Motel 6 site.
- Collect, summarize, and publish information about PPE distributed by WUC.
- Develop materials to explain planning process and communicate context of preparations.
- Finalize messaging and responses to questions related to summer activities.
- Greater outreach to farming communities.
- Help set expectations for May.
- Organize and expand mental health resources.

## WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

### INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

1. Prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19
  - a. Provide essential medical screening and care
  - b. Establish isolation facilities to meet county-wide demand
  - c. County Health Officer to provide data-driven decisions on public health strategies
2. Provide for the most vulnerable members of the community
3. Ensure adequacy of First Responder personnel resources
  - a. Provide resources and supplies to healthcare facilities and first responders as requested
4. Maintain Essential Services

- a. Identify Critical Functions/Services (e.g., utilities, continuity of essential government services, public transportation etc.)
- b. Maintain Childcare for Essential Personnel
- c. Monitor Health of Essential Personnel
- d. Minimize Staffing in EOC
- e. Establish Surge Capacity Capability
5. Monitor and mitigate economic impacts on the community
  - a. Assess agricultural, aquacultural, fishery and farming impacts
  - b. Monitor and assess impacts to border restrictions
  - c. Monitor and assess impacts on local government ensuring compliance with state and FEMA guidance
6. Keep the public, stakeholders, and the media informed of response activities
7. Manage a coordinated interagency response effort that reflects the makeup of Unified Command

## 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>  
 Washington State Hospital Association <https://www.wsha.org/for-patients/coronavirus/coronavirus-tracker/>  
 PeaceHealth Regional Situation Reports  
 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. Continuing work to set up the Byron Avenue IQ facility.
2. Continuing surge planning efforts.
3. Completed sign installation at donation locations for the cloth mask collection, sanitation, and distribution project.

### OPERATIONS

1. Continuing work to set up the Byron Avenue IQ facility.
2. Coordinated on long-term food distribution planning.

### PLANNING

1. Completed tactical and planning meetings for the IAP for operational period 8.

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 Situation Unit

**REPORT APPROVED BY:**  
 Incident Command

**DATE:**  
 04/21/20

**TIME:**  
 16:00