

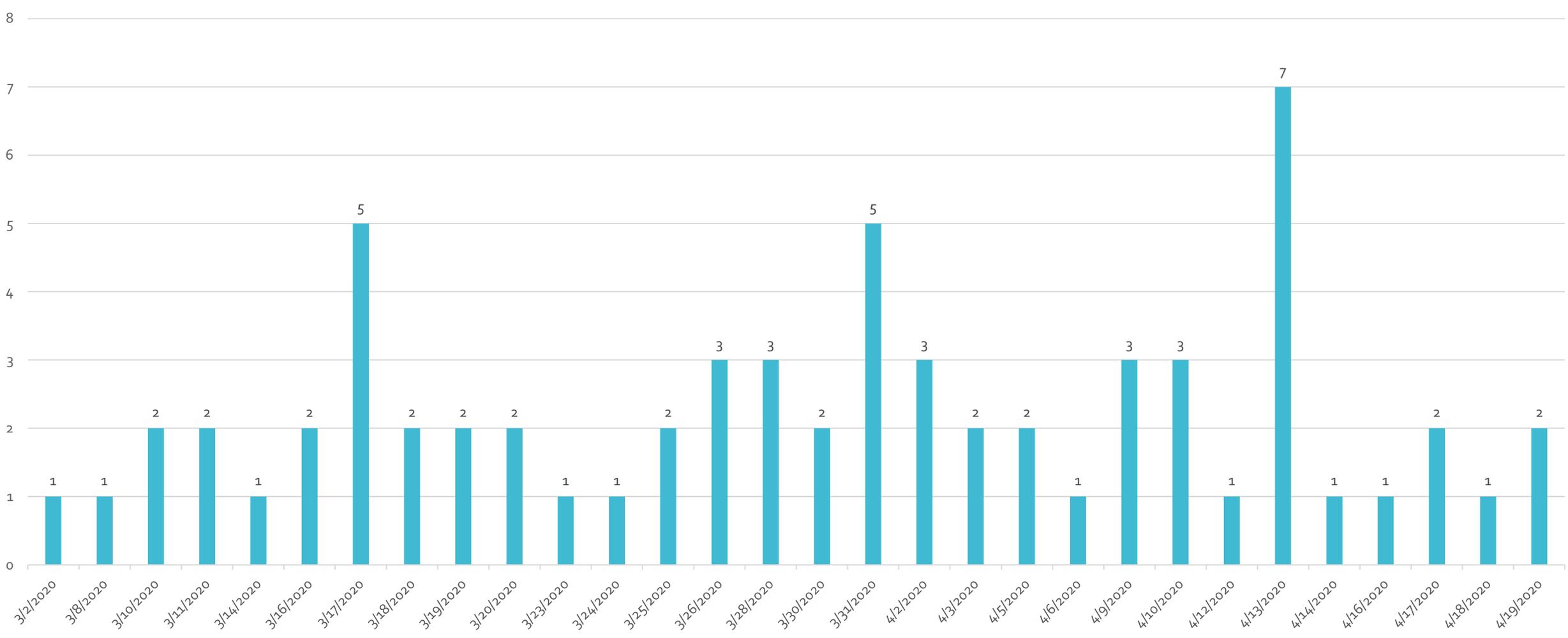
# VA Puget Sound – COVID-19

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- January 19
  - Patient Zero – north of Seattle
- January 21
  - Email to ED staff about travel to China and Influenza Like Illness (ILI)
  - ED huddle focused travel question on China initially
- Following few weeks, several ED patients seen with recent travel to Wuhan and suggestive symptoms
  - Airborne + droplet precautions used
  - Close contact with Facility Infection Prevention
  - ED providers called WA Department of Health (DOH), no testing at that time
- February 3
  - Emergency Management Committee reviewed the Highly Infectious Disease Plan from the EOP
- February 18
  - Email discussion about N-95 mask preservation
- March 2
  - Facility stood up COVID-19 task force with scaled Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation that week
  - Email from University of Washington about new cases and first death
  - Reviewed large gatherings in the facility
  - Discussed limiting visitors
  - Drafted all staff email
- March 3
  - Anesthesia shared Airway management recommendations
  - Nursing Education started PPE and isolation training



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