

**Event Name: BFHD COVID-19**

Report Period: 04/22/2021 – 04/28/2021	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

**General Situation/Overview:**

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday’s planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

**HEALTHY WASHINGTON ROADMAP TO RECOVERY**

- Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery – On April 9<sup>th</sup> Governor Inslee changed the criteria by which a county is evaluated for movement in the Phases. Originally if a county failed 1 of the metrics listed below, they would be moved back a phase, now a county must fail both metrics to be moved back a phase. The next Phase evaluation will be on Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – a county must be failing both metrics as listed below before they will be moved back a phase. There is a possibility that our area may not be meeting all the metrics given the increase in case counts and hospitalizations.

County Size	Indicator	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Larger County	New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population per 14 days	>350	200-350	<200
Larger County	New COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population per 7 days	>10	5-10	<5
Smaller County (<50K people)	New COVID-19 cases over 14 days	>175	100-175	<100
Smaller County (<50K people)	New COVID-19 hospitalizations over 7 days	>5	3-5	<3

- The BFHD Webpage will have metrics displayed for Benton and Franklin County Phase 3 Metrics – click here for metrics [Roadmap to Recovery Metrics - Benton Franklin Health District \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [State Roadmap to Recovery Metrics dashboard](#)
- Any updated guidance related to Phase 3 will be found here - Healthy Washington – Business Guidance, [COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for Businesses and Workers | Governor Jay Inslee \(wa.gov\)](#)

**Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance**

Total Case Count 04/28/2021	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	15991	11867
Deaths**	211	102

\*Confirmed: positive test result. \*\*Deaths Due to changes in the Vital Statistics Law (RCW 70.58A) that support increased security on personal information, access to data for death records is more limited. BFHD will report deaths weekly on Friday’s.

City Case Count 04/28/2021	# of Cases
Pasco	10,551
Mesa	354
Connell	711
Kahlotus	18
Etopia	174
Kennewick	8918
Richland	3912
West Richland	1113
Benton City	711
Prosser	1101
Plymouth	48
Paterson	40
Not Specified	247

Hospital Admission Data 04/28/21			
Total admitted patients	Total admitted patients with COVID-19 (Confirmed and suspect)	% of admitted patients having COVID-19	Recovered Estimate
383	23	6.0%	26012
Covid-19 Hospital Admission Rates			
Date Range	Benton-Franklin Hospital Admission per 100,000 over 7-days	Benton Hospital Admission per 100,000 over 7-days	Franklin Hospital Admission per 100,000 over 7-days
4/10/2021 to 4/16/2021	6.61	5.35	9.3

Case Locations of Interest 04/28/2021	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	839
Please visit <a href="https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm">Washington State Department of Corrections site</a> for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. ( <a href="https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm">https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm</a> )	

**OPERATIONS SECTION:**

**OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA:** Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Weekly case totals continue to rise, over the last 7 days we had 381 cases, in comparison to the previous 7 days of 355 cases and 7 days prior to that our case total 302
- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak according to DOH
  - **General Business Community** – 2 with 8 pending investigations
  - **Long Term Care Facilities** – 1 with 0 pending investigations
  - **HealthCare Settings** – 1 with 0 pending investigation
  - **Childcare Settings** – 0 with 0 pending investigation
  - **Schools** – 0 with 0 pending investigations
- DOH Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report of as April 21, 2021 [Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report \(wa.gov\)](#)
- DOH COVID sequencing and variant report 4/21/21 [SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing and Variants in Washington State](#)
- BFHD April Outbreak Report (data for the month of March, 2021) [Leg Report UPDATE Template \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Working with DSHS and Avalon to provide continued Isolation and Quarantine support through the end of June.

- Following up with interested schools to provide the Binax test kits
- Updates to K-12 school guidance include CDC recommendations of at least 3ft distancing [K-12 Schools Guidance 2020-2021 \(wa.gov\)](#)
- There has been some confusion and question from parents to BFHD about the length of time required for quarantine for close contacts identified in schools. Because of the 3ft distancing in schools students/staff must be quarantined due to a COVID positive close contact the requirement is to quarantine for the full 14 days because of the 3ft distance to others when returned to school versus being able to keep a 6 ft distance. For those students who are 16 or older and are fully vaccinated the quarantine requirement is not necessary – so don't hesitate vaccinate!
- BFHD facilitated a call on 4/28 between the school nurses, the contact tracers and the school outbreak team to discuss issues around close contacts, quarantine and to offer assistance with contact tracing in schools.

#### **CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:**

- Care Coordination team connects people in Isolation or quarantine to the services they need to stay isolated. This may be providing a Walgreens Hygiene kit or a Kroger Food box or connecting them with rent assistance, grocery or prescription delivery or other services. Care Coordination is averaging about 20 case referrals per day
- Care Coordination Team will be putting together some "Care Boxes" that can be provided at Pop-Up vaccine clinics for homeless and at-risk groups.

#### **VACCINE PREPAREDNESS:**

- **Come one come all with registration or not and get your vaccination today!** Lines are open and there is very little, to no wait time for a vaccination. **Registrations are still encouraged but are not necessary as registrations can be done at the time of vaccination. – Don't wait- vaccinate!**
- Last week 4/20-4/24 the Mass Vaccination site gave 4364 vaccinations.
- **Mass Vaccination Site hours this week April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Tuesday & Thursday 10 AM-3 PM
  - **Wednesday & Friday 11 AM – 8:00 PM**
  - Saturday 9 AM – 12 PM (noon)
- The pause on the J&J vaccine has been removed, the FDA and CDC have authorized the restart of the J&J Covid vaccine and the Western State Scientific Safety Review Workgroup has also agreed with the restart of the J&J vaccine. The workgroup concluded that the J&J vaccine is safe and effective, and paired with patient and provider educational materials about potential risks, provides an important option to continue to reduce severe COVID-19 illness. All those providers who have J&J may once again schedule appointments for this vaccine.
- Mass vaccination site at the Benton County Fairgrounds is **not requiring** registration/appointments via PrepMod <https://prepmo.doh.wa.gov/clinic/search> but registrations are still highly encouraged to speed the process of vaccine delivery. **There are still appointments available for this week at the Mass Vaccination site and registrations can be done at the site.**
- EVERYONE ages 16 and older are eligible to receive their COVID vaccination. Registrations are still available at the mass vaccination site or use [vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov](https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov) to find a clinic near you.

- Need help locating a place to receive your COVID vaccination go to [vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov](https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov) this link will provide assistance in locating a shot in your area by searching for available locations by zip code. This link will show vaccine availability for ALL clinics, pharmacies etc. within a wide search area of the zip code you enter.
- The CBC West test site will host another vaccine clinic on Sunday May 2nd from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Vaccinations at this site is primarily focused on Agriculture workers and food processors but anyone 18+ can make a registration via PrepMod at this link [https://prepmod.doh.wa.gov/client/registration?clinic\\_id=2764](https://prepmod.doh.wa.gov/client/registration?clinic_id=2764)
- Richland School district to offer a second vaccine clinic at Hanford High School April 30<sup>th</sup>, there first clinic at Richland High school on April 16<sup>th</sup> and provided over 250 vaccinations.
- BFHD provided a second shot clinic for Gourmet Trading/Balcom and Moe employees on April 26 & 27 providing a total of 177 second vaccinations
- Mobile Clinic was held this week at Syngenta providing 16 vaccinations at that mobile event, other mobile events planned this week for AgriNorthwest and Lamb Weston
- If you are unable to locate your COVID Vaccination card go to <https://wa.myir.net> and register for access to view your official immunization records.
- BFHD is responsible for vaccine allocation to providers in Benton and Franklin County – if you are a provider please respond weekly to the REDCap survey to ensure your vaccine allocation. The mass vaccination site continues to receive its allocation from DOH.
- Need assistance with getting to a vaccine provider? Ben Franklin Transit can help, go to [www.bft.org/vaccinetransportation](http://www.bft.org/vaccinetransportation) for information on their “fair-Free” services to many vaccination providers throughout Benton and Franklin County
- Vaccinations of the identified Homebound is currently paused awaiting recommendations regarding J&J vaccine.
- Richland Senior Association volunteers have been assisting in connecting seniors who are not technologically savvy with the help they need (PrepMod) for their COVID vaccinations, if you need assistance you can call 1-800-595-4070

#### **COMMUNITY TESTING:**

- **CBC-West Test Site:** To date the site has administered 90,218 **COVID tests**. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 4/22/2021 –443, Friday 4/23/2021 -391, Saturday 4/24/2021 -203, Sunday 4/25/2021-271, Monday 4/26/2021 –503, Tuesday 4/27/2021-522, Wednesday 4/28/2021-499
- **CBC-West Test Site remains open 7 days a week Monday -Sunday from 8:30am to 4:00pm** - pre-registration makes for a faster experience at the test site – however you may still have to wait in line until you reach the point where the site breaks into lanes, please be patient. Click the link to be taken to the registration page [www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting](http://www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting)
- Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 16.19% and the 14-day positivity rate at this site is 11.13%

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

##### **NEWS AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST:**

DOH press briefing today 4/28/21 – Dr Umair Shah indicated that Washington has given 5.1 million doses and approximately 30% of Washingtonians are fully vaccinated. 84% of the vaccine the has been allocated to Washington has been administered. The average daily vaccinations give is now 59,856 per day.

**Updated CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

##### **Updated guidance documents from DOH:**

- [Food Workers and Establishments](#): Food sampling is now allowed in Phases 2 and 3 with physical distancing requirements in place. Masks should be worn when not actively eating or drinking.
- [Families Caregiving for Loved Ones](#): Guidance has been translated into 26 languages, found here: [Resources and Recommendations Page](#) > You and Your Family > [Families Caregiving for Loved Ones](#) > Additional Languages
- [COVID19 Fairs and Special Events Guidance.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">COVID-19 Prevention Guidance and Reopening of Water Recreation Facilities in Phases</a> includes new language defining a testing strategy to allow water polo in Phase 3.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BFHD Videos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to use PrepMod to schedule a vaccine appointment - Spanish <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maZW7uoERX0&amp;t=8s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maZW7uoERX0&amp;t=8s</a></li> <li>• Dispelling myths about COVID-19 Vaccine-Spanish <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzQK9bRdmTA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzQK9bRdmTA</a></li> <li>• How it works – vaccine distribution locally and statewide <a href="https://vimeo.com/493899006">https://vimeo.com/493899006</a></li> <li>• Working with Spanish media outlets to provide Vaccination information across radio and television</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Program created to support quarantine and isolation needs is saving lives.</b> <a href="#">Care Connect Washington</a>, launched in December to support people who have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19, has reached almost 13,500 people. Read the full news release <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Roadmap to Recovery Metrics dashboard</a>. <b>Note:</b> A new data visualization tab has been added to the dashboard. In addition to data regarding current status, epidemiology curve, cumulative counts, demographics, testing, hospitalizations, and vaccinations, the new tab offers a picture into healthcare system readiness.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need support during COVID-19? Call Washington Listens - Crisis Connections helps facilitate a support line called Washington Listens. Washington Listens will provide non-clinical support to people who feel sad, anxious, or stressed due to COVID-19. Washington Listens is free and anonymous. Any Washington resident can call, and a support specialist will listen and help to guide you to connections within your community. Call <a href="#">Washington Listens</a> at 1-833-681-0211. Someone is available to talk from 6am-10pm on Monday and 6am-6pm Tuesday through Sunday. TTY and language access services are available</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Ask Dr. Amy” NBC Right Now - Tuesdays at 5:00pm - provides the community the opportunity to ask Dr. Amy Person, BFHD Health Officer questions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BFHD Media Briefing this week Thursday from 11:00-11:30 AM</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Heather Hill on Kadlec on Call Wednesday evenings with Jim Hall, KONA Radio 610 AM at 6:00 pm</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFHD updates <a href="#">Website</a> <a href="#">Twitter</a> and <a href="#">Facebook</a> daily</li> </ul>

**LOGISTICS:**

<p><b><u>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</u></b></p>
<p>36,000 KN90 and 24,000 Cloth masks have been provided by the state to our area for restaurant workers for Benton and Franklin County. BFHD sent a mass notification email to all licensed food establishments in Benton and Franklin Counties notifying them of the mask availability. Over 160 food establishments have received masks.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As PPE supplies are more readily available the reliance on the state to procure and provide PPE supplies has diminished. The state requires all entities seeking supplies from the state to certify that all local and commercial supply avenues have been exhausted prior to requesting state allocated supplies. If an entity is not able to procure supplies through local or commercial channels, they can still request supplies through Emergency Management. All PPE requests for either Benton County facilities/agencies or Franklin County facilities/agencies go through Franklin County Emergency Management. <b>Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves.</b> Contact for PPE request is Sean Davis at <a href="mailto:sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us">sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated PPE prioritization guidelines can be found here <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PPEPrioritizationofAllocation.pdf">https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PPEPrioritizationofAllocation.pdf</a></li> </ul>

- List of PPE vendors the state uses to procure PPE items  
<https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf>

**DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:**

<b><u>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissemination of BFHD weekly Incident Action Plan released Tuesday’s by 5:00</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unified Situational Report (SitRep) dissemination once weekly - Wednesday only</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Provider Call Tuesday at 5:30pm This is a forum for providers to ask questions about mostly COVID topics presented by many different medical providers each week.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every other Wednesday at 1:00 PM- BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school nursing staff.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every other Thursday at 2:00pm – Call with local agricultural partners. The BFHD Outreach team participates in an Agriculture call hosted by Yakima Health District, hosted the third Friday of every month.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every other Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# the next meeting will be May 12, 2021</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-253-372-2181 Phone Conference ID: 966 109 52#</li> <li>• - State SitRep will only be disseminated on Fridays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday at 10:00- BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school administration</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies</li> </ul>
<b><u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile vaccination and other community vaccine planning</li> </ul>
<b><u>CURRENT RISKS:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in disease activity</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine hesitancy/resistance in our community and the potential to slow the vaccination rate, leading to a slower economic and public health recovery</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return to fulltime in-person learning in schools across the two counties for Elementary Middle and High School students– The governor approved CDC 3 ft distance recommendation – will continue to monitor for outbreaks</li> </ul>

**WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:**

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

**DISTRIBUTED TO:**

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff

Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies

WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer

Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer

Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons