Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 04/01/2021 – 04/07/2021  Mission #: 20-0265
Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties

**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 – The first evaluation of the Metrics since all Washington Counties were moved to Phase 3 is scheduled for Monday April 12th. Any county who is no longer meeting the metrics as listed below will be moved back one phase on Friday April 16th. According to BFHD at this point in time it looks as though both Benton and Franklin are meeting the metrics. Official information will come from DOH on Monday April 12th.

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<th>County Size</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Phase 1</th>
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<td>Larger County</td>
<td>New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population per 14 days</td>
<td>&gt;350</td>
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<td>Larger County</td>
<td>New COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population per 7 days</td>
<td>&gt;10</td>
<td>5-10</td>
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<td>Smaller County (&lt;50K people)</td>
<td>New COVID-19 cases over 14 days</td>
<td>&gt;175</td>
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<td>New COVID-19 hospitalizations over 7 days</td>
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- The BFHD Webpage will have metrics displayed for Benton and Franklin County Phase 3 Metrics on April 12th – click here for metrics Roadmap to Recovery Metrics - Benton Franklin Health District (wa.gov)
- 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**

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<th>Total Case Count</th>
<th>04/07/2021</th>
<th>Benton</th>
<th>Franklin</th>
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<tr>
<td>Confirmed*</td>
<td></td>
<td>15373</td>
<td>11425</td>
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<td>Deaths**</td>
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<td>208</td>
<td>99</td>
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*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 04/07/2021

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<td>Pasco</td>
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<td>Mesa</td>
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<td>Connell</td>
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<td>Benton City</td>
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<td>Prosser</td>
<td>1046</td>
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<td>Plymouth</td>
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<td>Paterson</td>
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Hospital Admission Data 04/07/21

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<th>Total admitted patients</th>
<th>Total admitted patients with COVID-19 (Confirmed and suspect)</th>
<th>% of admitted patients having COVID-19</th>
<th>Recovered Estimate</th>
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<td>400</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>2.0%</td>
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Covid-19 Hospital Admission Rates

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<th>Date Range</th>
<th>Benton-Franklin Hospital Admission per 100,000 over 7-days</th>
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<td>3/25/2021 to 3/31/2021</td>
<td>3.71</td>
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Case Locations of Interest 04/07/2021

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<td>Long Term Care Residents and Staff</td>
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Please visit Washington State Department of Corrections site for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm)

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.
- Over the last 7 days we had 233 cases, in comparison to the previous 7 days of 211 cases and 7 days prior to that our case total 215
- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak according to DOH
  - General Business Community – 7 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 – 1 with 1 pending investigations
- DOH COVID sequencing and variant report 4/01/21 [SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing and Variants in Washington State]
- BFHD Data Management will finalize the document on COVID death reporting and review the updated Healthcare outbreak classification

### 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.

### VACCINE PREPAREDNESS:
- Last week 3/30-4/3 the Mass Vaccination site gave 6,356 vaccinations.
- **Mass Vaccination site hours April 6th -April 10th**
  - Tuesday & Thursday 10 AM-3 PM
  - Wednesday & Friday 11 AM – 5:30 PM
  - Saturday 9 AM – 12 PM (noon)
- **Mass Vaccination Site hours April 13th - April 17th**
  - Tuesday & Thursday 10 AM-3 PM
  - Wednesday & Friday 11 AM – 8:00 PM
  - Saturday 9 AM – 12 PM (noon)
- There will also be a limited supply of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at the Mass Vaccination site April 13-17, registrations for the J&J vaccine will be in the morning timeframe and available through prepmod next week.
- Mass vaccination site at the Benton County Fairgrounds still requires a registration/appointment via PrepMod but you will not need to bring proof of eligibility via PhaseFinder [https://prepmod.doh.wa.gov/clinic/search]
- **There are still appointment available for this week at the Mass Vaccination Site** - If people need assistance with registration/appointments there are staff available at the site to assist.
- Need help locating a place to receive your COVID vaccination go to [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.
- APRIL 15th EVERYONE age 16 and older will be eligible to receive their COVID vaccination.
- The CBC West test site will convert one of the testing lanes to a vaccination lane beginning on Sunday April 11th – At this time vaccinations will only be given on Sundays. Vaccinations at this site is primarily focused on Agriculture workers who will be provided appointment links via the PrepMod system.
- Kadlec will also be providing block appointments to vaccinate Agriculture and Food Processor employees beginning on April 12th.
• BFHD will be assisting Walla Walla County with a vaccine outreach event at first Fruits in Prescott.
• 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 for information on their “fair-Free” services to many vaccination providers throughout Benton and Franklin County
• Vaccinations of the identified Homebound continues as additional people are identified
• 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 82,747 COVID tests. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 4/1/2021 – 376, Friday 4/2/2021 -304, Saturday 4/3/2021 -266, Sunday 4/4/2021-184, Monday 4/5/2021 – 184, Tuesday 4/6/2021-313, Wednesday 4/7/2021-301
• 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
• Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 16.65% and the 14-day positivity rate at this site is 8.45%

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

NEWS AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST:
• Gov. Jay Inslee update travel restriction proclamation – Update to Proclamation 20-83 to clarify that, in addition to requiring compliance with CDC restrictions related to international flight travel, all other types of travel, including intrastate travel, should also follow CDC guidance and requirements. This is a technical update to conform the proclamation to the Governor’s previously revised travel advisory.
• DOH held a media briefing today 4/7, Dr. Umair Shah, Washington State Secretary of Health briefed that he is concerned about the increase in disease rate, especially in the younger population (40 and under), he indicated that our behavior matters and that while vaccinations are a crucial tool, we must use complementary measures for prevention as well. SheAnne Allen, COVID Vaccine Director briefed that the 4 state lead mass vaccinations sites will have given 200,000 doses as of today. The state as a whole is averaging 60,000 vaccinations a day, exceeding the original goal of 45,000 per day. – Don’t Hesitate, vaccinate!
• FEMA to provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020. Applications will be accepted beginning April 12. Read more details here.
• DOH updated service and emotional support animals’ guidance. This guidance provides assistance to local governments in establishing best practices standards for people who are ill with COVID-19 and depend on a service animal or emotional support animal. It outlines the legal definitions, patient responsibilities, safety and support information, and potential funding resources. Read the full guidance here.

• Department of Health adopting CDC guidance on safe behaviors post-vaccine Department of Health adopting CDC guidance on safe behaviors post-vaccine > Washington State Department of Health * please note this guidance DOES NOT apply to healthcare settings and also ALL workplace guidelines and mask mandates as directed by the governor are still in effect even it fully vaccinated.
• Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People | CDC
• CDC mask fit hints and tips
  o Maximizing Fit for Cloth and Medical Procedure Masks to Improve Performance and Reduce SARS-CoV-2 Transmission and Exposure, 2021 | MMWR (cdc.gov)
  o Improve How Your Mask Protects You | CDC
  o Improve the Fit and Filtration of Your Mask to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19 | CDC

• 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 Washington Listens 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

• “Ask Dr. Amy” NBC Right Now - Tuesdays at 5:00pm - provides the community the opportunity to ask Dr. Amy Person, BFHD Health Officer questions

• There is no scheduled BFHD Media Briefing this week

• BFHD updates Website, Twitter, and Facebook daily

LOGISTICS:

PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:

36,000 KN90 and 24,000 Cloth masks have been provided by the state to our area for restaurant workers. Between Benton and Franklin Counties there are approx. 12,000 restaurant workers. Each worker is to receive 2 cloths masks and 3 KN90 masks. Masks can be requested by calling 509-545-3546 or via email to sdamis@co.franklin.wa.us

• All PPE requests for either Benton County facilities/agencies or Franklin County facilities/agencies will now go through Franklin County Emergency Management. Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves. Contact for PPE request is Sean Davis at sdamis@co.franklin.wa.us

• Updated PPE prioritization guidelines can be found here https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PPEPrioritizationofAllocation.pdf

• 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:

RECURRING ACTIVITIES:

• Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing

• Tuesday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM

• Dissemination of BFHD weekly Incident Action Plan released Tuesday’s by 5:00

• Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call

• Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call

• Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting

• Unified Situational Report (SitRep) dissemination once weekly - Wednesday only

• 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.
• Every other Wednesday at 1:00 PM: BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school nursing staff.

• Every other Thursday at 2:00 pm: 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.

• Every other Wednesday at 1:00 pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone: 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# the next meeting will be April 14, 2021

• Thursday at 11:30 am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-253-372-2181 Phone Conference ID: 966 109 52#
  - State SitRep will only be disseminated on Fridays

• Thursday at 10:00: BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school administration

• Every other Thursday at 1:30: Municipality Advisory Council

• Third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies

FUTURE OPERATIONS:

• Mobile vaccination and other community vaccine planning progression into the next phases

CURRENT RISKS:

• Potential impact of variant increase in case counts across Washington

• Vaccine hesitancy in our community and the potential to slow the vaccination rate, leading to a slower economic and public health recovery

• 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

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 Boar: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons