



# UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT #84

**Event Name: BFHD COVID-19**

Report Period: 05/06/2021 – 05/12/2021	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 May 4<sup>th</sup> Governor Inslee announced a “pause” in the Roadmap to Recovery for 2 weeks. All counties will stay in their current phase for the next two weeks prior to a **re-evaluation of the metrics for each county on May 18, 2021** <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-two-week-pause-phases>

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](#)
- COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for Business and Workers can be found here, [COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for Businesses and Workers | Governor Jay Inslee \(wa.gov\)](#)

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

Total Case Count 05/12/2021	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	16327	12064
Deaths**	215	105

\*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 05/12/21	# of Cases
Pasco	10,685
Mesa	360
Connell	720
Kahlotus	18
Eltopia	177
Kennewick	9142
Richland	3976
West Richland	1135
Benton City	720
Prosser	1118
Plymouth	48
Paterson	40
Not Specified	252

Hospital Admission Data 05/12/21			
Total admitted patients	Total admitted patients with COVID-19 (Confirmed and suspect)	% of admitted patients having COVID-19	Recovered Estimate
411	20	4.9%	26608
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
4/24/2021 to 4/30/2021	5.62	3.4	10.33

Case Locations of Interest 05/12/2021	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	842
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:

<p><b>OUTBREAK MITIGATION &amp; DATA:</b> 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.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly case totals continue to decline this week - over the last 7 days we had 278 cases, the previous 7 days was 331 cases and previous to that week was 381 cases.</li> <li>Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak according to DOH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Business Community – 5 with 7 pending investigations</li> <li>Long Term Care Facilities – 1 with 0 pending investigations – possible breakthrough or re-infection case</li> <li>HealthCare Settings – 1 with 1 pending investigation</li> <li>Childcare Settings – 0 with 0 pending investigation</li> <li>Schools – 1 with 2 pending</li> </ul> </li> <li>DOH Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report of as 5/5/21 <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/our-work/disease-prevention-and-control/communicable-disease-prevention-and-control/statewide-covid-19-outbreak-report">Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report (wa.gov)</a></li> <li>DOH COVID sequencing and variant report 5/12/2021 <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/our-work/disease-prevention-and-control/communicable-disease-prevention-and-control/covid-19-sequencing-and-variants">SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing and Variants in Washington State</a></li> </ul>

- BFHD Outbreak report for May (April data) will be published to the BFHD website by Friday 5/14 – the report can be found here [Program Reports & Publications - Benton Franklin Health District \(wa.gov\)](#) then click on Communicable Disease and May Outbreak Report

- Update to return to School Guidance for COVID positive or close contact <https://covid19.bfhd.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/COVID-19-School-Screening-5.3.21>

#### 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.
- [Metrics for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Conducted by Washington State Centralized Investigations](#)

#### VACCINE PREPAREDNESS:

- Last week 5/4-5/8 the Mass Vaccination site gave 3646 vaccinations. 175 of those vaccinations were the J&J vaccine.
- **Mass Vaccination Site hours this week May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>** Limited doses of the J&J vaccine available daily during the times listed below:
  - Tuesday & Thursday 10 AM- 4 PM
    - J&J Clinic 1:30-3:30 PM
  - Wednesday & Friday 11 AM – 8 PM
    - J&J Clinic 5:30-7:30 PM
  - Saturday 9 AM – 12 PM (noon)
    - J&J clinic 10:00 AM – Noon
- The FDA on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine for ages 12-15 under the Early Use Authorization. The CDC advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Western State Scientific Safety Workgroup meet today to review the data and make their recommendations. There is nothing that prohibits vaccinating the 12-15 age group right now, however without ACIP recommendation insurance may not cover any administration fee a provider may charge for administering the vaccine. The mass vax site will not provide the vaccination to this age group until approved by ACIP and the Western States group. The expectation is beginning Thursday vaccine will be available at the mass vax site for ages 12-15 as well.
- Mass vaccination site at the Benton County Fairgrounds is **not requiring** registration/appointments via PrepMod <https://prepmod.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](http://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](http://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.
- 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.
- 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 or call People for People at 1-800-233-1624 for transportation assistance /options.

#### Mobile/Pop-Up COVID Vaccination Clinics

Data/Time	Location	# of Vaccinations Given
May 5 <sup>th</sup> 1-7 p.m.	Fiesta Foods - Pasco	70
May 7 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. 2 p.m.	Volunteer Park – Pasco	21
May 8 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Pasco Farmers Mkt	72
May 9 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	CBC West Test Site	38

Clinics to be held this week		
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lamb Weston – Paterson	23
May 15 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Pasco Farmers Mkt	
May 12 <sup>th</sup> 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.	St. Vincent Food Bank - Pasco	25 J&J and 11 Moderna
May 16 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	CBC West Test Site	
May 16 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. -3 p.m.	Lakeview Mobile Home Pk – Pasco	
No registrations/appointments required but available on PrepMod if desired, Moderna or J&J vaccine available for everyone 18+		
<b>COMMUNITY TESTING:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBC-West Test Site: To date the site has administered 95,875 COVID tests. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 5/6/2021 –335, Friday 5/7/2021 -414, Saturday 5/8/2021 -219, Sunday 5/9/2021-269, Monday 5/10/2021 - 477, Tuesday 5/11/2021-446, Wednesday 5/12/2021-460</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 <a href="http://www.wacovid19.org/tricitytesting">www.wacovid19.org/tricitytesting</a></li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 15.63% and the 14-day positivity rate at this site is 7.96%</li> </ul>		

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

NEWS AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out these videos from Visit Tri-Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">(136) The Professor says CYA - YouTube</a></li> <li><a href="#">(136) Vanquish the Violator Zone (Short) - YouTube</a></li> <li><a href="#">(136) Get Vaccinated, Tri-Cities! 5.2021 - YouTube</a></li> <li><a href="#">(136) Vax Up, Tri-Cities! - YouTube</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Dr. Amy with Kirk Williamson with Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance <a href="#">Covid-19 Update on Vimeo –</a></li> <li>Heather Hill is a regular guest on Kadlec on Call 610 KONA AM Wednesday's at 6 p.m. check it out here <a href="https://anchor.fm/jim-hall3/episodes/Kadlec-on-Call-April-28--2021-evu7ok">https://anchor.fm/jim-hall3/episodes/Kadlec-on-Call-April-28--2021-evu7ok</a></li> <li>BFHD info team working with couple of Spanish radio stations KMMG and KZHR for Latinx messaging and interviews as well as print ad with La Voz Spanish newspaper. Planning social media campaign geared toward the younger crowd on platforms such as Instagram, TikTok</li> <li>Update: <a href="#">Risk Assessment Template to Assess COVID-19 Exposure Risk for Residents/Clients after Community Visits</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes updates on visiting when fully vaccinated.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Update: <a href="#">Long-Term Care Facility Testing for Staff and Residents</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine testing recommendations updated to recommend testing all staff <b>regardless of vaccination status.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Update: <a href="#">Guidance for Temporary Worker Housing Emergency Rule</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information added on impact of vaccinations for group shelters and shared facilities.</li> <li>Updated requirements for isolation facilities to be provided by operators.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Updated CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html</a></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>

- 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 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.
- 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. **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 [sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us](mailto:sdavis@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
- Every other Tuesday Planning meeting at 4:00pm– Planning Meeting via ZOOM
- BFHD has transitioned to a bi-weekly Incident Action Plan (IAP) dissemination from this week forward will be bi-weekly on 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 2:00pm – 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.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 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 June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday at 11:30am - 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

<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>• Continued mobile vaccination and other community vaccine planning</li> <li>• Demobilization planning for the Mass Vaccination site</li> </ul>
<b><u>CURRENT RISKS:</u></b>
<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 and impacts from quarantine requirements</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