

**Event Name: BFHD COVID-19**

Report Period: 05/20/2021 – 05/26/2021	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 13<sup>th</sup> Governor Inslee announced that all counties will move to Phase 3 effective May 18<sup>th</sup> – June 30. The state will fully re-open on June 30 or before if we can reach a 70% vaccination rate across the state. One caveat to these re-opening plans is if the ICU capacity reaches 90% restrictions may need to be put back in place. <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-statewide-reopening-date-june-30-and-short-term-statewide-move-phase%2%A03>
- Governor Inslee also announced on May 13<sup>th</sup> that Washington would follow the CDC guidelines for masking guidance for fully vaccinated people. Meaning people who are two weeks past their second Pfizer or Moderna shot or one-shot J&J will not be required to wear a mask in most settings. There are exclusions to the mask guidance – like for medical, public transportation, schools, etc. and businesses retain the right to require customers to wear masks.
- [State Roadmap to Recovery Metrics dashboard](#)
- Updates to 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 05/26/2021	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	16550	12203
Deaths**	217	107

\***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 05/26/21	# of Cases
Pasco	10,811
Mesa	362
Connell	731
Kahlotus	18
Eltopia	177
Kennewick	9277
Richland	4036
West Richland	1148
Benton City	725
Prosser	1125
Plymouth	49
Paterson	40
Not Specified	254

Hospital Admission Data 05/26/21			
Total admitted patients	Total admitted patients with COVID-19 (Confirmed and suspect)	% of admitted patients having COVID-19	Recovered Estimate
392	15	3.8%	27324
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
5/8/2021 to 5/14/2021	4.63	4.86	4.13

Case Locations of Interest 05/26/2021	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	843
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 176 cases, the previous 7 days was 202 cases and previous to that week was 234 cases. Our case count has not been this low since September of 2020!!!</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><b>General Business Community</b> – 5 with 3 pending investigations</li> <li><b>Long Term Care Facilities</b> – 1 with 1 pending investigations – possible breakthrough or re-infection case</li> <li><b>HealthCare Settings</b> – 0 with 0 pending investigation</li> <li><b>Childcare Settings</b> – 0 with 0 pending investigation</li> <li><b>Schools</b> – 1 with 3 pending</li> </ul> </li> <li>DOH Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report of as 5/19/21 <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-105-K12Schools2021-2022.pdf">Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report (wa.gov)</a></li> <li>DOH COVID sequencing and variant report 5/26/2021 <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-105-K12Schools2021-2022.pdf">SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing and Variants in Washington State</a></li> <li>BFHD Outbreak report for May (April data) <a href="https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_10765972/File/Agency%20Reports/BFHD%20COVID-19%20Outbreak%20Report%2005.2021.pdf">https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_10765972/File/Agency%20Reports/BFHD%20COVID-19%20Outbreak%20Report%2005.2021.pdf</a></li> <li>DOH issues updated K-12 school guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>news story click here <a href="https://coronavirus.wa.gov/news/department-health-releases-updated-k-12-school-guidance">https://coronavirus.wa.gov/news/department-health-releases-updated-k-12-school-guidance</a></li> <li>guidance document click here <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-105-K12Schools2021-2022.pdf">https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-105-K12Schools2021-2022.pdf</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>CONTACT TRACING &amp; CARE COORDINATION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li><a href="#">Metrics for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Conducted by Washington State Centralized Investigations - May 26, 2021 report.</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>VACCINE PREPAREDNESS:</b></p>



**A big thank you to everyone who made the Mass Vaccination Site at The Benton County Fairgrounds successful. The site has administered over 80,000 vaccinations. The site will be closing this Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM**

- Last week 5/18-5/22 the Mass Vaccination site gave 2146 vaccinations
- **Mass Vaccination Site hours this week May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 28<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
- Planning for locations for sites in all 4 Cities (Pasco, Richland, Kennewick, West Richland)- for recurring “pop-up” clinics after the mass vaccination site demobilizes.
- BFHD is working to ensure that all clinical partners who usually administer childhood vaccinations are ready to re-engage to provide COVID vaccinations to their patients and parents. This will be increasingly important after the mass vaccination site demobilizes on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>
- BFHD partnered with Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, United Farmworkers and United Farmworkers Union to provide COVID vaccine information and outreach at the Pasco Flea Market on May 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. A vaccination clinic is planned at that location on June 6<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Columbia Basin Health Association.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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** - No registrations/appointments required but available on PrepMod if desired, Moderna or J&J vaccine available for everyone 18+ and Pfizer available to 12+

Data/Time	Location	# of Vaccinations Given
May 21 <sup>st</sup> 4 p.m.-7 p.m.	Super Mex Grocery – Pasco	16 Pfizer, 6 Moderna, 16 J&J
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Pasco Farmers Mkt	9 Pfizer, 10 Moderna, 17 J&J
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	CBC West	58 Pfizer, 89 Moderna, 35 J&J
Clinics to be held this week		
May 25 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. -12 p.m.	Ki-Be High School	30 Pfizer
May 29 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Pasco Farmer Mkt.	
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	CBC West	

## COMMUNITY TESTING:



Amazing work CBC Test Site Team, you have done over **100,000** Nasal Swabs for our community. Thank you for your continued support and commitment!!!

- **CBC-West Test Site:** To date the site has administered **100,085 COVID tests**. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 5/20/2021 –276, Friday 5/21/2021 -274, Saturday 5/22/2021 -198, Sunday 5/23/2021-229, Monday 5/24/2021 -335, Tuesday 5/25/2021-347, Wednesday 5/26/2021-278
- **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 15.22% and the 14-day positivity rate at this site is 5.92%**

## PUBLIC INFORMATION:

### NEWS AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

- On May 25, 2021 Benton-Franklin Health District (BFHD) Health Officer, Dr. Amy Person [rescinded local directives: Masking in Public](#) and the “No Mask, No Service in Businesses.” Both directives had been issued last summer to address rising case rates and widespread transmission of COVID-19. With the availability of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination, COVID-19 disease rates and transmission are improving in Benton and Franklin counties in line with the rest of Washington State. Local masking requirements beyond what is required by Washington State through [Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03.2](#) are no longer necessary.
- Updated COVID-19 workplace safety and health guidance from Washington Department of Labor & Industries [F414-179-000 Mask and Distancing Requirements Are Changing: Key COVID-19 Updates for Fully Vaccinated Workers \(May 21, 2021\) \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Updated guidance
  - [Libraries](#) - Updated May 19
  - [WA Talking Book and Braille Library](#)
  - [Miscellaneous Venues](#) - Updated May 19
- DOH information on myocarditis or pericarditis and COVID vaccine <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/news/statement-washington-state-department-health-0>
- The Hanford site recently produced a video featuring site employees sharing the reasons why they chose to be vaccinated, which you can view by clicking this hyperlink: [Hanford vaccination video](#).
- DOH video with Mellissa Lantz on Mass Vaccination Site <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=820532778875114>
- 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
- Heather Hill is a regular guest on Kadlec on Call 610 KONA AM Wednesday's at 6 p.m. check it out here <https://anchor.fm/jim-hall3/episodes/Kadlec-on-Call-April-28--2021-evu7ok>
- **No scheduled BFHD Media Briefing this week**
- BFHD updates [Website](#) [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) daily – BFHD is working to

**LOGISTICS:**

<b>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PPE supplies are now readily available through multiple vendors. The Benton/Franklin PPE supply on hand is down to just N95 masks, large and extra-large gloves and gel hand sanitizer. Once the current supplies are gone, we will not re-order any more PPE from the state UNLESS It is an emergent need that you cannot fill through your normal supply chain. <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>• List of PPE vendors the state uses to procure PPE items <a href="https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf">https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf</a></li></ul>

**DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:**

<b>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Every other Tuesday Planning meeting at 4:00pm– Planning Meeting via ZOOM</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</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>• 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>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 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></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>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</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>CURRENT RISKS:</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