

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 04/29/2021 – 05/05/2021	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 4th 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. <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](#)
- 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 05/05/2021	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	16178	11981
Deaths**	214	104

*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 05/05/21	# of Cases
Pasco	10,612
Mesa	359
Connell	716
Kahlotus	18
Etopia	176
Kennewick	9044
Richland	3945
West Richland	1126
Benton City	716
Prosser	1101
Plymouth	48
Paterson	40
Not Specified	250

Hospital Admission Data 05/05/21			
Total admitted patients	Total admitted patients with COVID-19 (Confirmed and suspect)	% of admitted patients having COVID-19	Recovered Estimate
388	32	8.2%	26267
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
4/17/2021 to 4/23/2021	7.93	7.29	9.3

Case Locations of Interest 05/05/2021	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	840
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.

- Weekly case totals decline for the first time in over 4 weeks - over the last 7 days we had 331 cases, down 50 cases from the previous 7 days of 381 cases.
- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak according to DOH
 - **General Business Community** – 3 with 7 pending investigations
 - **Long Term Care Facilities** – 0 with 0 pending investigations
 - **HealthCare Settings** – 1 with 0 pending investigation
 - **Childcare Settings** – 0 with 0 pending investigation
 - **Schools** – 0 with 0 pending but assisting school districts notifying a large number of close contacts
- DOH Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report of as April 28, 2021 [Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report \(wa.gov\)](#)
- DOH COVID sequencing and variant report 5/5/2021 [SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing and Variants in Washington State](#)

- 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:

- Planning for demobilization of all WA state mass vaccination sites is underway with a tentative demob date of late May to early June.
- Last week 4/27-5/1 the Mass Vaccination site gave 3281 vaccinations.
- **Mass Vaccination Site hours this week May 4th – May 8th**
 - Tuesday & Thursday 10 AM- 4 PM
 - **Wednesday & Friday 11 AM – 8 PM**
 - Saturday 9 AM – 12 PM (noon)
- The Mass Vaccination site has started offering the J&J vaccine with limited doses available daily beginning at 1:30 pm on Tue/Thurs and 5:30 pm on Wed/Fri - 48 J&J vaccinations were given at the site on Tuesday 5/4.
- Pop-Up vaccine clinics are scheduled for the following dates and times – **no appointment required:**
 - Wednesday May 5th 1 pm -7 pm @ Fiesta Foods in Pasco as of 4:30 pm, 35 vaccines have been given at this location
 - Friday May 7th 10 am – 2 pm @ Volunteer Park in Pasco
 - Saturday May 8th 9 am – 2 pm @ Pasco Farmers Market
 - **All clinics are for 18+ for either Moderna or J&J vaccine**
- The CBC West test site will host another vaccine clinic on Sunday May 9th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm anyone 18+ **Go to [PrepMod](#) and put “BFHD” in the “Search by Name” field for the direct link.** The clinic held on Sunday May 2nd provided 70 vaccinations.
- Mobile Clinic was held on Tuesday May 4th at Ki-Be High School providing 24 vaccinations.
- Lamb Weston mobile clinic held on Friday April 30th provided 40 vaccinations.
- An Early Use Authorization for the Pfizer COVID vaccine is under FDA consideration for ages 12-15, a decision could be made later this week or early next week. Pfizer has also indicated they will request an EUA for ages 2-11 in September.
- Vaccine allocation strategy moving to provider need-based approach. DOH is adjusting the way COVID-19 vaccines are allocated in an effort to quickly and equitably reach more people statewide and get vaccine where it's needed most. Read the full news release [here](#).
- 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](#) to find a clinic near you.

- 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.
- 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 for information on their “fair-Free” services to many vaccination providers throughout Benton and Franklin County

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- **CBC-West Test Site: To date the site has administered 93,255 COVID tests. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 4/29/2021 –496, Friday 4/30/2021 -430, Saturday 5/1/2021 -304, Sunday 5/2/2021-269, Monday 5/4/2021 -512, Tuesday 5/4/2021-512, Wednesday 5/5/2021-505**
- **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 15.92% and the 14-day positivity rate at this site is 9.8%**

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

NEWS AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

- Dr. Amy Person and Heather Hill will be live on KONA to give a COVID Vaccination to KONA Radio Personality, Robb Francis on Thursday 5/6 at 4:30 pm, they will also be vaccinating other KONA personnel.
- Update to spectator event and religious organization guidance <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-update-spectator-event-and-religious-organization-guidance>
- Update to Long-term care facility guidance <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-update-long-term-care-facility-guidance>
- CDC update on School Nutrition Resources [School Nutrition Resources | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/schoolnutrition/)
- Updated CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
- **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 \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Prevention Guidance and Reopening of Water Recreation Facilities in Phases](#) includes new language defining a testing strategy to allow water polo in Phase 3.

BFHD Videos

- How to use PrepMod to schedule a vaccine appointment - Spanish <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maZW7uoERX0&t=8s>
- Dispelling myths about COVID-19 Vaccine-Spanish <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzQK9bRdmTA>
- How it works – vaccine distribution locally and statewide <https://vimeo.com/493899006>
- Working with Spanish media outlets to provide Vaccination information across radio and television

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadmap to Recovery Metrics dashboard. Note: 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Ask Dr. Amy” NBC Right Now - Tuesdays at 5:00pm - provides the community the opportunity to ask Dr. Amy Person, BFHD Health Officer questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No scheduled BFHD Media Briefing this week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Hill on Kadlec on Call Wednesday evenings with Jim Hall, KONA Radio 610 AM at 6:00 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFHD updates Website Twitter and Facebook daily

LOGISTICS:

<p>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated PPE prioritization guidelines can be found here https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PPEPrioritizationofAllocation.pdf
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:

<p>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Tuesday Planning meeting at 4:00pm– Planning Meeting via ZOOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unified Situational Report (SitRep) dissemination once weekly - Wednesday only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Wednesday at 1:00 PM- BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school nursing staff.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • Thursday at 10:00- BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
<p><u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile vaccination and other community vaccine planning • Demobilization planning for the Mass Vaccination site
<p><u>CURRENT RISKS:</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in disease activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine hesitancy/resistance in our community and the potential to slow the vaccination rate, leading to a slower economic and public health recovery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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 Border: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons