

**Event Name: BFHD COVID-19**

Report Period: 06/24/2021 – 06/30/2021	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.

The Situation Report will be transitioning to bi-weekly and will be issued with the bi-weekly BFHD Incident Action Plan (IAP) every other Tuesday. The next IAP and SitRep will be sent on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

- The long-awaited economic re-opening of Washington is TODAY Washington business and industry may return to normal capacity and operations with the exception of large indoor >10,000 events being restricted to 75% capacity. Governor Inslee issued a statement on the economic event <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-statement-upcoming-economic-reopening>
- Don’t forget your mask after June 30- you may still need it even if you vaccinated - [Don’t forget your mask after June 30 – you may still need it even if you’re vaccinated > Washington State Department of Health](#)

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

Total Case Count 06/23/2021	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	17186	12516
Deaths**	226	113

\*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	06/16/21	# of Cases
Pasco		11,113
Mesa		365
Connell		736
Kahlotus		18
Eltopia		177
Kennewick		9587
Richland		4234
West Richland		1198
Benton City		759
Prosser		1165
Plymouth		49
Paterson		40
Not Specified		261

Hospital Admission Data 06/23/21			
Total admitted patients	Total admitted patients with COVID-19 (Confirmed and suspect)	% of admitted patients having COVID-19	Recovered Estimate
408	22	5.4%	28329
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
6/12/2021 to 6/18/2021	2.98	2.43	4.13

Case Locations of Interest 06/23/2021	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	847
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 cases have increased slightly. Over the last 7 days we had 210 cases, the previous 7 days was 173 cases and previous to that week was 189 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 –4 with 4 pending investigations</li> <li>Long Term Care Facilities – 1 with 1 pending investigations</li> <li>HealthCare Settings – 0 with 0 pending investigation</li> <li>Childcare Settings –0 with 0 pending investigation</li> <li>Schools – 2 with 0 pending</li> </ul> </li> <li>BFHD Benton-Franklin County COVID-19 Outbreak Report for June (Data from March 202-May31-2021) <a href="#">Leg Report UPDATE Template (wa.gov)</a></li> <li>DOH Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report of as 6/30/2021 <a href="#">Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report (wa.gov)</a></li> <li>DOH COVID sequencing and variant report 6/30/2021 <a href="#">SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing and Variants in Washington State</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the month of May 2021, 18.4% of all confirmed molecular COVID-19 cases were sequenced. This number is preliminary and will change over time as additional specimens are received from the previous month.</li> <li>30,413 (7.3%) specimens from COVID-19 cases in Washington state have been sequenced since January 2020.</li> <li>B.1.526.1 sublineage has been consolidated with B.1.526 and will no longer be tracked separately</li> <li>A column showing demographic information on 2021 sequenced specimens has been added as a comparison group on each of the individual variant pages at the end of the report</li> </ul> </li> <li>DOH Vaccine Breakthrough Surveillance and Case Information 6/30/21 <a href="#">SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Breakthrough Surveillance and Case Information Resource (wa.gov)</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2,382 vaccine breakthrough cases have been identified in WA State.</li> <li>Of the cases that have data available, 79% reported symptoms and 10% were hospitalized.</li> <li>43 have died of COVID-related illness.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOH K-12 school guidance</li> </ul>

- o guidance document click here <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-105-K12Schools2021-2022.pdf>

**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.
- Direct to case feature will be utilized for those persons who have not been reached after 3 attempts have been made- this feature will send a text allowing COVID positive residents to fill out their own contact tracing interview.
- [Metrics for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Conducted by Washington State Centralized Investigations - June 30, 2021 report.](#)

**VACCINE PREPAREDNESS:**

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- BFHD reaching out to OBGYN clinics to discuss and encourage these facilities to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to their patients.
- BFHD reached out to pediatric and family practice providers encouraging them to add COVID-19 vaccine as part of the routine childhood vaccine program for children twelve and up. This is especially important with back-to-school vaccinations starting soon.
- BFHD has contracted with Columbia Safety to provide mobile clinics five days a week, Wednesday through Sunday. BFHD identifies locations and coordinates the clinic details with Columbia Safety. For dates without a scheduled clinic, locations are being arranged for recurring “pop-up” clinics in all 4 Cities (Pasco, Richland, Kennewick, West Richland) and rural county sites. – see table below for weekly times and locations
- 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 - No registrations/appointments required**  
 Moderna or J&J vaccine available for everyone 18+ and Pfizer available to 12+

**THE EXTREME HEAT NEXT WEEK MAY IMPACT CLINCS PLEASE CHECK BFHD FACEBOOK OR WEBSITE FOR AVAILABILITY OR OTHER VACCINATION OPTIONS**

Data/Time	Location	# of Vaccinations Given
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Super Mex – Pasco	25
June 24 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	CBC Campus – Pasco	112
June 25-27 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	CBC West – Pasco	170
June 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Twin City Foods	28
June 26 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Columbia Center Mall - Kennewick	39
June 27 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Tierra Vida – Pasco	10
Clinics To Be Held This Week		
June 30 <sup>th</sup> & July 1 <sup>st</sup> 11 a.m. -6 p.m.	Columbia Center Mall-Indoors - Kennewick	
July 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Ben Franklin Transit – Indoors - Kennewick	
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Richland Farmers Market	
July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Islamic Center – Indoors – West Richland	
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> (closed on the 4 <sup>th</sup> )	CBC West - Pasco	

**COMMUNITY TESTING:**

**THE EXTREME HEAT NEXT WEEK MAY IMPACT TESTING AVAILABILITY PLEASE CHECK BFHD FACEBOOK OR WEBSITE FOR AVAILABILITY OR OTHER COMMUNITY TESTING OPTIONS**

**TEST SITE WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

- CBC-West Test Site: To date the site has administered **107,655 COVID tests**. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 6/24/2021 –245, Friday 6/25/2021 - 172, Saturday 6/26/2021 - 127, Sunday 6/27/2021-144, Monday 6/28/2021 -139, Tuesday 6/29/2021- 162.
- **CBC-West Test Site schedule changing beginning July 9<sup>th</sup> the site will operate 5 days a week, Friday to Tuesday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The site will be closed on Wednesday’s and Thursday’s** - 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 14.71% and the 14-day positivity rate at this site is 8.12%
- BFHD will be sending a survey to local clinical partners regarding availability of COVID testing at their facilities

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

**NEWS AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST:**

- Vaccination testimonial video <https://youtu.be/-wjy5scKpg0>
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Dr. Person will spoke with Hispanic Chamber on worker safety during COVID-19
- “Shot of a Lifetime” today is the final weekly drawing for the 250,000 prize and a final 1 Million dollar prize will be drawn on July 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - [MyIRmobile.com](http://MyIRmobile.com) allows people to check their COVID-19 vaccination records and confirm their eligibility for this program. As a reminder, this newly revamped access portal requires separate registration from previous wa.MyIR.net accounts.
- Washington State Emergency Management will reduce their operations level from full activation to partial activation on July 3<sup>rd</sup> – at that time, the state situation report will no longer be produced, and the weekly state/local coordination call will also cease, unless situations warrant.
- 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 June 30<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 workplace safety and health guidance from Washington Department of Labor & Industries [F414-164-000 L&I Requirements and Guidance for Preventing COVID-19 \(wa.gov\)](#)
- 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-June-23--2021-e13cck7>
- Dr. Amy Person will be featured on “Dialed In” tonight on KNDU
- Dr. Person will also be on Madeline in the Morning on Friday at 6:40 a.m. to participate in a vaccine myth busters’ segment
- 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>The Benton/Franklin PPE supply is now for EMERGENCY Situations ONLY – items you cannot obtain readily and are at a critical level. You will be asked to certify that you have exhausted all vendors and cannot obtain the PPE anywhere else. 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 Incident Action Plan (IAP) disseminated bi-weekly on Tuesday’s by 5:00 also beginning July 13<sup>th</sup> the Unified Situational Report (SitRep) will also be distributed bi-weekly on Tuesday’s.</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>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>The last North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting will be on July 14<sup>th</sup> – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555#</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday at 10:00- BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school administration - this call has been moved to monthly now that school is out for the summer. The next call will be in mid-July</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></ul>
<b>CURRENT RISKS:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vaccine hesitancy/resistance in our community and COVID-19 variants</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