

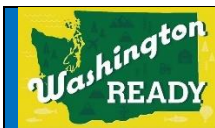
Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 07/14/2021 – 07/28/2021	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. On July 27th BFHD will be transitioning to a monthly IAP and SitRep as we reopen the Benton-Franklin Health District. The next IAP and SitRep will be sent on August 31st.



- The long-awaited economic re-opening of Washington is June 30 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 07/13/2021	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	18429	13170
Deaths**	233	116

*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.

Link to State and County Dashboards

[COVID-19 Data Dashboard :: Washington State Department of Health](#)

[COVID-19 Case Counts and Roadmap to Recovery - Benton Franklin Health District \(wa.gov\)](#)

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
398	51	12.8	29061
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
7/9/2021 to 7/15/2021	10.25	11.18	8.27

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 cases have increased significantly. Over the last 7 days we had 764 cases, the previous 7 days was 499 cases and previous to that week was 406 cases.
- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak according to DOH
 - **General Business Community** 12 with 8 pending investigations
 - **Long Term Care Facilities** – 5 with 0 pending investigations
 - **HealthCare Settings** – 2 with 1 pending investigation
 - **Childcare Settings** –0 with 0 pending investigation
 - **Schools** – 2 with 0 pending
- BFHD Benton-Franklin County COVID-19 Outbreak Report for June (Data from March 202-May31-2021) [Leg Report UPDATE Template \(wa.gov\)](#)

- DOH K-12 school guidance
 - guidance document click here [K-12 Schools Requirements 2021-2022 \(wa.gov\)](#)

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.
- [Metrics for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Conducted by Washington State Centralized Investigations](#) - July 7, 2021 report.

VACCINE PREPAREDNESS:

- 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.

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- **CBC-West Test Site:** To date the site has administered **114,947 COVID tests**. Testing numbers over the past two weeks are as follows: Friday 7/16/2021 - 428 , Saturday 7/17/2021 -271 , Sunday 7/18/2021-225, Monday 7/19/2021 -436, Tuesday 7/20/2021- 438, Friday 7/23/21 - 613, Saturday 7/24/21- 426, Sunday 7/25/21-359 , Monday 7/26/21- 589, Tuesday 7/27/21- 621.
- **CBC-West Test Site operates 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/tricitytesting
- **Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 14.85% and the 14-day positivity rate at this site is 18.5%**

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

NEWS AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

- Vaccination testimonial video <https://youtu.be/-wiy5scKpq0>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington State Emergency Management will reduce their operations level from full activation to partial activation on July 3rd – 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD moved to a level 2 activation level on 7/19/2021.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, Local masking recommendations or requirements beyond what is required by Washington State through Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03.2 may be considered due to the local increase in COVID-19 activity. Updated June 30th 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)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD Media Briefings are ad hoc for the COVID-19 response. The next media briefing is on 7/29/2021 at 9:30 AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD updates Website Twitter Instagram and Facebook

LOGISTICS:

<u>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us
<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:

<u>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Wednesday 8:00am - Operational Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Planning meeting, next meeting on Tuesday 8/31/21.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD Incident Action Plan (IAP) disseminated monthly by 5:00 beginning July 27th; the Unified Situational Report (SitRep) will go out at the same time.
<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"> 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"> The BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school administration - this call has been moved to every other week now that school is out for the summer. The next call will be in August 5th,2021
<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
<u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u>

- Rapidly increasing case counts and hospital capacity constraints

CURRENT RISKS:

- Vaccine hesitancy/resistance in our community and COVID-19 variants

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