


Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 08/21/2021 – 09/03/2021	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. Hospital capacity is reaching limits at this time, planning is being done to protect the healthcare industry. On August 17th BFHD transitioned back to a 2-week IAP. The Unified SitRep will be distributed the Friday after.



- Gov. Jay Inslee today announced a [vaccination requirement](https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-educator-vaccination-requirement-and-statewide-indoor-mask-mandate) for employees working in K-12, most childcare and early learning, and higher education, as well as an expansion of the statewide mask mandate to all individuals, regardless of vaccination status. <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-educator-vaccination-requirement-and-statewide-indoor-mask-mandate>
- Gov. Jay Inslee today issued an [emergency proclamation](#) mandating that most state executive branch employees and on-site contractors and volunteers, along with public and private health care and long-term care workers, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 18.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count 09/03/2021	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	23593	15786
Deaths**	263	129

*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 9/3/2021			
Total admitted patients	Total admitted patients with COVID-19 (Confirmed and suspect)	% of admitted patients having COVID-19	Recovered Estimate
406	111	27.3%	33146
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
8/16/21-8/22/21	33.39	32.57	35.14

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 plateaued. Over the last 7 days we had 1544 cases, the previous 7 days was 1511.
 - Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak according to DOH
 - **General Business Community** 19 with 16 pending investigation
 - **Long Term Care Facilities** – 10 with 10 on watch
 - **HealthCare Settings** – 2 with 1 pending investigation
 - **Childcare Settings** – 3 with 0 pending investigation
 - **Schools** – 5 with 2 pending investigations
 - BFHD Benton-Franklin County COVID-19 Outbreak Report (Data from March 2020-August-2021) [Benton-Franklin Counties COVID-19 Outbreak Report](#)
 - BFHD COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Benton & Franklin Counties Report [Benton & Franklin Vaccine Hesitancy Report.pdf \(civiclive.com\)](#)
 - Benton Franklin Counties COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough report posted August 2021. [Benton-Franklin Counties COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Report](#)
- DOH K-12 school guidance
 - Guidance document click here, updated 8/11/2021; [K-12 Schools Requirements 2021-2022 \(wa.gov\)](#)

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- Contact Tracing FAQ's: [Case Investigations and Contact Tracing FAQ :: Washington State Department of Health](#)
- Surge standards are in place for investigating cases in Contact Tracing.
- 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. These referrals are increasing steadily.
- [Metrics for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Conducted by Washington State Centralized Investigations](#) - August 18, 2021 report.

VACCINE PREPAREDNESS:

- Working with WSU Nursing students to provide mobile clinics throughout the counties.
- Vaccine planning for the 3rd dose is taking place with the community partners.
- To locate a place to receive your vaccine go to vaccine locator: [Vaccinate WA: Find COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments Near You](#).
- The Delta variant accounts for 100% of the cases in Benton & Franklin Counties Our team continues to work with providers on mitigation messaging and offering of vaccinations with patients.

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- **CBC-West Test Site:** To date the site has administered **137,504 COVID tests**. The 14-day positivity rate at the test site is 23.63%
- **CBC-West Test Site operates 5 days a week, Friday to Tuesday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The site will be closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays** - 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

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

NEWS AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

- BFHD Media Release on 9/3/2021 regarding deaths this week posted. [Weekly COVID Death Report 9.3.2021](#)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination testimonial video https://youtu.be/-wjy5scKpg0
<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. BFHD moved back to a level 3 activation on 8/13/2021.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated August 23, 2021 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"> Angeles Ize is a regular guest on Univision Spanish radio
<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 weekly now for the COVID-19 response. The last one was 9/2/2021 at 9:30 AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Person was the guest on TRIDEC's Coffee with Karl, Friday 8/20/21. Coffee with Karl is a Community Conversations on Rebuilding the Tri-Cities Together
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular COVID-19 update segments with the Benton Franklin Community Health Alliance are given by Benton-Franklin Health District
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD updates Website Twitter Instagram and Facebook

LOGISTICS:

PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests for PPE request can be sent to either Sean Davis at: sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us for Franklin County requests or Deanna Davis at: d.davis@bces.wa.gov for Benton County requests.
<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:

RECURRING ACTIVITIES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am – COVID-19 Operational Briefing @ BFHD via zoom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD COVID-19 Planning meeting, next meeting on Tuesday 8/31/21.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD Incident Action Plan (IAP) disseminated every 2 weeks by 5:00; the next IAP will be released on 9/14/21. the Unified Situational Report (SitRep) will go out the Friday after the IAP, next one released on 9/17/21.
<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"> Once a month 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 changed to weekly, on Thursday, as of 8/19/21.
<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
FUTURE OPERATIONS:

- City of Richland is standing up a community test site with the University of Washington

CURRENT RISKS:

- Large venue events continue to operate putting the community at risk with minimal mitigating efforts
- Hospital capacity is at an all-time high, overburdening our healthcare systems.
- COVID-19 positive case counts continue to rise to some of the highest rates in the Pandemic.
- Vaccine hesitancy/resistance in our community

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