

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 12/3/2021 – 1/10/2022	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

General Situation/Overview:

BFHD has been activated 22months in the COVID-19 response to address the mitigation of COVID-19 disease in our community.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count 1/10/2022	Benton	Franklin	Total
Confirmed*	32840	20722	53562
Deaths**	396	183	579

*Confirmed: Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA using a molecular amplification detection test or by sequencing results. **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: 1/10/2022			
Total admitted patients	Total admitted patients with COVID-19 (Confirmed and suspect)	% of admitted patients having COVID-19	Recovered Estimate
409	46	11.2%	48369
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
12/23/2021 to 12/29/2021	6.28	5.35	8.27

OPERATIONS SECTION:

Wednesday, 8:00am – COVID-19 Operational Briefing @ BFHD via zoom

BFHD is at level 3 activation

OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures.

- Weekly cases have significantly increased. Over the last 7 days we had 2466 cases, the previous 7 days had 285.
- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak according to DOH
 - General Business Community - 5 with 13 pending investigations
 - Long Term Care Facilities – 3 with 11 on watch
 - HealthCare Settings – 0 with 4 pending investigations
 - Childcare Settings – 0 with 0 pending investigation
 - Schools –2 with 0 pending investigations
- BFHD Outbreak report: [Outbreak Report](#)
- BFHD Breakthrough report: [Breakthrough Report](#)
- BFHD was assigned two epidemiology staff from the CDC Foundation. They will work with the Outbreak Team to provide contact tracing and outbreak investigations for K-12 schools.

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- Contact tracing has implemented surge standards to handle the large increase of cases
- 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.

VACCINE PREPAREDNESS:

- BFHD has a mobile vaccine program to provide booster vaccinations to homebound residents. Residents in the Benton-Franklin County area who are homebound can schedule an appointment for their booster vaccination with the front desk.
- Pediatric vaccination clinics in December were held in Prosser, Kahlotus, Connell.
- Upcoming pediatric vaccination clinics are in Finley and Benton City.
- Vaccination ambassador program has been created to teaching community members ways to address misinformation in their communities.
- BFHD Information team maintains a list of community vaccine clinics on the BFHD Web page [COVID-19 Vaccine Information - Benton Franklin Health District \(wa.gov\)](#)
- BFHD continually updates the webpages. This period the schools page, the vaccine page, the business page, and the FAQ pages were updated. FAQ's: <https://covid19.bfhd.wa.gov/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- CBC-West Test Site: To date the site has administered **190,222 COVID tests**. The 14-day positivity rate at the test site is **25.49%** in the previous 14-day period.
- Richland Community Test Site: This site is operated by University of Washington. To date the site has administered **13,644 COVID tests**. The 14-day positivity rate at this test site is **16.83%**.
- **Potential delay of test resulting due to weather and high volume of testing statewide.**
- **BFHD testing page:** [Testing Sites - Benton Franklin Health District \(wa.gov\)](#)

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

- **BFHD Media briefings are being held as needed to communicate updates. To receive an invite email EOC.PIO@bfhd.wa.gov to get a media briefing invite.**
- **Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call**

LOGISTICS:

PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:

- 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.
- List of PPE vendors the state uses to procure PPE items <https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf>

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- Case rates continue to rise rapidly potentially impacting our health care centers and hospitals
- Testing volume is increasing rapidly and approaching capacity within the community
- Outbreaks are increasing within the business community, widespread outbreaks may begin to effect services
- Large venue events continue to operate putting the community at risk with minimal mitigating efforts
- Vaccine hesitancy/resistance in our community
- Very few of our pediatric population are vaccinated. Efforts to improve vaccine status continue

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