



UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT #112

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 10/1/2022 – 10/31/2022	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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Final overview:

After 1,002 days of responding to COVID-19, Benton-Franklin Health District is officially ending our response. Despite the new changes, BFHD will continue to be available to community agencies, partners, and the public to answer questions or provide guidance to help keep you and your family healthy and safe over the winter. COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be available in the community through your medical providers offices and pharmacies throughout the community.

BFHD wants to thank our many community partners who helped us successfully respond to Covid-19. Without their dedication and commitment, we wouldn't have been able to provide the level of support we did to all of our communities.

This is by no means is a comprehensive list of partners and we sincerely apologize if we left anyone out; WA-IMT3, Pasco Fire #4, Craig Patterson, Michele Foster, University of Washington, Mid-Columbia Rural libraries, the local School districts, the Kadlec, Trios, Lourdes, and Prosser medical systems, UW medicine, 2-1-1, partners in our Agriculture communities, Benton Emergency Management, Franklin Emergency Management, Benton & Franklin County governments, City of Pasco, DOH care-a-van, Soldiers of the Wa State National Guard for providing testing and vaccines, Region 8 partners, REDI healthcare, and the WSU Nursing program.

BFHD staff wish to specially acknowledge and thank Dr. Amy Person and Rick Dawson for their selfless leadership and the support they provided to BFHD staff through a once in a lifetime pandemic. Their dedication and support made the impossible, possible. We would not have been able to accomplish this work without you.

BFHD also wishes to acknowledge the profound loss of the 735 people who died from COVID-19. The loss of these 735 people is heartbreaking and continues to be a reminder of the toll COVID has taken on our communities and our families. The loss of these loved ones will forever leave a mark on us and our communities.

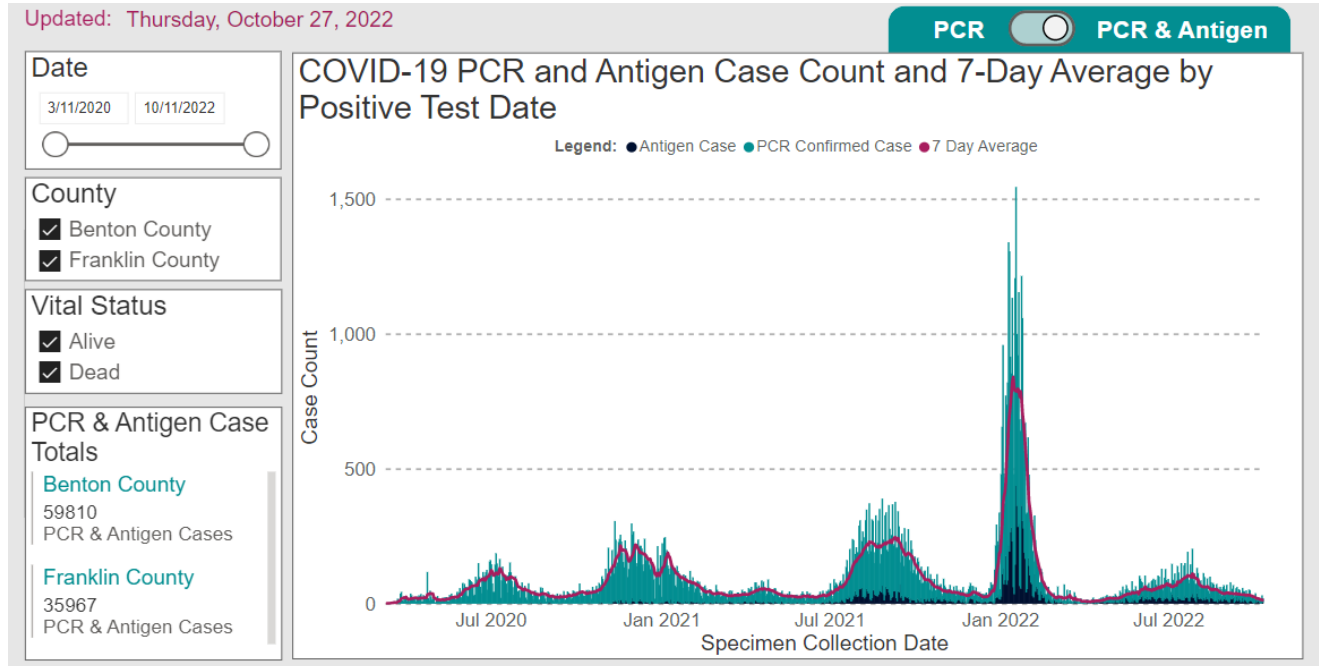
Summary of work performed:

Over the course of the last 32 months BFHD staff dedicated 157,234 hours to the Covid-19 response. In that time frame BFHD staff successfully:

1. Provided support and guidance for 875 individual outbreaks
2. Performed 47 on site visits to assist agencies with infection mitigation measures
3. Responded to 13,526 calls from the community
4. Aided 4,520 individuals who needed assistance
5. 309 families received care packages
6. Conducted 107,394 contact tracing interviews for individuals in the community
7. Conducted 4,002 contract tracing interviews for long term care facilities
8. Provided 579 referrals for families for food boxes, hygiene kits, OTC medications, and utility assistance
9. Facilitated 82,117 vaccines at the mass vaccine site
10. Provided 102 pop up vaccine clinics which provided 3,284 doses to vulnerable communities
11. The BFHD vaccine depot provided 78,692 doses to local healthcare systems and pharmacies
12. CBC-W test site provided 224,248 individual tests to our communities
13. Provided in home vaccinations to 500 medically fragile adults

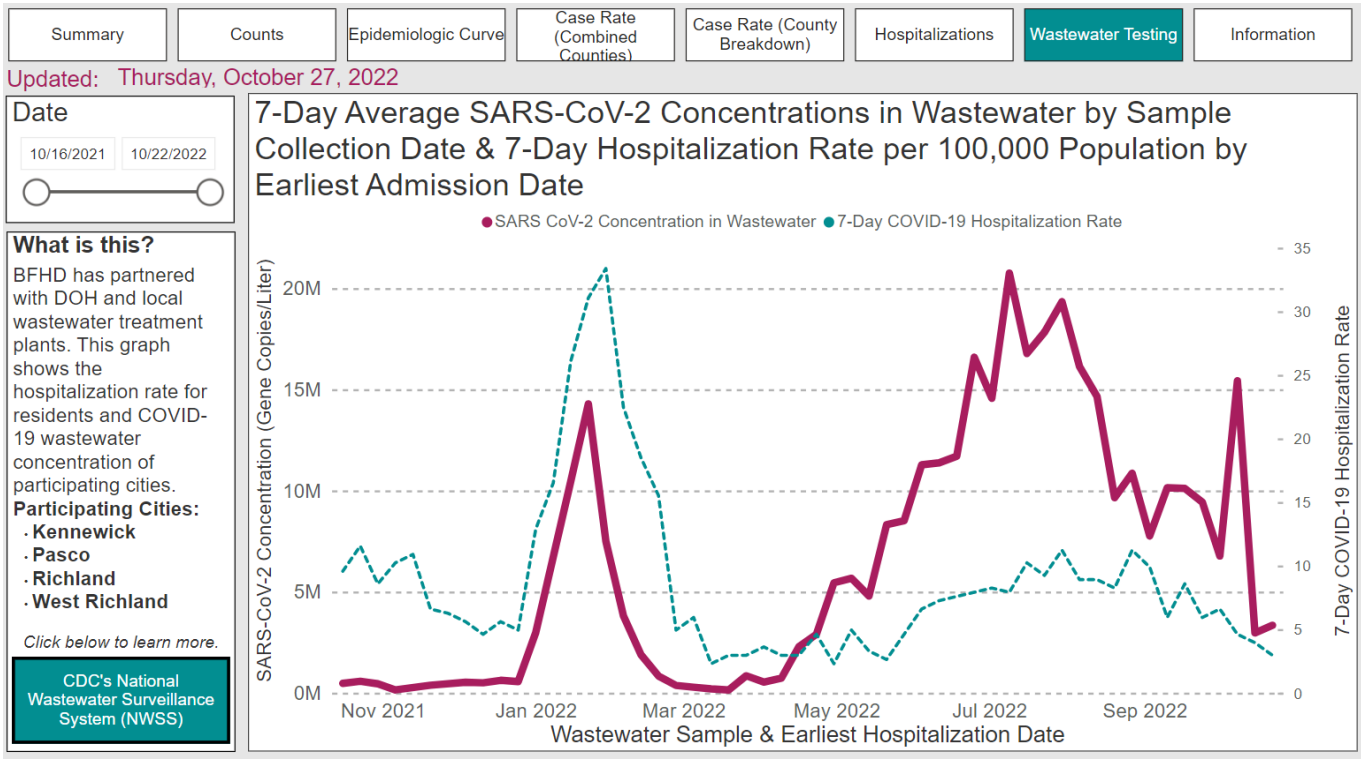
- 14. Held 65 media briefings to media and the community
- 15. Tested 2,000 individuals for COVID-19 at one incarceration facility
- 16. BFHD expanded our social media outreach. The BFHD Facebook page was visited 190.4K times, with posts being viewed more than 437 thousand times. In addition, we added Instagram in 2021 and have 2,207 new followers with content viewed more than 36 thousand times
- 17. BFHD provided 100,000 OTC kits to our communities

Benton-Franklin Covid trends:



***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 Thursday's.



OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA:

- Aggregate Outbreaks from March 2020-September 2021
 - **General Business Community** - 452
 - **Long Term Care Facilities** –201
 - **HealthCare Settings** –25 supported living, 98 healthcare
 - **Childcare Settings** –24
 - **Schools** –75
- BFHD Outbreak report: [Outbreak Report](#) published 9/15/2022
- BFHD conducted site visits to provide training and technical assistance
 - 35 long-term care
 - 7 healthcare
 - 5 general business

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- To date BFHD has provided assistance to 4520 clients
- BFHD has conducted 107,394 contact tracing interviews plus 4002 in long-term care facilities
- 309 families received care packages

COVID-19 PREVENTION: VACCINES & OUTREACH:

- The Mass vaccine site provided 82,117 doses at a cost of \$1.8million/60 staff and volunteers. BFHD had one of the most successful Mass Vaccine sites in the entire state of Washington. We successfully stood up the vaccine site in 7 days, served more individuals for less cost to the counties than any other site.
- Total pop-up clinics-102 clinics, 3,284 total doses provided
- As of 10/28/22 56.3% of the population 18+ in Benton-Franklin Counties have completed their primary doses. 59% for 16+ have completed their primary series, 56.7% of 6 months+ have completed their primary series
- Total doses transferred to healthcare partners & Pharmacies-78,692 doses

- 500 doses provided to medically fragile individuals

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- **CBC-West Test Site:** To date the site has administered 224,248 COVID tests. **The highest through-put in a day was 1349 on January 11, 2022.**
- BFHD distributed 100,000 OTC test kits to the community
- 82,892 confirmed PCR tests were confirmed

Resources & Reports:

- Vaccine locations: [COVID-19 Vaccine Information - Benton-Franklin Health District \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Testing: [COVID-19 Testing - Benton Franklin Health District \(wa.gov\)](#)
- 2-1-1 will continue to be available to answer questions and assist with locating tests/vaccines
- COVID-19 antivirals are now available through Birds Eye Medical. They can test and treat on site at their clinic in Pasco. You can schedule an appointment with them by calling 360.688.7044
- Test to Treat: [COVID-19 Test to Treat Locations Map | HealthData.gov](#)
- Care coordination is still available for families who need assistance **Dial 1-800-525-0127, then press #**
- BFHD will continue to provide contact tracing for providers and entities
- DOH. Read the full October report. [Outbreaks in Washington State K-12 Schools](#) – updated monthly.
- [COVID-19 Data Dashboard:: Washington State Department of Health](#)
- [COVID-19 Case Counts - Benton Franklin Health District \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination by Benton & Franklin Census Tract Map - February 2022 *](#) -This new map overlays vaccination rates along with Social Vulnerability tracks.

Mitigation measures for winter

- Wear a good fitting surgical/KN95 mask when community transmission rates are high or as you feel appropriate based on your risk factors
- Have you and your children stay home when sick. This protects yourself and other families and friends
- Increase filtration when in doors
- Test early and often before attending large family gatherings or when visiting friends and family who are at higher risk
- Receive the bi-valent covid vaccine + flu vaccine
- Communities should continue to monitor positivity rates and wastewater data to best assess you and your families risk levels

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