



# UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT #20

**Event Name: BFHD COVID-19**

Report Period: 06/13/2020 – 6/16/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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**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.

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

Total Case Count Updated: 12:45 pm 06/16/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	1219	1007
Deaths**	73	21

**\*Confirmed:** positive test result. **\*\*Deaths:** BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death, meaning they died because of COVID-19. DOH includes people who tested positive for COVID-19 and died, but may not have died of COVID-19. That's why the dashboard may show a higher number of deaths than we previously reported. DOH is currently updating their definition, and in the coming days, the total number of deaths reported on the dashboard may decrease

City Case Count table will be updated every Tuesday 06/16/2020 12:45pm	# of Cases
Pasco	918
Eltopia	18
Connell	51
Mesa	15
Kahlotus	<10
Kennewick	711
Richland	242
West Richland	57
Benton City	27
Prosser	145
Plymouth	<10
Patterson	<10

Current Hospital Status Updated: 12:45 pm 06/15/2020 M-F	COVID Like Illness = CLI		
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	337	70	20.8%

**OPERATIONS SECTION:**

<p><b>INVESTIGATIONS &amp; RESPONSE:</b> Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Perform contact tracing to limit secondary exposure of COVID-19 to close contacts of laboratory confirmed cases. 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>Approval of Phase 2 applications are on hold. A conference call was held on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> with the Governor, Department of Health, Local Health agencies, the Investigation Disease Modelling team (IDM) and all elected officials</li> </ul>
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<p>in Benton, Franklin and Yakima Counties. The purpose of the call was to discuss modeling with respect to the current disease situation and identify mitigation strategies.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Benton County we are averaging 134.79 cases per 100,000 over the last 14 days and in Franklin County 279.89 cases per 100,000 over the last 14 days.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently there are 15 confirmed active outbreaks – these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak and have had active cases within the last 28 days. Additionally, there are 13 <b>potential</b> outbreaks that are being investigated but cannot be confirmed as an official outbreak at this time.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Guard and BFHD conducted site specific setup and operational testing today at both sites. Both sites have passed this testing and are ready for testing to start at 0800 tomorrow (Wednesday) morning. The sites are located at The Toyota Center in Kennewick, in the back off of Grandridge Blvd., and at the HAPO Center (TRAC) in Pasco. This drive thru testing site will be available to all residents and does not require a physician’s order to receive a test. The National Guard will be able to process 120-150 tests per site per day. Both site will operate Tuesday – Saturday 0800-1300.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TRAINING AND VOLUNTEERS</b> Develop and administer volunteer training and coordination to supplement current staff as needed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested in <b>volunteering</b> at BFHD go to: <a href="http://waserv.org">waserv.org</a> - BFHD is seeking more volunteers to assist with contact tracing efforts – background in healthcare, science fields or persons with good interviewing skills are desirable.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION:</b> Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two sites will be operational tomorrow (Wednesday) from 0800-1:00pm. For an appointment, register by calling: 2-1-1, and they will give you a registration number. One testing site is at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, around back accessed from Grandridge Blvd. The other testing site is at the Hapo Center in Pasco. The National Guard anticipate throughput is around 120 tests a day.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparing on a messaging script for the Epi Team to use when contacting people for their negative test results.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is now a link to the Washington State DOH Data Dashboard on the BFHD Website/Community Recovery page. <a href="https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&amp;pageId=16713009">https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&amp;pageId=16713009</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BFHD Call Center received 41 calls yesterday, with a wide range of various questions.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A list of COVID testing site by county/city has been added to the BFHD website - <a href="https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&amp;pageId=16774440">https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&amp;pageId=16774440</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Community Recovery Page</a> is being adjusted daily to reflect the current case impacts.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Situation Reports are now being posted on the <a href="https://www.bfhd.wa.gov">https://www.bfhd.wa.gov</a> website</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BFHD updates <a href="#">Website</a> <a href="#">Twitter</a> and <a href="#">Facebook</a> daily.</li> </ul>

**LOGISTICS:**

<p><b>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WA National Guards operations at these two COVID-19 public testing sites have received all needed equipment to start operations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benton and Franklin county distribution plans have been approved for receiving masks for every low-income person (below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)) in Washington State. Benton County will receive 109,994 and Franklin County will receive 67,844. Both counties are awaiting notice of shipment. Once that information is conveyed, both counties will share the information pertaining to this project.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To date, we have received <b>3,890</b> donated masks! Benton and Franklin counties continue to distribute these masks to local area farms/farmers/H2A’s and still have masks available. Along with the continual drops from the Tri-Cities</li> </ul>

Mask Makers Group, we received another drop of 300 masks from RDO Equipment in Pasco – **Thanks to ALL of YOU!!!**

- [Shared Washington State PPE Conservation Strategies link](#)

- PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than **10:00am every Friday** or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week.  
Benton – [d.davis@bces.wa.gov](mailto:d.davis@bces.wa.gov) Franklin – [sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us](mailto:sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us)

**DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:**

**RECURRING ACTIVITIES:**

- Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing via ZOOM if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at [janaep@bfhd.wa.gov](mailto:janaep@bfhd.wa.gov)
- Daily at 8:30am - info coordination call with PIO and Info group
- M-W-F at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic coordination call via ZOOM
- Coordination call with the WA State EOC Monday and Thursday 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only.
- Daily at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM – if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at [janaep@bfhd.wa.gov](mailto:janaep@bfhd.wa.gov)
- M-F at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released - on Friday the IAP will be a 3-day IAP encompassing the weekend plan (Sat, Sun, Mon).
- Tuesdays at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call
- Tuesday at 3:00pm - EMS/Fire/Public Health discussion meeting
- Tuesday/Friday at 5:00pm - Unified Situational Report (SitRep) released
- Tuesdays at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
- Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555#
- Thursdays at 11:00am - BFHD press conference covering the current situation/status and guest speakers will be included to discuss special topics, when appropriate.
- Thursdays at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
- Fridays at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing communities information/concerns/coordination

**FUTURE OPERATIONS:**

- Washington Safe Start Reopening Plan metrics and incorporation of our local data as they relate to these metrics is a priority and here is the [BFHD Community Recovery Page](#) .
- Continue meetings with the Governor, Department of Health, Local Health and Elected Local officials to discuss movement to Phase 2.
- Continue operation of National Guard Community based testing sites.

**CURRENT RISKS:**

- Lack of social distancing in community parks and recreation areas

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large gatherings for Father’s Day – the community saw a spike in cases shortly after Mother’s day and the same potential exists after Father’s Day due to larger family gatherings.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for the release of restrictions and a Phase 2 reopening of businesses/industries/government in accordance with the Safe Start Reopening Plan. Although the disease activity metric has changed to &lt;25 cases per 100,000 population over 14 days, both Benton and Franklin remain over this metric.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizens not complying with the mask directive.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large business refusing testing to avoid the possibility of having identified positive cases at their work site.</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