



UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT #19

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 06/10/2020 – 6/12/2020	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 06/12/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	1093	897
Deaths	72	21

***Confirmed:** positive test result. **Probable:** symptomatic close contact associated with a confirmed case linked by place and time.
Deaths: as reported by vital records

Last updated 12:45 pm 06/12/2020	
Total Deaths in Benton & Franklin Counties	93
Total Deaths Associated with Senior Living or Long Term Care Facility	65
Total Deaths Associate with Food Processing Facility	3
Total Deaths with Underlying Health Conditions	86

City Case Count table will be updated every Tuesday 06/10/2020 12:00pm	# of Cases
Pasco	743
Eltopia	15
Connell	42
Mesa	13
Kennewick	579
Richland	220
West Richland	46
Benton City	20
Prosser	101
Rural Franklin County	3
Rural Benton County	28
Other – Benton	1
Other - Franklin County	3

Current Hospital Status Updated: 12:45 pm 06/12/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	269	65	24.2%

Type/Location of Contact Updated: 12:45 pm 06/12/2020 M-F	Count
Long Term Care/Senior Living Total	325
Long Term Care/Senior Living Residents	211
Long Term Care/Senior Living Staff	114

Healthcare Care Facility Employees	214*
* Healthcare Facility Employees may also be counted in Long Term Care Facility Staff.	

OPERATIONS SECTION:

<p><u>INVESTIGATIONS & RESPONSE:</u> 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"> In Benton County we are averaging 151.1 cases per 100,000 over the last 14 days and in Franklin County 347.5 cases per 100,000 over the last 14 days.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tested 150 people from Gourmet Trading and 100 from the Sea Mar- La posada housing community. There were 13 people who tested positive from Sea Mar. All of these individuals are itinerate farm workers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 potential outbreaks that are being investigated but cannot be confirmed as an official outbreak at this time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD will be utilizing a new case management tool that DOH has developed called CREST – Case Risk Exposure Surveillance Tool. This new web-based system will streamline the case management process and make it easier to train volunteers to assist BFHD. City and County jurisdictions have offered staff assistance to BFHD to help with contact tracing or case management – utilization of CREST will make this process easier.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnering with the National Guard to provide Community Based Testing sites in Benton and Franklin County. Sites will be located at The Toyota Center in Kennewick and 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long Term Care cases have stabilized and members from the LTC Team will be trained to help support the surge of cases in Epi.
<p><u>TRAINING AND VOLUNTEERS</u> Develop and administer volunteer training and coordination to supplement current staff as needed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested in volunteering at BFHD go to: waserv.org - BFHD is seeking more volunteers to assist with contact tracing efforts – background in healthcare, science fields or persons with good interviewing skills are desirable.
<p><u>COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION:</u> 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"> Prepping messaging and press release for National Guard Community Based Testing Sites. Anticipated start is next week either Wednesday/Thursday. Two sites are being prepared, one at the Toyota Center in Kennewick and the other at the Hapo Center in Pasco. Anticipate throughput is around 120 tests a day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing messaging if/when Phase 2 variance is approved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed LNI breakdown of the Mask Directive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employers now require face coverings for their employees except when they are working alone or can maintain a 6 foot distance from their coworkers. Businesses are encouraged to require customers to wear cloth face coverings. Businesses need to post mask wearing signage.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD Mask Blog is now up on the BFHD website on this blog you will also find a link to a graphic for a masking sign that business can print and post to remind people to wear a mask.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is now a link to the Washington State DOH Data Dashboard on the BFHD Website/Community Recovery page. https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=16713009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD Call Center received ?? calls yesterday, mainly pertaining to the mask directive and Phase 2 application.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A list of COVID testing site by county/city has been added to the BFHD website - https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=16774440
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Recovery Page is being adjusted daily to reflect the current case impacts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Situation Reports are now being posted on the https://www.bfhd.wa.gov website
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD updates Website Twitter and Facebook daily.

LOGISTICS:

<p><u>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment and volunteer staff support is being obtained to support the two testing sites. Refrigeration units for the samples, power access, laptops, printers, MiFi units, traffic cones and stop signs are all being obtained to support the WA National Guards operations at these two COVID-19 public testing sites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benton and Franklin county will be receiving a large shipment of cloth face covering from the state in a coordinated effort to provide two (2) 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 have submitted their distribution plan to the state and are awaiting an ETA for shipment of the masks.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To date, we have received 3,577 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 Mask Makers Group, we received a drop of 700 masks from RDO Equipment in Pasco – Thanks to ALL of YOU!!!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared Washington State PPE Conservation Strategies link
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

<p><u>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily at 8:30am - info coordination call with PIO and Info group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-W-F at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic coordination call via ZOOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesdays at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday at 3:00pm - EMS/Fire/Public Health discussion meeting

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday/Friday at 5:00pm - Unified Situational Report (SitRep) released
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555#
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursdays at 11:00am - BFHD press conference covering the current situation/status and guest speakers will be included to discuss special topics, when appropriate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursdays at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fridays at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing communities information/concerns/coordination
<p><u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 . • Awaiting decision on Phase 2 application to the state • Planning and logistical support for the National Guard operated Community Testing Sites – as of today plan is to begin testing on Wednesday June 17th
<p><u>CURRENT RISKS:</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of social distancing in community parks and recreation areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrations are planned for Saturday VERY NEAR the BFHD building. The Safety Officer has coordinated with incident command on expected staffing at the BFHD building on Saturday and have exchange contact numbers and information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <25 cases per 100,000 population over 14 days, both Benton and Franklin remain over this metric.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens not complying with the mask directive.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large business refusing testing to avoid the possibility of having identified positive cases at their work site.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of H2A workers (farmworkers from other countries who are brought into our area to fill temporary agriculture jobs) and especially the ones that move between jobs/farms while in the area.

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