Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 12/03/2020 – 12/09/2020
Mission #: 20-0265
Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties

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. Friday’s planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

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<td>Deaths**</td>
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*Confirmed: positive test result. **Deaths: BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death

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Current Hospital Status 12/09/20

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Case Locations of Interest 12/09/20

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Please visit Washington State Department of Corrections site for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm)
**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.

- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak as described in the 10/1/20 Washington Outbreak report – click link below for report
  - General Business Community – 16 with 30 pending investigations
  - Long Term Care Facilities – 21 with no pending investigations
  - HealthCare Settings – 13 with 9 pending investigations
  - Childcare Settings – 0
  - Schools – 2 with 11 pending investigations

- BFHD is planning or has completed site visits with various school food service programs and cafeterias to review COVID health and safety measures in place

- COVID Vaccine update – The FDA has scheduled a meeting of its Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) for tomorrow to discuss the emergency use authorization of the Pfizer COVID vaccine.

  - *Projected timeline – after VRBPAC meeting tomorrow* *this is a projection only NOT OFFICIAL INFORMATION*
    - December 11-14 EUA decision and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) review
    - December 14-15 Scientific Safety Review workgroup, as part of the Western State Pact
    - Dec 15th (potential if everything aligns) vaccine shipment distribution to early ship sites and ordering to open for all others.

  - The same process would be expected for the Moderna Vaccine beginning December 17th with potential Moderna Vaccine distribution beginning on December 22nd

  - The vaccine once approved will be given in phases with High-Risk HealthCare Workers and First Responders in the first phase followed by older adults living in congregate settings (Long-term Care facilities)

  - Washington state is estimated to receive 222,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine by the end of December and 180,000 doses of the Moderna Vaccine by the end of December.

  - There is NO WAITING list you can call to be placed on – There are scams out there regarding the COVID vaccine – please note that neither BFHD or DOH will call you and ask for money to place you on a vaccine list – for more information on spotting coronavirus scams go to [https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/coronavirus-scams](https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/coronavirus-scams)

  - BFHD webpage has added a COVID Vaccine page to help answer frequently asked questions

- BFHD Continues to have weekly calls with the school districts - There have been several reports from schools on individuals (student/staff) who are COVID positive and have been in class or at school, BFHD and the schools are working closely to determine if there are any “outbreaks” as defined by DOH: 1. Two or more laboratory positive (PCR) COVID-19 cases, AND 2. At least two of the cases have symptom on set dates within 14 days of each other, AND 3. Plausible epidemiological evidence of transmission in a shared location other than a household is observed

  - Visit each individual school district website for current information on hybrid learning schedules, safety plans and COVID-19 Activity Dashboards

  - Dr. Amy Person, BFHD Health Officer has issued a letter to the school districts on 11/19/20 with additional recommendations a copy of the letter can be found here
• School districts have until tomorrow to let BFHD know if they are interested in using the BinaxNOW Antigen test kits. North-Franklin, Ki-be and Pasco School districts have indicated they are interested. BFHD will assess the level of interest and develop a tracking sheet and distribute the antigen tests accordingly.

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

• 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. With the increasing case count Care Coordination is averaging about over 30 case referrals per day. BFHD/Care Coordination Team has partnered with Yakima Valley Farm Workers who has agreed to take up to 20 household referrals a day to ensure that all those who need services can be reached on a daily basis.

• BFHD is prioritizing the contact tracing for those individuals whose test results are received with 4 days from Specimen collection or for those in high-risk environments and shifting some workflow towards cluster identifications and assisting with outbreak information.

• 4 new contact tracing staff have been brought on board this week. These are temporary positions to assist with contact tracing for Benton and Franklin County.

COMMUNITY TESTING:

• To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered **19,719 COVID tests.** Testing numbers are as follows: Thursday 12/3 – 114, Friday 12/4 – 107, Tuesday 12/8 – 90, Wednesday 12/9-100
  *this total includes #’s from when Toyota Center test site was operational as well*

• In an effort to provide a faster and more streamlined testing experience, **effective today the HAPO Test site** has transitioned to the same system and lab that is used at the CBC-West test site. Pre-registration is encouraged for a faster test experience at [www.wacovid19.org/hapotesting](http://www.wacovid19.org/hapotesting). Site Hours of Operations remain the same, Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am - 3:00pm.

• CBC-West Test Site: To date the site has administered **29,243 COVID tests.** Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 12/03 – 697, Friday 12/04 – 779, Saturday 12/05 -640, Sunday 12/06- 510, Monday 12/07 – 787, Tuesday 12/08- 671, Wednesday 12/09 - 664.

• The CBC-West crew did an on-site testing event on Tuesday 12/8 at WSU Tri-Cities and did a total of 29 tests at the event.

• CBC-West Test Site is open 7 days a week Monday -Sunday from 8:30am to 4:00pm - 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/tricitiestesting](http://www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting).

• Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 17.25% and the positivity rate for the HAPO Test Site is 12.9%.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION: 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.

• BFHD will hold a Media Briefing tomorrow December 10th at 9:30am, a media advisory was sent on Tuesday with the Zoom link and an email address to submit question in advance of the briefing. You can view the conference on the BFHD Facebook Page.

• Heather Hill, BFHD Communicable Disease Program Manager, will be on Kadlec on Call tonight at 6:30 on KONA 610 AM.

• Governor Jay Inslee announced yesterday that he has extended the current statewide restrictions until January 4, 2021 he also announce an additional 50 million dollar economic package to help small businesses – click the link below for information on the application process [http://startup.choosewashingtonstate.com/working-washington-round-3/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery](http://startup.choosewashingtonstate.com/working-washington-round-3/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
- BFHD updates [Website](#) [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) daily

### LOGISTICS:

#### PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:

- List of PPE vendors the state uses to procure PPE items
- If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here [https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution](https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution)
- Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested
- **Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves.** 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 – s.davis@co.franklin.wa.us

### DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

#### RECURRING ACTIVITIES:

- Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing
- Tuesday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM
- Dissemination of BFHD weekly Incident Action Plan released Tuesday’s by 5:00
- Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
- Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call – next meeting is December 15th
- Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
- Unified Situational Report (SitRep) dissemination once weekly - Wednesday only
- Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
- Wednesday at 1:00 PM - BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school nursing staff.
- Every other Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners. This call has ended. It will be restarted next year prior to the growing season. Ag partners will be kept engaged via email through the winter. The BFHD Outreach team participates in an Agriculture call hosted by Yakima Health District, hosted the third Friday of every month.
- Every other Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# the next meeting will be January 6, 2021
- Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
- Thursday at 10:00 - BFHD School Team hosts a call with local school administration.
- Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council – next meeting is December 10th
- Every other Wednesday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies

#### FUTURE OPERATIONS:

- COVID vaccine planning
• Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area

CURRENT RISKS:

• Rising case counts and an uptick in COVID hospitalizations
• School re-opening across the two counties – monitoring for outbreaks
• Flu season and recognition of Flu vs. COVID
• Holiday Season/ get together and the impact on COVID disease rate 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 Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons