

Benton and Franklin Counties Matrix

Businesses reopening to occur in a step wise progression prior to achievement of metrics but only with demonstrated compliance before proceeding to the next step/phase. This will incentivize increased compliance in order to move to the next step/phase more quickly. If compliance goals are not met, reopening timing will be based on the previously established metrics. Compliance requirement will be monitored with random weekly spot checks. Businesses operating out of compliance prior to their allowed phase reopening will also be included in the compliance assessment.

Note: original narrative provided by the state Department of Health (DOH) is shown in its entirety below in ~~strikeout~~. Additional narrative provided by BFHD in the below.

Plan:

Community Mitigation Measure	Current Response Activities	New Activities To Augment Current Response
Community masking	Health directive requiring masks in public places.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Require businesses to require all customers to wear a mask while in businesses. — Distribute additional cloth face coverings (purchased by state) — Continue local media campaigns (needs funding) — Perform weekly surveys to assess mask use in several cities in the counties (see methodology at: https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.06.09.20126946) - Work with Emergency Management to distribute 176,000 cloth face coverings provided by the state. - Working with Greater Columbia Accountable Communities of Health team on a community wide face covering campaign. - Support TRIDEC, the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on their masking campaigns. - BFHD Assessment Coordinator developing serial masking survey to be done throughout the cities, initial survey to be complete by June 26th. - Hire an outside expert consultant to assist with easy to understand face covering messaging and outreach, including multiple language.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask local businesses associations to support the Health Officer’s masking directive by encouraging businesses to post masking signage. - Update, if appropriate, Health Officer’s directive to include clarification on the youth masking age requirement. - Additional Benton County Face Covering Communication Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The County has secured four message boards. Proposed locations are Keene Rd at Kennedy, Bombing Range Road at Van Giesen St, Badger Rd at Wisser Parkway and Dallas Rd at the Badger Mt trailhead. o The City of Richland is also putting out four message Boards in their areas. o The City of West Richland is going to use a message Board they have at their police station on Van Giesen St at 38th Ave. o The City of Kennewick will also use message boards in their areas. o The City of Pasco will also deploy message boards in their areas. o Richland and West Richland are going to use the message “Stop the Spread of COVID 19” “Please Wear a Mask” “Stay 6ft Apart” “coronavirus.wa.gov”. o Benton County message will be a bit more direct “Want to move to Phase 2? Wear a Mask”.
<p>Infection prevention in businesses</p>	<p>Have been working with businesses where outbreaks have occurred.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Train local chamber of commerce representatives on COVID-19 prevention requirements for businesses — Require local chamber of commerce representatives to approve COVID-19 plans for every small business before opening — Partner with WSU extension program to ensure all agricultural businesses are following the state guidance —?? - Work with partners/associations such as TRIDEC, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, Visit Tri-Cities to expand Tri-Cities Open and Safe initiative to get in place the safe plan review prior to re-opening and business audit. Support from DOH will be needed. - Work with TRIDEC to coordinate efforts to assure agriculture businesses are receiving support and following state guidance. Next meeting is June 23, 2020. Topic of focus for this group include:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidance and training resources for farm workers and farm management on the various COVID-related rules and regulations (in English and Spanish, and communicated in a way that is understandable to all). ○ Information on how to respond to positive COVID diagnoses (including resources that are available to workers who test positive), along with information for their coworkers (in order to provide some level of assurance and comfort, and to support contact tracing efforts). ○ Comprehensive strategy, based in part on the crop calendar, for outreach to ag community.
Limit gatherings to 5 people outside the households	N/A	<p>— Use local law enforcement to break up gatherings that include more than 10 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold a press conference with two commissioners, city and county managers, and city mayors to call on the public not to hold gatherings of more than 10 people. BFHD will also clearly state the requirements for maintaining social distancing, proper hand washing and masking, while in public.

Public Health Measure	Current Response Activities	New Activities To Augment Current Response
Testing	Limited testing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Expand testing criteria at drive thru test sites to include all asymptomatic contacts with high risk of exposure including all household and other close contacts of cases, and persons exposed in outbreak settings. — Expand capacity to collect specimens at drive thru test sites or increase number of drive thru test sites (e.g., more National Guardsmen, partnership with QFC/Fred Meyer, EMS per Seattle model, Optum). - Two active drive through sites operated by the National Guard - 5 days a week. While we are using 211 to create appointments to control traffic flow, the guard is not turning away drive-ups without an appointment as long as the lab has capacity to process our samples. Further expansion will likely be needed beyond the two active drive through sites to reach the desired testing amount. Testing is available in Benton and Franklin Counties. - BFHD will explore Optum Health for expanded testing as well as the option to request an additional National Guard task force to establish testing at the Benton County Fairgrounds. - Continue to facilitate testing with long term care and workplaces in partnership with community health centers to provide on-site testing. - Update the BFHD website frequently with updated data.
Case/contact investigations	Performing some case/contact investigations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Obtain assistance from DOH to perform case/contact investigations for Benton and Franklin Counties — Build capacity locally for case/contact investigations by... - BFHD will offload case and contact investigations to DOH beginning 6/19/20 until local capacity can be enhanced. - BFHD is onboarding and training current staff to the CREST system to enhance the speed at which data can be uploaded to WDRS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Transitioning to a web based system will also allow us to make use of volunteers that need to work from home. o BFHD will be training approximately 30 staff and volunteers committed by cities and counties to the contact tracing effort of the next 2-3 weeks. BFHD is working with

		<p>Benton County to secure technology and space to assure these volunteer will have centralized supervision by a BFHD staff person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kadlec will begin case investigation for their patients who test positive at their community clinic when contact tracing is returned to BFHD. - BFHD has reached out to Tri-City Community Health to explore their capacity to do case investigation.
Case/contact management	Done by internal BFHD staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BFHD will reallocate some of the contact tracing staff to establish a more robust case management follow up system over the next two weeks.
Outbreak response	Performed as they occur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Require all businesses to cooperate with public health outbreak investigations including testing of asymptomatic employees. — Build capacity for outbreak response by... - The Long Term Care Task Force will begin supporting our Epi Outreach Team to enhance their skills at outbreak response sharing the lessons learned as skills developed while working with LTCs. - BFHD is establishing a School taskforce to support re-opening planning and outbreak mitigation in that setting. - BFHD will be adopting and training staff to utilize Yakima’s protocol to require increased cooperation in public health outbreak investigations from businesses. - Identify the capability to produce GIS mapping to visually demonstrate community spread. If this can be done; share with public. - Evaluation of the Franklin County metric for new case incidence needs to remove the cases attributed to inmates at Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility as they are not representative of community transmission. The impact on the incidence is outlined below, the selected date range is due to the sporadic data flow from the facility due to technology gaps. Total new case incidence (6/4 – 6/17/2020) = 308.41/100,000. New case incidence less cases attributed to CRCF inmates = 260.88/100,000.

Isolation and quarantine facilities	Have identified isolation and quarantine facilities.	- No additional plans at this time.
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