

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 13th, 2020**

The meeting convened at 3:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Commissioner David Ramynke, Cpt Andy Babcock, Cpt Keith Schrank, Lt Sean McDonald, PFF Garrett Riley, Volunteer Scott Eier, Admin Assistant Christy Olson, and Dale Hille. Others present via Zoom were Commissioner Les Riel, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, and Admin Director Jenifer Huitt. Chief Emery had an excused absence.

Chairman Ramynke called the meeting to order and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated and the meeting continued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

Chairman Ramynke announced at 3:03 pm that the board will go into Executive Session until 3:20 pm. At 3:20 pm Executive Session was extended to 3:30 pm. The meeting reconvened at 3:30 pm. Review of Cpt Babcock's performance during the chief's interview process. No action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Signing of Policy 1645 approved at 6/22/20 meeting
- July 10 Payroll
- Shelby Hageman, Auditor confirmed they have moved our audit and will contact us May 2021.

b. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- May 28th, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- June 22nd, 2020 BVFF Meeting Minutes
- June 22nd, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 25th, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- July 6th, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

c. CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 199,538.47
Claims Requests EMS	\$ 3,626.13
Total Claims	\$ 203,164.60

d. CORRESPONDENCE

- Summit Law Group: Recent Developments Affecting PFML & WPSL Benefit Administration
- Thank you from the McNulty Family
- Thank you from Joey Macomber
- Update on Freedom Foundation Litigation from Snure Law – No impact on our District

e. CHIEF'S BRIEF & EVFD Update – Attached

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda items a-e as submitted. Seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Review Vacation Carry Over Request

The board considered the request and discussed a compromise of an additional 40 hours for Day Shift and non-union employees; and an additional 48 hours for 48/96 Shift employees that can be rolled over from 2020 to 2021 and must be used by the end of 2021 at which time the rollover caps stated in CBA Article 15 would be back in effect. All language for future pandemics, natural disasters, or states of emergency have been rejected and would be considered on a case by case basis should the need arise. The board requested the information be forwarded to the union representatives for consideration and drafting of an MOU.

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NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action Decision Request 2020-02 ST42 Fitness Equipment/ST40 Replacement Equipment \$10,549.33 estimate

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve Action Decision Request 2020-02 in the amount of \$11,000.00 in case shipping costs changed. Seconded and carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel had a WFCA State Board meeting via Zoom. The 2020 Spokane Conference was cancelled and they are working on having a Web-based option. All Officers and Board members will be carried over to next year without an election. 2021 Healthcare premiums will not increase on the HD, 100, 300, 750 Plans. The Plus Plan will have will likely have an increase and as of 1/1/2021 will no longer be an option for new employees.

GENERAL DISCUSSION – Limited between the Board and Staff only – NO PUBLIC INPUT

Station 42 Update: A 4-2ay junction box for phones and computers was added and should be operational next week, a bullpen was added for the generator, 2 phone land lines were needed for the alarm system, 1 phone line was added for regular business, 1 more computer setup will also be needed, and Inland needs another permit for oxygen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

The documents were presented to the Board for their signature.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, July 27th, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Chairman Ramynke made a motion to adjourn. Seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.


Chairman David Ramynke


Commissioner Les Riel

Attest:


Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary


District Secretary Jenifer S Huitt

Approved unanimously on 7/27/2020
via Open Public Meeting on Zoom.
Signatures will be secured after
Proclamation 20-28 has been lifted.

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Each of you – career and volunteer – are Appreciated and Valued by EVFD and the East Valley community. Thank you for your patience, your courage, and your loyalty.

We hope that you and your families are doing well and remain COVID-negative and ATTITUDE-positive. As the pandemic continues to evolve, we will remain alert and adaptable with a focus on protecting our members and their families balanced with protecting the East Valley Community.

ESSENTIAL RESOURCE

Thank you for being here for the East Valley community and for each other. Just as people from fire and you run toward, you help people that others would avoid or ignore. Courage is not limited to the danger of flames, courage includes the danger of the invisible, in this case a microscopic virus. Your bravery and service is appreciated. The East Valley community is fortunate to have each of you at the tip of the health care system spear. Also, the unsung heroes of EVFD are the families that support and understand the importance of what you do. As an 'essential service,' we need YOU, our essential resource, to ensure that we continue to provide peace of mind to each other and to the East Valley community.

TRAINING MESSAGE FROM CAPTAIN BABCOCK

In lieu of our normally scheduled July training, we are hosting several opportunities for you to participate in smaller company drills (<5 people).

For July there are 4 hands on drills available. (Firefighter Survival, Water Supply/Ground Monitors, Pack Testing, and EMS Workshop A).

To attend drill in July, please RSVP with me on which day you'd like to attend so we can keep our attendance below our max class size. Each class will be limited to 4 students and 1 instructor. These training sessions are also available to all shifts. Shift officers please let me know a day/time that would like to complete a drill.

- July 7th Water Supply / Ground Monitors, 7pm @ St.40
- July 9th, Wildland Pack Test, 7pm @ Moxee Park
- July 14th Firefighter Survival/Bailout, 7pm @ St.40
- July 16th Water Supply / Ground Monitors, 7pm @ St.40
- July 21st, EMS Workshop A (EMTs and First Responders Only)
- July 28th Water Supply / Ground Monitors, 7pm @ St.40


Firefighter Survival/Bailout Many have already completed the firefighter survival / bailout drill in June, and if you have already completed it please don't sign up in July as class size is limited.

EMT Workshop on July 21st, the EMS office is limiting the class size to 10, and we'll have a 2nd room and instructor setup to keep our class size minimal. Please only plan on attending the EMS Workshop in July if you're a First Responder or EMT.

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Wildland Pack Testing, as a reminder if you did not complete a pack test last year, or you are just completing the wildland class this year, you are required to take a pack test. For everyone to document completing the pack test this year, please complete the work capacity test form and questionnaire attached to this email.

BIRTHDAYS! Aaron Livingston, 12 July Chris Foster, 26 July		<h1>JULY 2020</h1>				
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Job Performance Requirements FFI 19, 5.3.8: Deploy & Operate Master Stream FFI 21, 5.3.9: Exit Restricted Area FFI 42: 5.3.15: Hydrant Water Supply FFI 43, 5.3.15: Static Source Water Supply			1 <i>International Joke Day</i>	2 <i>World UFO Day</i>	3 <i>National Tom Sayer Day</i>	4 
5 <i>National Build a Scarecrow Day</i>	6 <i>International Kissing Day</i>	7 H ₂ O Supply & Ground Monitors 1900, Sta. 40 RSVP Capt. Babcock	8 <i>National Blueberry Day</i>	9 PACK TEST 0800 Moxee Park RSVC Capt. Babcock	10 <i>National Kitten Day</i>	11 <i>National Free Slurpee Day</i>
12 <i>National Eat Your Jello Day</i>	13 BOFC Meeting 1600	14 FF Survival & Bailout Training 1900 Station 40	15 <i>National Cow Appreciation Day</i>	16 H ₂ O Supply & Ground Monitors 1900, Sta. 40 RSVP Capt. Babcock	17 <i>World Emoji Day</i>	18 <i>National Caviar Day</i>
19 <i>National Daiquiri Day</i>	20 <i>National Lollipop Day</i>	21 PACK TEST 0800 Moxee Park RSVC Capt. Babcock	22 <i>National Hammock Day</i>	23 <i>National Vanilla Ice Cream Day</i>	24 <i>National Thermal Engineer Day</i>	25 <i>National Chili Dog Day</i>
26 <i>National Parents Day</i>	27 BOFC Meeting 1600	28 H ₂ O Supply & Ground Monitors 1900, Sta. 40 RSVP Capt. Babcock	29 <i>National Chicken Wing Day</i>	30 FF Survival & Bailout Training 1900 Station 40	31 <i>National Avocado Day</i>	CLASS LIMIT! 4 Students 1 Instructor

If you are unable to attend scheduled training, please let me know.

DODGING THE COVID BULLET


Staying home is still the best way to protect yourself, your family and community. It helps to protect those at risk for severe illness. It also keeps our healthcare facilities open to those who need them.

As restrictions on activities and businesses are gradually lifted, everyone should continue to stay home as much as possible to keep the virus from spreading.

- ✓ Go out only for essentials (groceries, medical care, and for EVFD, for incident responses)
- ✓ Limit trips and stay close to home. Avoid unnecessary contact with people you don't live with. Wear cloth face coverings when going out
- ✓ People at risk for severe illness (older adults, underlying conditions) must still stay home.

YAKIMA COUNTY IS NOW IN PHASE 1.5

SOCIAL GATHERINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No gatherings with people outside your household.
INDIVIDUALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masks are required in public settings.• Maintain 6 feet physical distance.
RESTAURANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor seating only with proper physical distancing and only with individuals from your household.
RETAIL STORES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open at 15% indoor capacity with indoor activities limited to 30 minutes.
RELIGIOUS/FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open up to 25% capacity or up to 200 people, whichever is less, with physical distancing between households.
PERSONAL SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open at 25% indoor capacity.


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INTERESTING NEW RESEARCH: COVID-19 AEROSOLS CAN SPREAD 30-FEET OR MORE SIMPLY BY BREATHING

A plea issued by 239 scientists from around the world to recognize and mitigate airborne transmission of COVID-19 by simply breathing to be published in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. "Studies by the signatories and other scientists have demonstrated beyond any reasonable doubt that viruses are exhaled in microdroplets small enough to remain aloft in the air and pose a risk of exposure beyond 1 to 2m by an infected person," Professor Morawska, director of the *International Air Quality and Health Laboratory*, said.

"At typical indoor air velocities, a 5-micron droplet will travel tens of meters, much greater than the scale of a typical room while settling from a height of 1.5-meters above the floor." Professor Morawska said several retrospective studies of the SARS epidemic had shown that airborne transmission was the most likely mechanism that explained the spatial pattern of infections.

"For example, a recent study analyzed the data and video records in a restaurant where three separate groups of diners contracted COVID-19, and observed no evidence of direct or indirect contact between the three groups, but modeled how the transmission occurred through the air.

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RELATED DEFINITIONS

Aerosol

A virus-packed particle, smaller than 5 microns, that's also expelled from an infected person's mouth when breathing, speaking, coughing or sneezing. Unlike a droplet, smaller aerosol particles can remain suspended in the air. "They'll continue to float and follow the air streams in a room," Prather says. What's still unclear is how long the virus lingers in the air, how far it travels (possibly through a room but not down the street) and how commonly it spreads this way.

Droplet

A microscopic virus-filled particle of breath or spittle, around 5 to 10 microns — about the size of a red blood cell — that comes out of the nose or mouth of an infected individual when they breathe, speak, cough or sneeze. Droplets generally fall to the ground within a few feet of the person who expels them. Directly coming into contact with respiratory droplets is currently considered the most frequent mode of transmission, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and WHO.

Fomite

An object covered with virus particles, possibly because someone recently sneezed or coughed respiratory droplets onto it, or swiped a germ-covered hand on it. A countertop or a phone could become a fomite in that same manner. The particles could survive from several hours to several days.

Thank you for your patience and adaptability during this crisis.

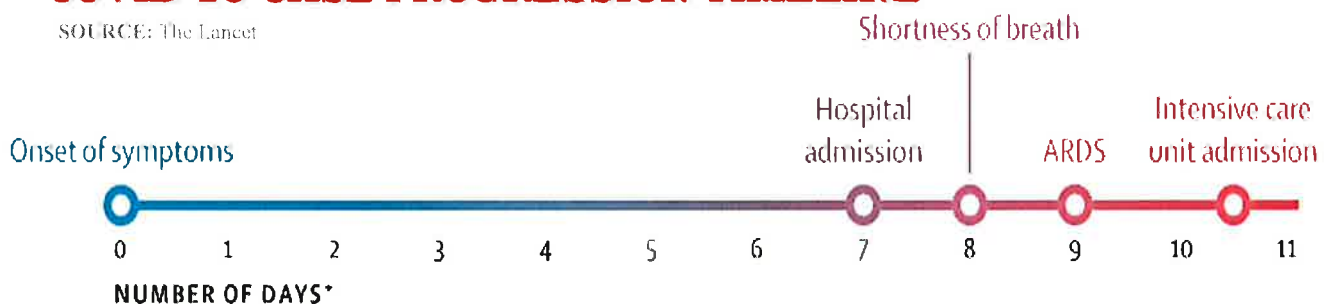
ROCK-SOLID PANDEMIC FUNDAMENTALS

The Yakima Health District says the best approach is to act as though you already have the virus.

- 1) Stay home to prevent spreading the virus to others.
- 2) Wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds each time, cover your cough, and sanitize surfaces.
- 3) If you must go out, stay at least 6 feet away from others and wear a cloth face mask to limit the spread of the virus.

COVID-19 CASE PROGRESSION TIMELINE

SOURCE: The Lancet



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WHO SYMPTOM HEIRARCHY SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

In a recent report, the WHO (*World Health Organization*) analyzed nearly 56,000 COVID-19 cases in China and breaks down a wide range of "typical" symptoms, as well as how often people with the virus experienced the symptoms:

- ✓ Fever (87.9%)
- ✓ Dry cough (67.7%)
- ✓ Fatigue (38.1%)
- ✓ Sputum production (33.4%)
- ✓ Shortness of breath (18.6%)
- ✓ Sore throat (13.9%)
- ✓ Headache (13.6%)
- ✓ Muscle aches and pains (14.8%)
- ✓ Chills (11.4%)
- ✓ Nausea or vomiting (5.0%)
- ✓ Nasal congestion (4.8%)
- ✓ Diarrhea (3.7%)
- ✓ Coughing up blood (0.9%)
- ✓ Red eyes (0.8%)

TRACKING THE NUMBERS as of 07 July 2020

USA C-19 NUMBERS

Total cases: 3,056,589 (as of 05/06, there were 1,095,023 cases)

Total deaths: 133,279 (as of 05/06, there were 63,856 deaths)

Mortality Rate: 4.4% (as of 05/06, the mortality rate was 5.8%)

WASHINGTON C-19 NUMBERS

Total Cases: 36,985 (as of 05/06 there were 12,753 cases)

Total Deaths: 1,370 (as of 05/06, there were 814 deaths)

Mortality Rate: 3.7% (as of 05/06, the mortality rate was 6.4%)

YAKIMA COUNTY C-19 NUMBERS

Total Cases: 7,935 (as of 05/06, there were 1,506 cases)

Total Deaths: 150 (as of 05/06, there were 52 deaths)

Mortality Rate: 2% (as of 05/06, the mortality rate was 3.5%)

MOXEE C-19 NUMBERS

106 cases (as of 06/25)

121 cases (as of 07/02)

14% increase

AS OF 11 JUNE

Yakima County comprises 3.2% of the Washington population yet comprised 49.7% of new COVID cases!

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 26th

A Statewide order requiring individuals to wear a face covering in indoor public spaces such as stores, offices and restaurants went into effect on 26 June. The order also requires face coverings outdoors when you can't stay 6 feet apart from people.

Where You Must Wear Face Covering

You should wear face coverings in public settings such as:

- ✓ Stores that sell food and beverages (including: grocery stores, corner stores and convenience stores, farmers' markets, food banks, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, big box stores that sell groceries, and similar places that sell food).
- ✓ Retail stores (including: convenience stores, pet supply stores, auto supplies and repair, hardware and home improvement, garden stores and nurseries that sell supplies to grow food, office supply stores, and home appliance stores).
- ✓ Restaurant take-out businesses. Employees who prepare, carry out, and deliver food must wear masks.
- ✓ Cannabis retail and dietary supplement retail stores
- ✓ Tobacco and vapor sellers
- ✓ Buses and other forms of public transportation

You do not need to wear a face covering when outside walking, exercising, or otherwise outdoors if you are able to stay 6 feet away from other people who you do not live with you.

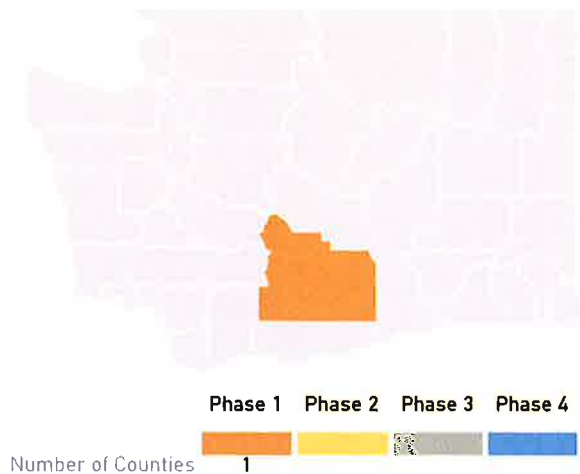
COVID-19 in Washington State County Phases and Risk Assessment

This map shows the current phases and the key metrics used to determine county readiness to move between phases. Select a county to see the status of key metrics for that particular county, or select a key metric for additional detail.

Yakima County key metrics

	Value	Goal	Meeting Goal
Rate per 100K of newly diagnosed cases during the prior two weeks	537.2	<25	No
Number of individuals tested for each new case during the prior week	3.3	>50	No
Percent of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 during the past week	30.2%	<2%	No
Percent of licensed beds occupied by patients	74.7%	<80%	Yes
Percent of licensed beds occupied by COVID-19 cases	17.1%	<10%	No

Phases by County



COVID CONTEXT

To provide some context for the past 6 months, *Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security* has compiled a timeline of significant events since the onset of the pandemic:

December 31: *Wuhan Municipal Health Commission* publishes the initial report of unidentified pneumonia, potentially linked to a local market

January 06: US CDC issues a Level 1 travel watch for Wuhan, China

January 11: First reported COVID-19 death in China

January 13: First COVID-19 case reported outside of China

January 21: First COVID-19 case reported in the US

January 23: China implements “lockdown” in Wuhan

January 24: First imported COVID-19 cases reported in Europe (France)

January 27: US CDC issues Level 3 travel warning for China, recommending against non-essential travel

January 27: First documented SARS-CoV-2 transmission in Europe (Germany)

January 29: First COVID-19 cases reported in Eastern Mediterranean Region (United Arab Emirates)

January 30: WHO declares COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern

January 30: US CDC confirms first domestic transmission of SARS-CoV-2

January 31: US implements travel restrictions for Mainland China

February 05: The Diamond Princess cruise ship is quarantined in Yokohama, Japan, due to an ongoing COVID-19 outbreak onboard that resulted in at least 712 confirmed cases, including 9 deaths

February 25: First COVID-19 case reported in the African Region (Algeria)*

February 27: South Korea surpasses China as #1 globally in terms of daily COVID-19 incidence

February 29: US implements travel restrictions for Iran

March 04: Seattle and King County, Washington (US), advises high-risk individuals to avoid large gatherings

March 08: Italy implements “lockdown” for affected areas of the Lombardy region in Northern Italy

March 10: Italy expands “lockdown” measures to the entire country

March 11: US implements travel restrictions for all of Europe

March 11: WHO declares COVID-19 a pandemic

March 13: US declares the COVID-19 epidemic to be a national emergency

March 14: US implements travel restrictions for the UK and Ireland

March 15: National “lockdown” goes into effect in Spain

March 16: Six counties in the San Francisco Bay Area, California (US), issue the country’s first shelter-in-place orders

March 18: The WHO announces the SOLIDARITY Trial, a global collaboration to conduct clinical trials for prospective COVID-19 medical countermeasures

March 19: California (US) issues the first statewide “stay at home” order

March 23: The University of Oxford (UK) begins enrolling patients for the RECOVERY Trial, a nationwide clinical trial effort in the UK for COVID-19 MCMs

March 24: National “lockdown” ordered in India

March 24: The International Olympic Committee announces that the 2020 Olympic Games, scheduled to be hosted in Japan, are postponed

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March 27: US CDC expands travel restrictions to cover all other countries

March 28: US CDC issues domestic travel advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut

March 28: Italy surpasses China as #1 globally in terms of cumulative COVID-19 incidence

March 29: US surpasses Italy as #1 globally in terms of cumulative COVID-19 incidence (and remains #1 today)

April 04: 1 million global cases

May 15: US government unveils Operation Warp Speed, a program to drive development and production of medical countermeasures against COVID-19

May 17: WHO reports more than 100,000 new cases in a single day

May 23: 5 million global cases

May 24: US implements travel restrictions for Brazil

May 28: US surpasses 100,000 cumulative reported COVID-19 deaths

May 29: New York (US) enters Phase 1 of recovery (NYC on June 8)

June 8: New Zealand declares SARS-CoV-2 eliminated

June 11: European Commission recommends that European countries remove internal border restrictions by June 15 to enable travel within the continent

June 29: 10 million global cases

June 30: 500,000 global deaths

June 30: European Council announces that European countries would lift travel restrictions for 15 countries beginning July 1

Reminder!

PRE-HOSPITAL PATIENT CARE GUIDELINES

To ensure conformance with local guidelines for pre-hospital new *Patient Care Guidelines* (PCG) have been issued for Yakima County. *Medical Program Director* (MPD), Dr. Kevin Hodges, will implement these guidelines in Yakima County. Dr. Hodges is the MPD for Adams, Benton, Franklin, and Yakima Counties. Except for Yakima County, these PCG have been in place since 2018.

These PG provide EMS providers with a range of patient management options on-scene and during transport. Written protocol cannot address every situation you will encounter in the field. **In most cases, however, the protocols should be followed as written.** Patient care procedures for incidents not addressed in these protocols should be performed in accordance with currently accepted standards. In addition, any deviation from the PCG should:

1. Be in the patient's best interest.
2. Be within the EMS provider's training and level of certification.
3. Be appropriately documented including procedure and rationale.

A PDF copy was emailed to all members on 22 April. EMT's are required to read the Guidelines AND

PASS A PATIENT CARE GUIDELINES EXAM. PCG are also available via Ninth Brain.

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"Safe Start WA" Risk Assessment Dashboard

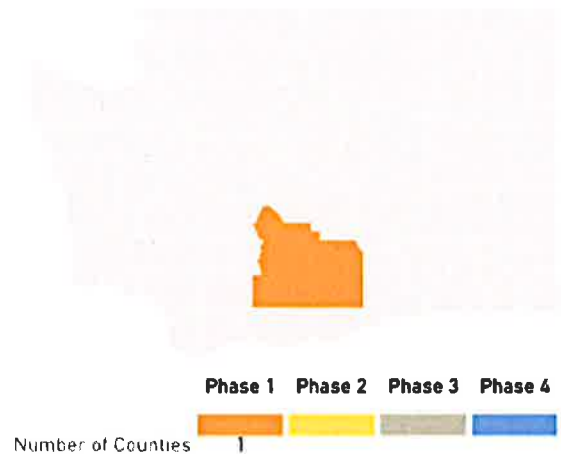
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Case Counts in Yakima County

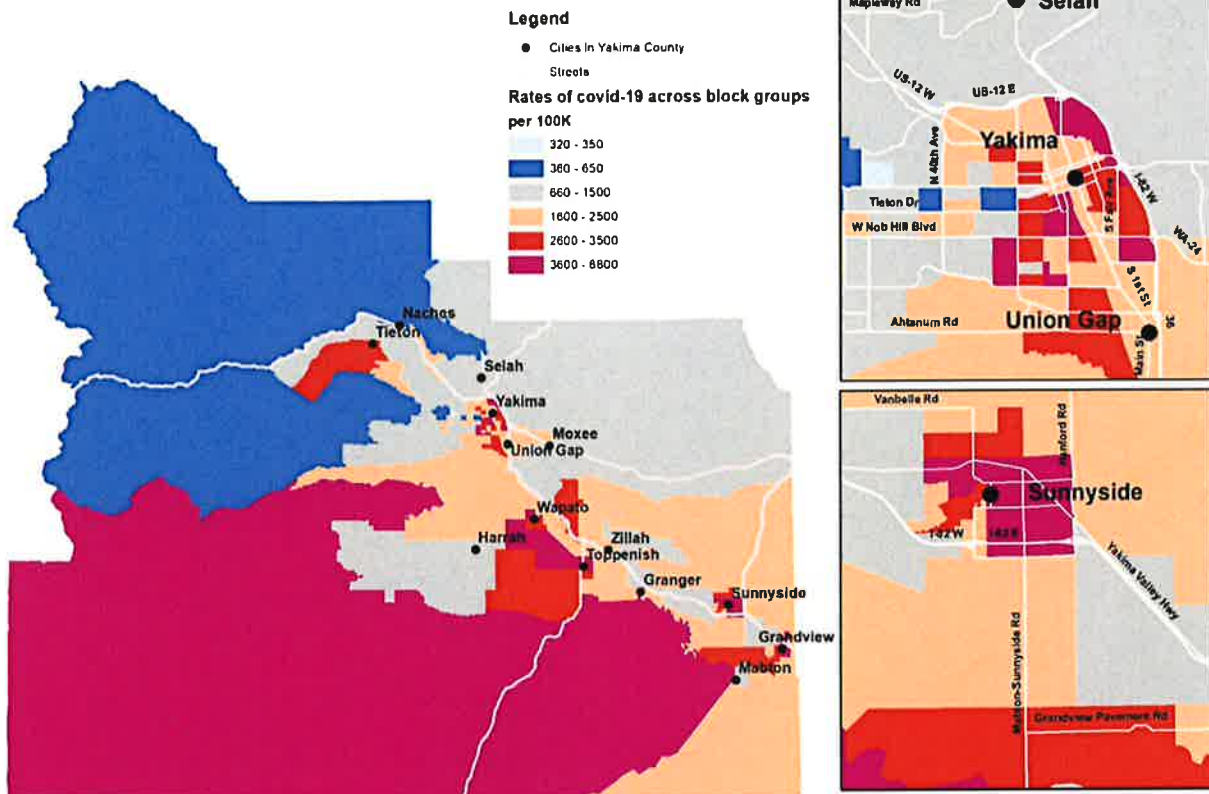
Updated July 6, 2020 at 4:30 pm

Age Range	Case Count	Percentage	Deceased
0-19	963	12%	0
20-29	1752	22%	1
30-39	1462	18%	3
40-49	1257	16%	6
50-59	1125	14%	13
60-69	666	8%	25
70-79	355	4%	39
80+	355	4%	63
TOTAL	7,935	100%	150

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Rates of covid-19 across block groups in Yakima County excluding cases in long-term care facilities (6/27/2020).



NOTE: Out of the 6,846 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 5,234 were geocoded at the block group level. Four hundred and ninety-three (n=493) were in long-term care facilities. One thousand, one hundred nineteen (n=1,119) cases included a non-geocodable address (i.e., PO Box, inaccurate/no address, or were outside of Yakima county).

FINAL EVFD UPDATE

This is my final report as EVFD Fire Chief. Before I leave I want to share my sincere respect and admiration for each member of EVFD. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve for three years. From response personnel, to administration, to the Board of Fire Commissioners, I appreciate and admire a common-thread that runs through the Fire District that provides internal and external Peace of Mind: *Care and Service for the East Valley Community.*

I'm sure I'll see many of you down the road. I hope to return occasionally (as a retired civilian) to share information and perhaps assist with a project. *Thank you for your leadership and for your service!*

take care and stay
COVID-negative, ATTITUDE-positive