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Update: No Decision Yet Regarding Counties' Applications to Phase 2

Kennewick, WA – Benton and Franklin Counties have not yet heard from the Washington State Secretary of Health on whether the counties have been approved to move to Phase 2 of the State's [Safe Start Phased Reopening Plan](#).

At this time, county officials hope to receive a final determination regarding the applications early next week. This means that both counties are still currently in Phase 1.

The Benton-Franklin Board of Health wants to remind the public to continue to follow all necessary precautions, including wearing face coverings in public, staying at least six feet away from other people, practicing excellent hand hygiene and staying home when they're sick.

More information about COVID-19 can be found on the Benton-Franklin Health District website at www.bfhd.wa.gov/covid-19.

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