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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 130 CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19



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Panama City, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) received confirmation of 130 additional cases of COVID-19. According to the Agency for Health Care Administration as of 10 a.m. today there are 80 persons in Bay County hospitals with COVID-19.

Bay County's total case count is at 1,737 including 1,693 residents and 44 non-residents. Eight Bay County residents have died from COVID-19. Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 10 percent. Of the 17,093 tests processed, 15,333 tests are negative.

Today's report reflects a data dump of 3,390 negative results from PanCare of Florida, Inc. reducing Bay County's overall positive rate from 12 percent to 10 percent. These negative results date from May 12 through June 30 and July 14 through July 16. The Florida Department of Health continues to work with this partner to ensure the remainder of the back log of negatives are input. All new data is now reported electronically.

The age range for Bay County residents testing positive for COVID-19 for July 12 is 0-4 years (2), 5-14 years (3), 15-24 years (27), 25-34 (16), 35-44 (19), 45-54 (25), 55-64 (23), 65-74 (11), 75-84 (2), and 85+ (2).

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (1,154), Panama City Beach (245), Lynn Haven (176), Youngstown (31), Southport (30), Fountain (17), Missing (16), Callaway (9), Tyndall Air Force Base (7), Inlet Beach (2), Mexico Beach (2), Bayou George (1), Parker (1), Seacrest (1), and Watersound (1).

Data is preliminary and subject to change based on public health investigations.

COVID-19 Question of the Day

With many businesses now requiring face coverings, how can I make one and what is the appropriate way to wear it?

Cloth face coverings are an additional step to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The Public Health Advisory highly recommends that people wear them in public when they cannot social distance.

Wear your face covering correctly:

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit in snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- **Don't** put the face covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- **Don't** touch the face covering, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect

For more information on cloth face coverings from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

DOH also offers instructions on how to make a no sew face cover here:
http://ww11.doh.state.fl.us/comm/partners/action/make_a_no_sew_face_cover.pdf

Signage for businesses from DOH can be found here: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/resources/>

Prevention

Protect the vulnerable by avoiding the Three Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places and Close-Contact Settings and by wearing a mask in public:

1. **Closed Spaces.** Avoid closed spaces with poor ventilation that could allow contagious droplets to linger in the air.
2. **Crowded Places.** Avoid crowded places with many people nearby; the greater the number of individuals in an area, the greater the chances of COVID-19 spreading from person-to-person.
3. **Close-Contact Settings.** Avoid close-range conversations and stay at least six-feet from others.

Testing

DOH-Bay is testing anyone with symptoms of COVID-19. For screening, please call DOH-Bay at (850) 872-4455 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and follow the prompts. Testing is by appointment only. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea, and/or sore throat. The CDC has a symptom checker available at [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/). For additional testing options and information, visit [Bay.FloridaHealth.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov/).

DOH-Bay Test Results

Phone: Call (850) 872-4455 and follow the prompts to COVID test results prompts and request the status with the representative. You will be provided with the option to obtain your results in person (if negative) or electronically (negative or positive).

Office: If you come to our office, do not get out of your car. Please call (850) 872-4455 and follow the COVID test results prompts. Please let us know you are in the parking lot and we will deliver your results to you in your vehicle.

Email: You can make your request by emailing baymedicalrecords@flhealth.gov. After you complete the authorization form, you will need to respond with a picture of your photo ID and we will send your result to you via an encrypted email. The email must be viewed on a desktop or laptop PC as the encryption is not mobile friendly.

Additional Data

The state provides a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county, which is available [here](#).

In order to make the daily COVID-19 report easier to download and more accessible, the daily report will now separate case line data in a separate PDF. Both reports will continue to be updated daily. The case line data report is available [here](#).

Florida long-term care facility data:

- The list of long-term care facilities with active COVID-19 cases is available [here](#).
- The list of long-term care facilities with deaths is available [here](#), which is updated weekly.

The antibody COVID-19 test results report will be provided once a week and contains county, race and lab information on antibody COVID-19 tests conducted in Florida. The report for antibody tests conducted by private health care providers is available [here](#) and the report for antibody tests conducted at state-supported COVID-19 testing sites is available [here](#).

The Agency for Health Care Administration added an additional tab to the [Hospital Bed Capacity Dashboard](#) to reflect hospitalizations with the primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

For more Information on COVID-19

For text alert updates from the Florida Department of Health in Bay County, text “bayhealth” to 888-777. For additional information specific to Bay County, visit <http://bay.floridahealth.gov/> or BayHealthCOVID19.com. Contact the Citizens Information Center seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at (850) 248-6090, or email ask@baycountyfl.gov.

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 website at FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov. For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, call (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

The free *StrongerThanC19* app is available to both iOS and Android users and can be downloaded from the Apple or Google app stores. The *StrongerThanC19* app and [website](#) are designed to gather information to help the Department of Health track and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Florida; they are not intended to be used as a symptom checker designed to dispense medical advice.

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COVID-19: summary for Bay County

Data through Jul 16, 2020 verified as of Jul 17, 2020 at 09:25 AM

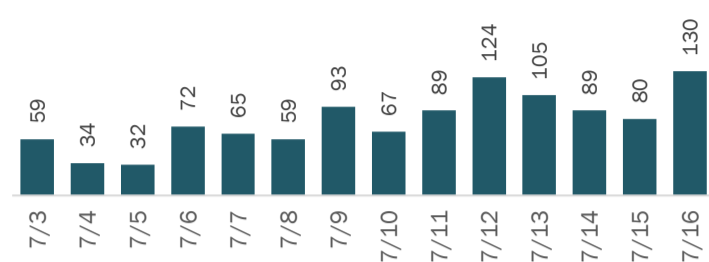
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Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

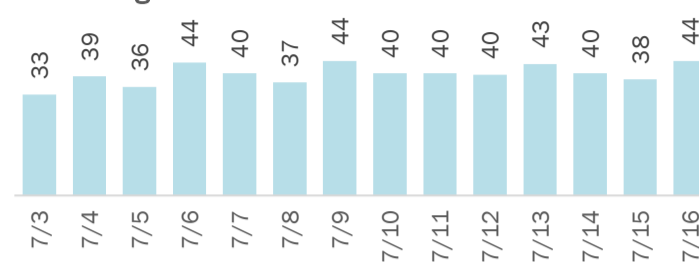
Total cases	1,737
Florida residents	1,693
Non-Florida residents	44
Gender for Florida residents	
Men	780
Women	910
Unknown	3
Age for Florida residents	
Range	0 - 96
Median age	39

Cases in Florida residents by date case confirmed

Cases



Median age



Race, ethnicity	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
White	955 (56%)	40 (68%)	6 (75%)
Hispanic	149 (9%)	8 (14%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	776 (46%)	30 (51%)	6 (75%)
Unknown ethnicity	30 (2%)	2 (3%)	0 (0%)
Black	204 (12%)	8 (14%)	0 (0%)
Hispanic	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	184 (11%)	8 (14%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	20 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	75 (4%)	9 (15%)	1 (13%)
Hispanic	22 (1%)	5 (8%)	1 (13%)
Non-Hispanic	46 (3%)	4 (7%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	7 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Unknown race	459 (27%)	2 (3%)	1 (13%)
Hispanic	4 (0%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	11 (1%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	444 (26%)	0 (0%)	1 (13%)
Total	1,693	59	8

Outcomes for Florida residents

Bay		
Hospitalizations	59	(3% of all cases)
Deaths	8	(0% of all cases)
New deaths	0	

Statewide

Hospitalizations	20,191	(6% of all cases)
Deaths	4,805	(1% of all cases)
New deaths	128	

New deaths are those identified since last report.

Cases in facility staff/residents

Bay		
Long-term care	73	(4% of all cases)
Correctional	31	(2% of all cases)

Statewide

Long-term care	18,854	(6% of all cases)
Correctional	5,900	(2% of all cases)

Age group	All cases	New cases (7/16)	Hospitalizations	Deaths
0-4 years	24 (1%)	2 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
5-14 years	34 (2%)	3 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
15-24 years	297 (18%)	27 (21%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
25-34 years	355 (21%)	16 (12%)	4 (7%)	0 (0%)
35-44 years	290 (17%)	19 (15%)	8 (14%)	0 (0%)
45-54 years	282 (17%)	25 (19%)	12 (20%)	1 (13%)
55-64 years	218 (13%)	23 (18%)	9 (15%)	1 (13%)
65-74 years	123 (7%)	11 (8%)	9 (15%)	1 (13%)
75-84 years	51 (3%)	2 (2%)	13 (22%)	4 (50%)
85+ years	18 (1%)	2 (2%)	3 (5%)	1 (13%)
Unknown	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Total	1,693	130	59	8

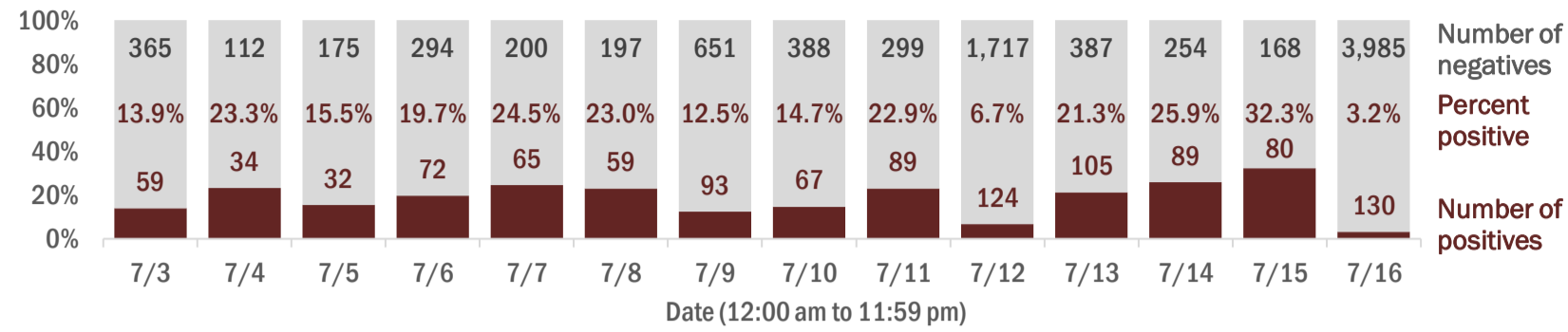
Hospitalization counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized.

Other race includes any person with a race of American Indian/Alaskan native, Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other.

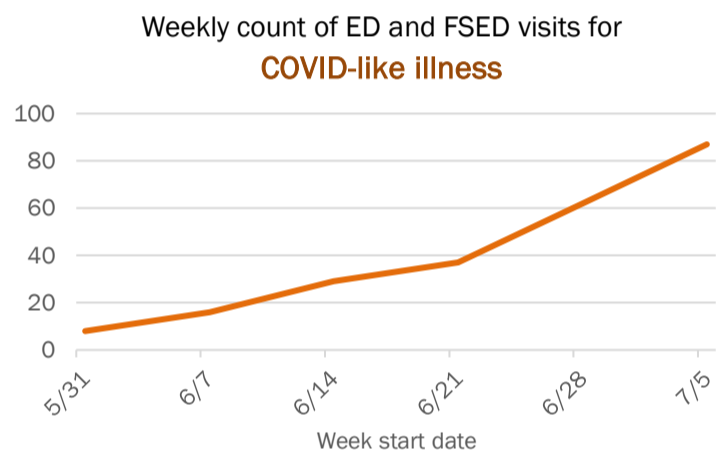
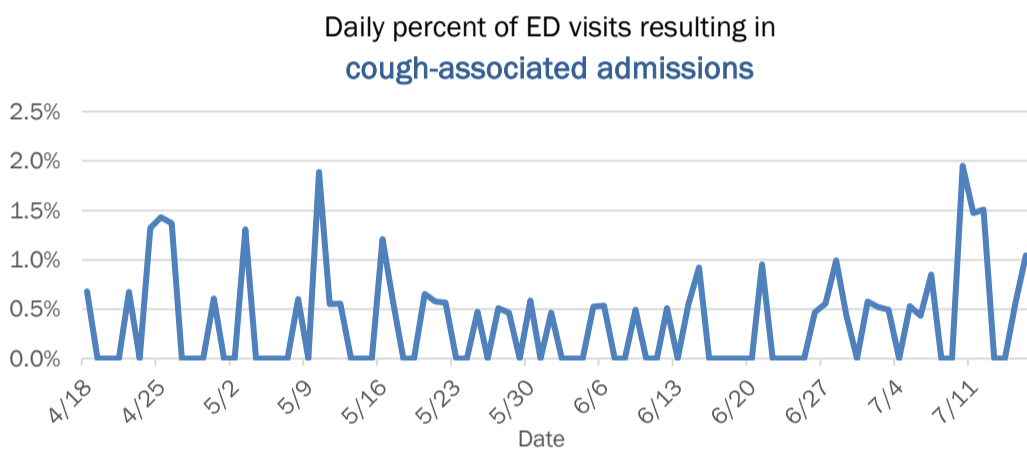
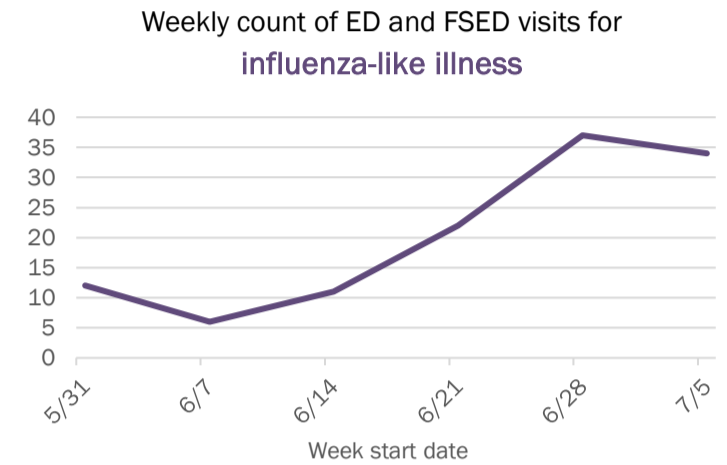
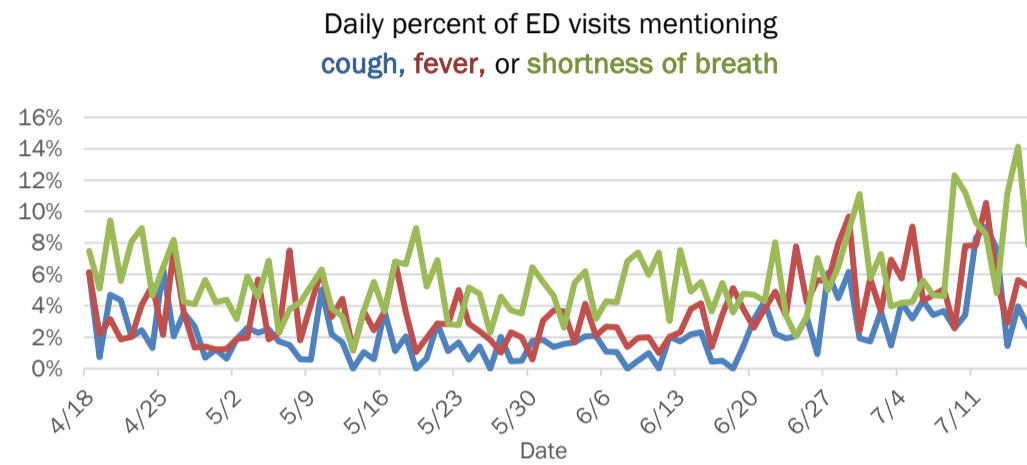
Laboratory testing for Florida residents and non-Florida residents over the past 2 weeks

Percent positivity for new cases

These counts include the number of people for whom the department received PCR or antigen laboratory results by day. This percent is the number of people who test positive for the first time divided by all the people tested that day, excluding people who have previously tested positive.



Emergency department (ED) and freestanding ED (FSED) chief complaint and admission data for Bay County



The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE-FL) includes chief complaint data from 211 of 212 Florida EDs and 77 of 80 Florida FSEDs. Data are transmitted electronically to ESSENCE-FL daily or hourly.