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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES ONE NEW DEATH AND 87 CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19**



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**Panama City, Fla.**— The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) confirmed today that a 58-year-old Bay County woman, diagnosed with COVID-19 on June 22 passed away. Fourteen Bay County residents have died from COVID-19, the novel coronavirus.

DOH-Bay offers condolences to the latest victim's family and will continue to work diligently with our community partners to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

DOH-Bay also received confirmation of 87 additional cases of COVID-19 with 330 negative test results with 20.7 percent positive for July 22. According to the Agency for Health Care Administration as of 10 a.m. today there are 84 persons in Bay County hospitals with COVID-19.

Bay County's total case count is at 2,356 including 2,298 residents and 58 non-residents. Fourteen Bay County residents have died from COVID-19. There has been one death associated with a long-term care facility. Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 12 percent. Of the 19,408 tests processed, 17,024 tests are negative.

The age range for Bay County residents testing positive for COVID-19 for July 22 is 0-4 years (2), 5-14 years (1), 15-24 years (13), 25-34 (15), 35-44 (14), 45-54 (13), 55-64 (19), 65-74 (9), 75-84 (1), and 85+ (0). There is one non-Florida resident case.

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (1,588), Panama City Beach (314), Lynn Haven (240), Youngstown (42), Southport (40), Fountain (26), Missing (20), Callaway (10), Tyndall Air Force Base (7), Mexico Beach (3), Inlet Beach (2), Parker (2), Bayou George (1), Seacrest (1), Vernon (1), and Watersound (1).

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

**COVID-19 Question of the Day**

I manage a business, what do I need to do in response to COVID-19?

The CDC offers guidance for businesses and employers. You should have a plan that includes; educating employees on the virus, encouraging people to stay home when they are sick, cleaning and disinfecting regularly especially for commonly touched surfaces, knowing how you will handle if you have a positive case in your organization, and knowing the current CDC guidance on self-isolation.

Close contacts are people who have been in less than 6 feet for at least 15 minutes consecutively from two days before a person tests positive or has symptoms. Keeping employees on telework as it allows, practicing social distancing within the workplace, and wearing masks when you cannot social distance can reduce the spread of COVID-19 in your workplace.

The CDC has recently changed the guidance on ending self-isolation to a symptom-based strategy based on evidence. Most people can return to work after 10 days from symptom onset with at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved. If a person does not have symptoms it

should be 10 days since their positive test. People who are close contacts to a case should stay at home for 14 days, monitor for symptoms, and seek testing if they become symptomatic.

You can find a toolkit for businesses from the CDC here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/toolkits/business-workplaces.html>.

The Florida Department of Health also offers information for businesses here: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/businesses/>.

## 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://Bay.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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### About the Florida Department of Health

The department, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @HealthyFla. For more information about the Florida Department of Health, please visit [www.FloridaHealth.gov](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov) .

# COVID-19: summary for Bay County

Data through Jul 22, 2020 verified as of Jul 23, 2020 at 09:25 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

## Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

**Total cases** 2,356

Florida residents 2,298

Non-Florida residents 58

### Gender for Florida residents

Men 1,062

Women 1,230

Unknown 6

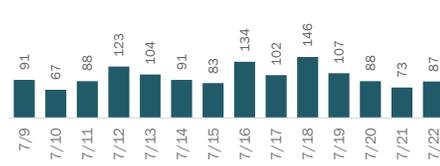
### Age for Florida residents

Range 0 - 96

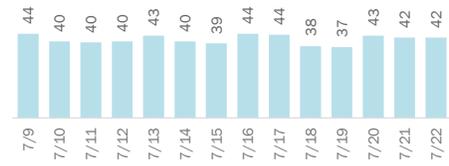
Median age 39

## Cases in Florida residents by date case confirmed

Cases



Median age



Race, ethnicity	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
White	1,274 55%	55 68%	10 71%
Hispanic	162 7%	9 11%	0 0%
Non-Hispanic	1,061 46%	44 54%	10 71%
Unknown ethnicity	51 2%	2 2%	0 0%
Black	260 11%	14 17%	2 14%
Hispanic	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Non-Hispanic	236 10%	14 17%	2 14%
Unknown ethnicity	24 1%	0 0%	0 0%
Other	123 5%	10 12%	1 7%
Hispanic	32 1%	6 7%	1 7%
Non-Hispanic	77 3%	4 5%	0 0%
Unknown ethnicity	14 1%	0 0%	0 0%
Unknown race	641 28%	2 2%	1 7%
Hispanic	8 0%	1 1%	0 0%
Non-Hispanic	28 1%	1 1%	0 0%
Unknown ethnicity	605 26%	0 0%	1 7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>14</b>

## Outcomes for Florida residents

### Bay

Hospitalizations 81 (4% of all cases)

Deaths 14 (1% of all cases)

New deaths 1

### Statewide

Hospitalizations 22,644 (6% of all cases)

Deaths 5,518 (1% of all cases)

New deaths 173

New deaths are those identified since last report.

## Cases in facility staff/residents

### Bay

Long-term care 94 (4% of all cases)

Correctional 31 (1% of all cases)

### Statewide

Long-term care 21,488 (6% of all cases)

Correctional 6,552 (2% of all cases)

Age group	All cases	New cases (7/22)	Hospitalizations	Deaths
0-4 years	37 2%	2 2%	0 0%	0 0%
5-14 years	44 2%	1 1%	0 0%	0 0%
15-24 years	391 17%	13 15%	1 1%	0 0%
25-34 years	475 21%	15 17%	6 7%	0 0%
35-44 years	400 17%	14 16%	8 10%	1 7%
45-54 years	382 17%	13 15%	16 20%	2 14%
55-64 years	306 13%	19 22%	13 16%	3 21%
65-74 years	174 8%	9 10%	13 16%	1 7%
75-84 years	67 3%	1 1%	20 25%	5 36%
85+ years	22 1%	0 0%	4 5%	2 14%
Unknown	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>14</b>

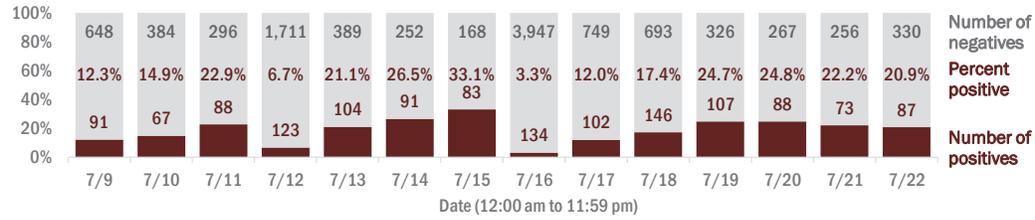
**Hospitalization** counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized.

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

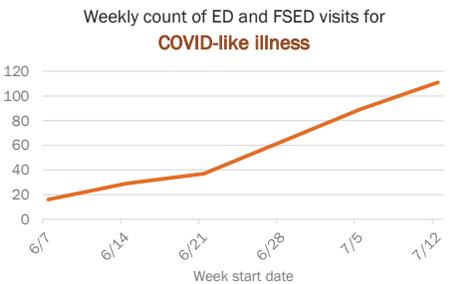
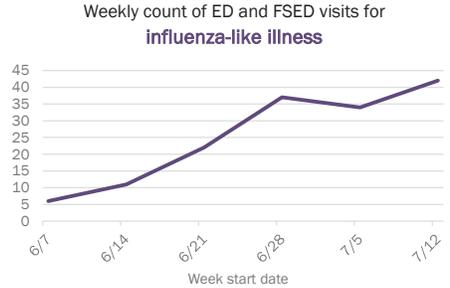
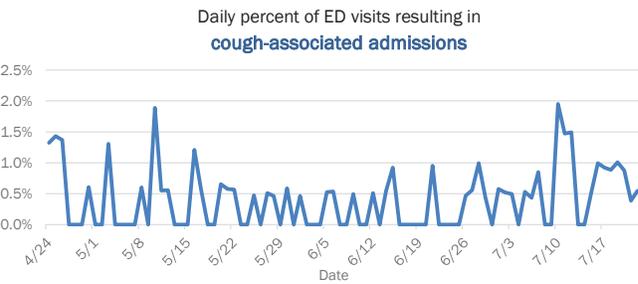
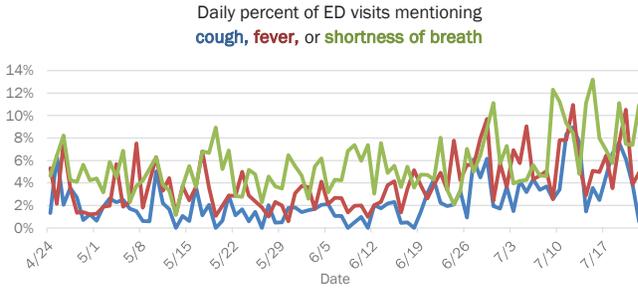
### Laboratory testing for Florida residents and non-Florida residents over the past 2 weeks

#### 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.