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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 72 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 72 additional cases of COVID-19, bringing the total cases to 818 including 783 residents and 35 non-residents. Five Bay County residents, or 1 percent of all positive Bay County cases, have died from COVID-19. A total of 38 Bay County residents, or 5 percent of all cases, have been hospitalized with COVID-19. Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 9 percent. Of the 9,414 tests processed, 8,582 tests are negative.

Demographics for today's confirmed cases: Male (59), Male (38), Female (54), Female (71), Male (72), Male (52), Male (70), Female (23), Female (45), Male (26), Female (63), Male (21), Female (24), Female (55), Female (30), Female (44), Female (21), Female (21), Female (30), Male (21), Female (29), Male (90), Female (79), Male (20), Female (43), Male (5), Female (55), Female (43), Male (36), Male (68), Male (59), Female (77), Female (89), Female (41), Male (93), Female (41), Male (57), Male (27), Female (14), Female (86), Male (15), Male (69), Female (23), Male (60), Male (46), Male (71), Female (28), Female (41), Female (58), Female (71), Male (76), Female (26), Female (32), Female (48), Male (73), Male (78), Male (33), Female (39), Female (53), Female (82), Male (55), Male (36), Male (29), Female (50), Male (15), Female (28), Male (28), Female (75), Female (29), Male (39), Male (52), and a Female (20). There is one non-Florida resident case.

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (533), Panama City Beach (125), Lynn Haven (71), Youngstown (14), Southport (12), Missing (8), Callaway (7), Fountain (5), Tyndall Air Force Base (3), Bayou George (1), Parker (1), Inlet Beach (1), Seacrest (1), and Watersound (1).

### 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 now 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).

## COVID-19 Question of the Day

What is close contact?

Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes of someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

### 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](#).

**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](https://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19). 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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