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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES ONE COVID-19 RELATED DEATH AND 29 CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19

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Panama City, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) confirmed one COVID-19 related deaths; a 74-year-old man (case confirmed August 20).

DOH-Bay offers condolences to the family and will continue to work diligently with our community partners to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please note that although these deaths are being reported today that does not mean these deaths occurred in the last 24 hours, rather, they were confirmed in the past 24 hours.

DOH-Bay received confirmation of 29 additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 352 negative test results and a 7.61% positive rate for August 27.

According to the Agency for Health Care Administration, as of 10 a.m. today there are 43 persons in Bay County hospitals with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

The age range for Bay County residents testing positive for COVID-19 for August 27 is 0-4 years (1), 5-14 years (1), 15-24 years (4), 25-34 (7), 35-44 (2), 45-54 (4), 55-64 (4), 65-74 (5), 75-84 (1), 85+ (0), and unknown (0).

Bay County's total case count is at 5,315 including 5,234 residents and 81 non-residents. There have been 78 COVID-19 related deaths of Bay County residents. There have been 18 deaths associated with long-term care facilities. Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 17 percent. Of the 30,326 tests processed, 25,027 tests are negative.

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (3,402), Lynn Haven (815), Panama City Beach (678), Youngstown (106), Southport (75), Fountain (59), Missing (43), Callaway (19), Tyndall Air Force Base (12), Mexico Beach (10), Parker (5), Vernon (3), Inlet Beach (2), Bayou George (2), Seacrest (1), Rosemary Beach (1), and Watersound (1).

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

COVID-19 Question of the Day

My child has no symptoms of COVID-19 but someone living in our home is COVID-19 positive, can they still go to school?

If your child is living with someone who is COVID-19 positive, they should not go to school. They should quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms. If your child develops symptoms, contact their healthcare provider to discuss testing options. You can also call DOH-Bay at (850) 872-4455 to schedule an appointment or visit one of Bay County's testing sites. The Bay County testing sites hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments are recommended.

For more information visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html, Bay.FloridaHealth.gov, or BayHealthCOVID19.org.

Prevention

Public Health Advisory

- Residents are advised to wear face coverings if social distancing is not possible.
- Refrain from gatherings of more than 10 people.
- Avoid crowds, closed spaces and close contact.

Testing

Bay County

As of 3 p.m. today, the COVID-19 testing site at Frank Brown Park will close. A new site at Callaway Recreational Complex will open on Monday, August 31 at 7 a.m. Beginning Monday, the Callaway and Lynn Haven testing sites will test children five and older with a parent or guardian present.

Lynn Haven Sports Park
2201 Recreation Drive

Callaway Recreational Complex
500 Callaway Parkway

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Criteria: 18 and older with photo identification required upon arrival for appointment and Children 5-17 can be tested with a parent or guardian
Cost: Free
Appointments recommended. To make an appointment for a test, visit https://makoexchangedev.com/baycounty/. While appointments are encouraged, walk-in clients are being accepted at both testing locations after 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and after 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

DOH-Bay

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. For additional testing options and information, visit Bay.FloridaHealth.gov.

Test Results

Bay County Testing Sites

To contact the testing lab to inquire about your results, please call (919) 390-3060 or email info@makomedical.com. You will **receive a text message** when your **results** are ready. You will **access your test results** through the same website where you registered for testing. Simply visit https://makoexchangedev.com/baycounty/, log-in, and there is a link to get results.

DOH-Bay

Exposed or tested positive? Look out for an official call from COVID-19 contact tracers. Answer calls from **(833) 917-2880, (833) 443-5364, or (850) 583-2419,** or county health departments to discuss potential exposure to COVID-19 with a contact tracer. Contact tracers will NEVER ask for your Social Security number or financial information. Save the numbers in your contacts so you never miss the call.

If you need physical copies of your COVID-19 test results, please follow the directions below:

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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