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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 16 NEW 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 15 additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 266 negative test results and an 5.67% positive rate for October 1.

According to the Agency for Health Care Administration, as of 10 a.m. today there are 16 persons in Bay County hospitals with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

Bay County's total case count is at 6,161 including 6,044 residents and 117 non-residents. There have been 111 COVID-19 related deaths of Bay County residents. There have been 28 deaths associated with long-term care facilities. Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 17 percent. Of the 34,751 tests processed, 28,640 tests are negative.

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (3,872), Lynn Haven (921), Panama City Beach (779), Youngstown (134), Missing (109), Southport (92), Fountain (67), Callaway (27), Mexico Beach (14), Tyndall Air Force Base (12), Parker (5), Vernon (3), Inlet Beach (2), Ebro (1), Bayou George (2), Seacrest (1), Alys Beach (1), Rosemary Beach (1), Watersound (1) and Milford (1).

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

Get Your Flu Shot Now

The Florida Department of Health urges Floridians to contact their health care provider or pharmacy to get vaccinated against the flu as soon as possible.

Reducing illness and hospitalization from the flu helps keep everyone safer.

- Stay home if you're sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash your hands
- **Save lives by reducing the spread of viruses.**

Testing

Bay County

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 and **close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases** . 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.

If you have been in **close contact,** defined as someone who is within **less than 6 feet for at least 15 minutes of a COVID-19 positive,** you should consider testing. Even if your test is negative, you should **stay home for 14 days** and monitor for symptoms.

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 **833-673-0864 (0865,0866, 0867, 0868), 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

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.
- To date, 5,888 individuals that were staff or residents of a long-term care facility have died.

In order to make the daily COVID-19 report easier to download and more accessible, the daily report separates case line data in a separate PDF. The case line data report is available here. The state also provides a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county, which is available here. 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.

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.

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.

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