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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19
UPDATE, ANNOUNCES THREE COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS
AND 35 NEW CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN BAY COUNTY
RESIDENTS FOR SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY**

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Panama City, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) received confirmation of three COVID-19 related deaths; an 84-year-old man (case confirmed September 14), a 98-year-old woman (case confirmed August 18) and an 84-year-old woman (case confirmed August 8). DOH-Bay offers condolences to the families and will continue to work diligently with our community partners to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) received confirmation of 23 additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 345 negative test results and a 6.25% positive rate for October 16, nine additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 107 negative test results and a 7.76% positive rate for October 17 and three additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 149 negative test results and a 1.97% positive rate for October 18.

According to the Agency for Health Care Administration, as of 9 a.m. today there are 18 persons in Bay County hospitals with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

Bay County's total case count is at 6,450 including 6,288 residents and 162 non-residents. There have been 128 COVID-19 related deaths of Bay County residents. Of the 37,146 tests, 30,787 tests are negative for a 16.93% positivity rate.

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (3,999), Lynn Haven (947), Panama City Beach (828) Youngstown (140), Missing (136), Southport (97), Fountain (69), Callaway (27), Mexico Beach (14), Tyndall Air Force Base (12), Parker (6), 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.

Testing

Bay County

Lynn Haven Sports Park, 2201 Recreation Drive
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: Testing is available to adults over 18 and children ages 5 and up who are accompanied by an adult.
Cost: Free
Appointments needed. The rapid tests will be available by appointment only. To make an appointment, visit www.bayhealthcovid19.org.

DOH-Bay

DOH-Bay, 597 W 11th Street, Panama City
Criteria: All ages with symptoms or close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case. Call (850) 872-4455 for screening Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Appointment required.

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

Test 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.

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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