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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES ONE NEW COVID-19 CASE

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Panama City, Fla.— Bay County received confirmation of one additional case of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus. The person ill with the virus is a 21-year-old female. This brings Bay County's total COVID-19 cases to 86.

The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) is now conducting its contact investigation and working on identifying and notifying individuals who will need to self-monitor for symptoms for a 14-day period. Contact investigations are a critical way for staff epidemiologists to track and prevent the spread of disease.

The percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 in Bay County overall is 3.5%. Of the 2,469 tests processed, there are 2,380 negative results. There are three Florida resident deaths in Bay County from COVID-19. The total Florida resident hospitalizations count is at 12.

The addresses of the 83 positive Bay County residents include; 55 in Panama City, 12 in Panama City Beach, eight in Lynn Haven, three in Youngstown, three in Callaway, one in Southport, one in Parker, and one in Tyndall Air Force Base.

Thursday, May 21 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. we will be at the Youngstown/Fountain Recreational Complex at 12321 E. Hwy 20, Youngstown, FL 32466. We will test all adults with or without symptoms. Antibody testing is not available.

The Florida Department of Health has launched a COVID-19 dashboard that will be updated daily at 10 am. The state also provides a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county. The surveillance data report is available here. We encourage all Floridians to take the VID-19 Community Action Survey by visiting www.StrongerThanC19.com.

The Florida Department of Health also releases a list of long-term care facilities in Florida associated with COVID-19 cases with active cases and number of deaths in each facility in order to provide real-time 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.

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 BayHealthCOVID19.com. You may also contact

the Citizens Information Center 7 days a week from 10 am – 6 pm at (850) 248-6090 or email ask@baycountyfl.gov.

For state level text alerts in the fight against COVID-19, text FLCOVID19 to 888-777.

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 website. For information and advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to 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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