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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 121 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 121 additional cases of COVID-19 with 1,728 negatives, bringing the total cases to 1,322 including 1,281 residents and 41 non-residents. Eight Bay County residents, or 1 percent of all positive cases, have died from COVID-19. A total of 52 Bay County residents, or 4 percent of all cases, have been hospitalized with COVID-19. Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 10 percent. Of the 12,626 tests processed, 11,278 tests are negative.

The age range for Bay County residents testing positive for COVID-19 for July 12 is 0-4 years (2), 5-14 years (6), 15-24 years (22), 25-34 (26), 35-44 (20), 45-54 (12), 55-64 (17), 65-74 (11), 75-84 (4), and 85+ (1).

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (872), Panama City Beach (195), Lynn Haven (133), Youngstown (16), Southport (23), Missing (14), Callaway (8), Fountain (9), Tyndall Air Force Base (4), Inlet Beach (2), Bayou George (1), Parker (1), Seacrest (1), Watersound (1), and Mexico Beach (1).

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

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

COVID-19 Question of the Day

What steps can I take to clean and disinfect my home?

The Centers for Disease Control and prevention have instructions for cleaning and disinfecting your home here.

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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The department, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @HealthyFla. For more information about the Florida Department of Health, please visit www.FloridaHealth.gov .

COVID-19: summary for Bay County

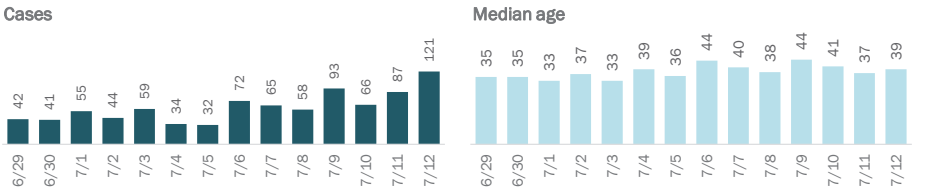
Data through Jul 12, 2020 verified as of Jul 13, 2020 at 09:25 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

Total cases	**1,322**
Florida residents	1,281
Non-Florida residents	41
Gender for Florida residents	
Men	588
Women	689
Unknown	4
Age for Florida residents	
Range	0 - 95
Median age	38

Cases in Florida residents by date case confirmed



Race, ethnicity	Cases		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
White	739	58%	35	67%	6	75%
Hispanic	140	11%	8	15%	0	0%
Non-Hispanic	561	44%	26	50%	6	75%
Unknown ethnicity	38	3%	1	2%	0	0%
Black	152	12%	8	15%	0	0%
Hispanic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Non-Hispanic	134	10%	8	15%	0	0%
Unknown ethnicity	18	1%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	62	5%	7	13%	1	13%
Hispanic	19	1%	5	10%	1	13%
Non-Hispanic	36	3%	2	4%	0	0%
Unknown ethnicity	7	1%	0	0%	0	0%
Unknown race	328	26%	2	4%	1	13%
Hispanic	2	0%	1	2%	0	0%
Non-Hispanic	3	0%	1	2%	0	0%
Unknown ethnicity	323	25%	0	0%	1	13%
Total	**1,281**		**52**		**8**	

Outcomes for Florida residents

Bay		
Hospitalizations	52	(4% of all cases)
Deaths	8	(1% of all cases)
New deaths	0	
Statewide		
Hospitalizations	18,498	(7% of all cases)
Deaths	4,277	(2% of all cases)
New deaths	35	

New deaths are those identified since last report.

Cases in facility staff/residents

Bay		
Long-term care	63	(5% of all cases)
Correctional	20	(2% of all cases)
Statewide		
Long-term care	16,824	(6% of all cases)
Correctional	4,714	(2% of all cases)

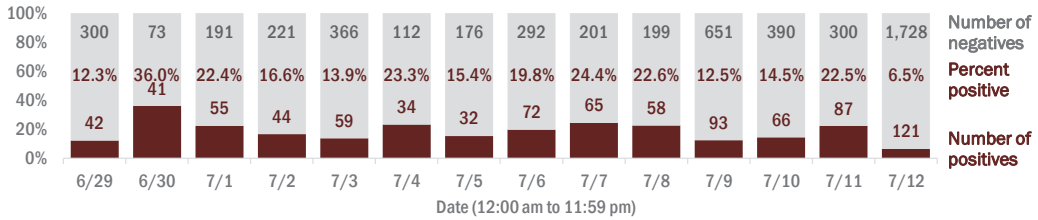
Age group	All cases		New cases (7/12)		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
0-4 years	18	1%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%
5-14 years	27	2%	6	5%	0	0%	0	0%
15-24 years	217	17%	22	18%	1	2%	0	0%
25-34 years	285	22%	26	21%	4	8%	0	0%
35-44 years	225	18%	20	17%	7	13%	0	0%
45-54 years	207	16%	12	10%	10	19%	1	13%
55-64 years	157	12%	17	14%	8	15%	1	13%
65-74 years	89	7%	11	9%	8	15%	1	13%
75-84 years	41	3%	4	3%	11	21%	4	50%
85+ years	14	1%	1	1%	3	6%	1	13%
Unknown	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	**1,281**		**121**		**52**		**8**	

Hospitalization counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized.
Other race includes any person with a race of American Indian/Alaskan native, Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other.

Laboratory testing for Florida residents and non-Florida residents over the past 2 weeks

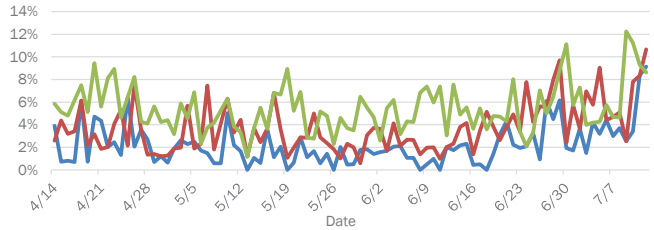
Percent positivity for new cases

These counts include the number of people for whom the department received PCR or antigen laboratory results by day. This percent is the number of people who test positive for the first time divided by all the people tested that day, excluding people who have previously tested positive.

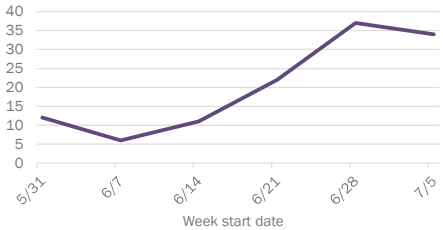


Emergency department (ED) and freestanding ED (FSED) chief complaint and admission data for Bay County

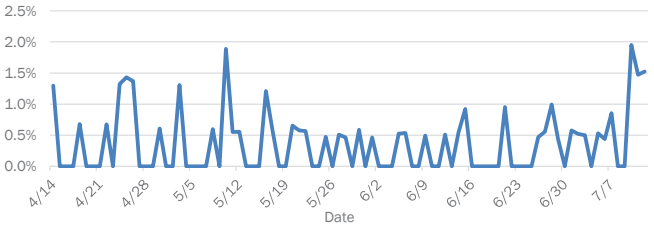
Daily percent of ED visits mentioning cough, fever, or shortness of breath



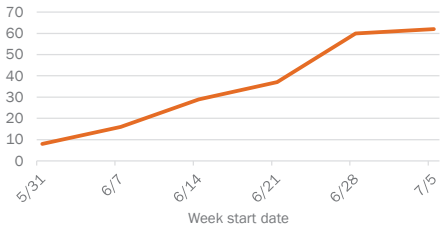
Weekly count of ED and FSED visits for influenza-like illness



Daily percent of ED visits resulting in cough-associated admissions



Weekly count of ED and FSED visits for COVID-like illness



The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE-FL) includes chief complaint data from 211 of 212 Florida EDs and 77 of 80 Florida FSEDs. Data are transmitted electronically to ESSENCE-FL daily or hourly.

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Bay County Viral Testing Information

Bay.FloridaHealth.gov / FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov / BayHealthCOVID19.com

COVID-19 MOLECULAR VIRAL TESTING

Uses respiratory samples—such as a swab from the inside of your nose or at the back of your throat— to find out if you have COVID-19. Samples are collected and sent to a laboratory. Results come back in 2 days to one-week depending on the volume of samples the laboratory is processing.

SYMPTOMS

Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

VIRAL TESTING WITH NO OUT OF POCKET COSTS WITH OR WITHOUT INSURANCE

Florida Department of Health in Bay County

597 W. 11th ST, Panama City

Criteria: Testing all persons **with symptoms** regardless of age, place of work, or underlying health conditions.

Process: Call DOH-Bay at (850) 872-4455 Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for screening.

Note: No insurance required. No fees to patients or insurance billed.

Drive-thru testing sites will be scheduled at different locations for all adults with or without symptoms. For more information, visit Bay.FloridaHealth.gov.

CVS Health is now offering no-cost drive-thru COVID-19 testing at select CVS Pharmacy locations. Tests are available by appointment only at the drive-thru window. Results will be available in 2-4 days. To find testing locations, determine eligibility and schedule an appointment click here.

PRIVATE PROVIDERS OFFERING VIRAL TESTING FOR PATIENTS AND NON-PATIENTS

Nations Best Family Health Care

1514 W 23rd ST, Panama City

Criteria: Prioritizing healthcare workers, first responders, persons with symptoms, and persons with exposure by appointment.

Process: Book online at https://nationsbesthealth.com/covid-testing/.

Note: f you do not have insurance or they don't accept your provider, there may be an office visit fees between $115 - $150.

Coastal Internal Medicine

12007 Panama City Beach PKWY
Panama City Beach

Criteria: Testing all persons with or without symptoms by appointment.

Process: Call (850) 234-5151
Mon. - Thurs. from 8 a.m. - Noon and 1 - 5 p.m. and Fri. 8 a.m. - Noon.

Note: f you do not have insurance or they don't accept your provider, there may be an office visit fees between $115 - $150.

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COVID-19 ANTIGEN VIRAL TESTING

Uses respiratory samples—such as a swab from the inside of your nose or at the back of your throat— to find out if you have COVID-19. Results are available at the point of care in less than one-hour. Antigen tests may produce false negatives. Your healthcare provider will determine if a molecular COVID-19 test is needed in addition to antigen testing.

SYMPTOMS

Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

VIRAL TESTING WITH NO OUT OF POCKET COSTS WITH OR WITHOUT INSURANCE

PanCare Health

Testing at the Panama City Mall and
Arnold High School

Criteria: Testing all persons with or without symptoms by appointment.
Process: Book online at pancarefl.org/covid-19.
PanCare also offers molecular testing and uses their healthcare providers to determine if this testing is needed in addition to the antigen testing. PanCare uses the Quidel Sofia antigen test. You can read the patient instructions for this test here.
Note: If you are insured, insurance will be billed but there will be no out of pocket costs. Uninsured persons will be seen free of charge.

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER BEING TESTED FOR COVID-19?

if you have **symptoms of COVID-19** or are a **close contact** to someone who is confirmed positive for COVID-19, you should consider being tested for the virus. A close contact is defined as someone who is within **less than 6 feet for at least 15 minutes**. If you have symptoms or are a close contact, **your first step is to contact your doctor.**

You should self isolate for 14 days. **Most people can recover at home** without additional medical care. If you have symptoms, you should make sure to drink lots of fluid, rest, and use over the counter medications to help manage symptoms. **Notify anyone you have been in close contact with**. Keep your doctor updated on any significant changes in your health. You should call 911 or go to the emergency room if you have **emergency warning signs** such as difficulty breathing, pain or pressure in the chest, or new confusion.

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Bay County Antibody Testing Information

Bay.FloridaHealth.gov / FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov / BayHealthCOVID19.com

COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING

A blood test that can tell you if you've had COVID-19 or a related coronavirus. Antibodies usually develop 1–3 weeks after symptoms start.

What we don't know about COVID-19 antibodies:

- We don't know if having them can protect you from getting COVID-19 again.
- We don't know how long the protection lasts.

What we do know:

- If you test positive and you haven't had symptoms—you've had an asymptomatic infection.
- If you test negative—you probably haven't had COVID-19, but you could have it now or you could get sick if you've recently been exposed.
- Some people may take longer to develop antibodies, and others may never develop antibodies.

FDA AUTHORIZED ANTIBODY TESTING

Emerald Coast Urgent Care
2704 Thomas DR, Panama City Beach
Serology through LabCorp
Criteria: Call to discuss
Process: **Call (850) 236-8655**
7 days a week from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. to discuss.
Note: If you do not have insurance or they don't accept your provider, there may be an office visit fee.

OneBlood is testing all blood donations for the COVID-19 antibody. The antibody test is authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and will indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the virus, regardless of whether they ever showed symptoms. For more information or an appointment, **visit OneBlood.org or call +1 (888) 936-6283.**

The Florida Department of Health is releasing a weekly report on antibody testing results by County, visit FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov to download the .pdf file.

STAY SAFE
STAY HOME
STAY HEALTHY

PHASE 2: IT'S UP TO YOU!

Vulnerable Indiviudals

Individuals over

65

Persons with <u>serious underlying medical conditions</u> (such as chronic lung diseases, moderate-to-serve asthma, serious heart conditions, immune-compromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and live disease.)

6 feet

Follow social distancing when you must leave the house.

Inform your employer so that they can plan accordingly.

Those **living with vulnerable individuals** should be aware of exposure risk that they could carry the virus back home.

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PHASE 2: IT'S UP TO YOU!

All Individuals

6 feet

Follow social distancing when you are in public**,** particularly in **enclosed environments.**

Avoid hugs and handshakes.

Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds **or use hand sanitizer** with at least 60-percent alcohol.

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Avoid groups of more than 50 people .

Consider wearing a face mask or cloth face covering when entering a business, or within close proximity to members of the public.

Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue and dispose of the tissue.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched items and surfaces.

Stay home if you are sick. Call your doctor if you have symptoms of COVID-19 and seek medical treatment as needed.

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