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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE



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Panama City, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay), in partnership with the Florida Department of Health, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bay County Emergency Management, and other community partners are providing COVID-19 vaccination sites. To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware regarding the status of the virus, DOH-Bay will continue to issue this update every week.

County health departments have an important role to play in administering vaccine. Here's a summary of some of our top efforts February 15 – 21.

- Provided nearly 300 second doses of vaccine.
- Worked with Panama City Surgery Center to provide doses to health care providers.
- Partnered with Nations Best Family Health Care to offer second doses to health care providers.

“Unfortunately, last week weather delays in shipment caused us to reschedule some appointments and not be able to provide many first doses,” said Sandon S. Speedling, MHS, CPM, CPH, Administrator and Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Bay County. “We will be working double this week to push out all vaccines received within seven days.”

The Florida Department of Health in Bay County continues to fight to protect health and safety as the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine continues. Today we will provide 550 second doses of vaccine. Depending upon doses received, this week DOH-Bay will plan to provide at least 500 first doses to our community and more than 1,000 additional second doses.

The total number of Bay County residents to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is 21,184 with 14,627 persons being seniors 65 and older. Forty-eight percent of Bay County's seniors have now received the vaccine. The State COVID-19 Vaccine Summary by County is available [here](#).

This is a historic mass vaccination effort and it is going to take some time to vaccinate everyone who wants to be vaccinated. Your patience and understanding are essential and appreciated.

COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

Individuals 65 and older and frontline health care workers can now pre-register for vaccine appointments and be notified when appointments are available in their area by visiting myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-0712.

Publix is now offering COVID-19 vaccination at all five Bay County locations. To make an appointment, visit <https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine>.

Walmart is now offering COVID-19 vaccines at all five Bay County locations through the federal pharmacy program. To check availability or make an appointment, visit walmart.com/COVIDvaccine.

Winn Dixie is offering COVID-19 vaccines at two Bay County locations. To check availability or make an appointment, visit <https://www.winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine>.

Under Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-315, hospital providers may vaccinate individuals who they have deemed to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19. Individuals with a comorbidity or disability who are under the age of 65 are encouraged to reach out to their health care provider to determine if they are highly vulnerable and eligible to be vaccinated.

The Florida Department of Health has created a vaccine locator site at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/vaccine-locator/>.

COVID-19 Data

- Percent positivity- 9.27% (Week of Feb. 13)
- Cases in the past 7 days- 346
- Cases in the past 14 days- 758
- Total positive residents- 17,607

There have been 335 COVID-19 related deaths (2% of all cases) of Bay County residents. Seventeen deaths were confirmed in the past week.

As posted on the Agency for Health Care Administration [dashboard](#), there are 44 persons in Bay County hospitals with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19. The total number of Bay County Residents who have been hospitalized at some point during their illness is 758 (4% of all cases).

The COVID-19 daily reports continue to be updated daily and the Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard also continues to be updated daily. Please find all daily reports [here](#).

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