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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES THREE COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS 24 NEW CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN BAY COUNTY RESIDENTS**



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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; a 65-year-old man (case confirmed July 18), a 63-year-old woman (case confirmed September 5) and an 88-year-old woman (case confirmed September 17). DOH-Bay offers condolences to the families and will continue to work diligently with our community partners to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

DOH-Bay also received confirmation of 24 additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 303 negative test results and a 7.34% positive rate for October 14.

According to the Agency for Health Care Administration, as of 9 a.m. today there are 17 persons in Bay County hospitals with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

Bay County's total case count is at 6,394 including 6,243 residents and 151 non-residents. There have been 125 COVID-19 related deaths of Bay County residents.

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](http://www.bayhealthcovid19.org).

*DOH-Bay*

**DOH-Bay**, 597 W 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

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