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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 43 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 received confirmation of 21 additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 1,577 negative test results and a 1.31% positive rate for October 23, 10 additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 701 negative test results and a 1.41% positive rate for October 24 and of 12 additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 134 negative test results and a 8.22% positive rate for October 25.

According to the Agency for Health Care Administration, as of 9 a.m. today there are 11 persons in Bay County hospitals with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

Bay County's total case count is at 6,667 including 6,482 residents and 185 non-residents. There have been 132 COVID-19 related deaths of Bay County residents. There have been 35 deaths associated with long term care facilities. Of the 39,844 tests, 33,291 tests are negative for a 16.27% positivity rate in Bay County residents.

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (4,109), Lynn Haven (976), Panama City Beach (846), Missing (159), Youngstown (147), Southport (99), Fountain (72), Callaway (27), Mexico Beach (14), Tyndall Air Force Base (13), Parker (7), 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](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

### *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](http://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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