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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 71 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 71 additional cases of COVID-19 in Bay County residents with 483 negative test results and a 12.82% positive rate for November 16.

According to the Agency for Health Care Administration, there are 30 persons in Bay County hospitals with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

Bay County's total case count is at 7,765 including 7,504 residents and 261 non-residents. There have been 145 COVID-19 related deaths of Bay County residents. There have been 36 deaths associated with long term care facilities.

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (4,649), Lynn Haven (1,078), Panama City Beach (1,063), Missing (264), Youngstown (163), Southport (109), Fountain (80), Callaway (38), Tyndall Air Force Base (19), Mexico Beach (14), Parker (8), Ebro (5), Vernon (3), Seacrest (3), Inlet Beach (2), Bayou George (2), Alys Beach (1), Rosemary Beach (1), Watersound (1) and Milford (1).

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

DOH-Bay will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving. DOH-Bay's testing and screening for COVID-19 will be closed on these dates. We will also not be sending out local news releases, but data will be available at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](https://www.FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov).

### Testing

#### *Bay County Testing by Walk On*

**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

**Test Type:** Antigen (rapid in 20 minutes) and PCR

**Appointments needed.** The rapid tests will be available by appointment only. To make an appointment, visit <https://www.baycountyfl.gov/587/COVID-19-INFORMATION>. Please note that DOH-Bay does not operate this site and cannot make appointments for this testing location. Appointments must be made online.

#### *Florida Department of Health in Bay County Testing*

**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.

**Test Type:** PCR (Results in 3-5 days)

**Appointment required.**

For additional testing options and information, visit [Bay.FloridaHealth.gov](http://Bay.FloridaHealth.gov)

## Test Results

### *Florida Department of Health in Bay County Testing*

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 results from other testing locations, please contact the site or provider where you were tested.**

### 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 Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 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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