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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE

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Panama City, Fla.— As of 5:30 p.m. today, 104 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Bay County, six results are positive including five residents and one non-resident, 97 results are negative, and one sample is pending. There are two cases in Panama City Beach, one in Lynn Haven, one in Southport, and one in Youngstown. There has been one hospitalization.

Age	Gender	Travel-related	Travel detail	Contact with a confirmed case	FL Resident	Date Case Counted
55	Male	Yes	FL; Puerto Rico	Unknown	Yes	03/25/20
74	Female	No		No	Yes	03/25/20
44	Male	No		Unknown	Yes	03/27/20
68	Male	Yes	DC; FL	No	Yes	03/27/20
28	Male	No		No	Yes	03/28/20
47	Male	Yes	TX	Unknown	No	03/21/20

DOH-Bay has been monitoring COVID-19 since January and been in contact with Bay County Emergency Manager and medical providers to prepare response activities in the event we were to see cases in Bay.

COVID-19 symptoms and treatment

The symptoms of COVID-19 can mirror illnesses such as influenza. Patients with COVID-19 typically display symptoms such as fever (100.4°F or higher), cough, and/or shortness of breath within 2 to 14 days of exposure to the virus. Approximately 80% of those affected with COVID-19 report mild to moderate illness and experience a complete recovery. Some experience more severe illness. People who are more vulnerable to the illness include individuals who are over age 65 with underlying health conditions, immunocompromised, ill or have underlying chronic health conditions, such as heart disease or diabetes.

Many cases of COVID-19 can be managed at home by treating symptoms, and this is encouraged. However, if you develop worsening symptoms, such as shortness of breath, chest pain, or inability to drink fluids, contact 911 and advise them of your symptoms as you may need treatment at a hospital.



COVID-19 overview, symptoms, and general prevention

COVID-19 is a new type of coronavirus; coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others that circulate among animals. Other coronaviruses include the common cold and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). COVID-19 is believed to have emerged from an animal source and is now capable of spreading from person-to-person. There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

For more Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 website. For information and advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

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