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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES TWO ADDITIONAL CASES OF COVID-19**



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**Panama City, Fla.**— Bay County received confirmation of two additional cases of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus. The persons ill with the virus are a 22-year-old male and a 43-year-old female. This brings Bay County’s total COVID-19 cases to 100.

The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) is now conducting its contact investigation and working on identifying and notifying individuals who will need to self-monitor for symptoms for a 14-day period. Contact investigations are a critical way for staff epidemiologists to track and prevent the spread of disease.

The percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 in Bay County overall is 3%. Of the 3,898 tests processed, there are 3,798 negative results. There are three Florida resident deaths (3% of all cases) in Bay County from COVID-19. The total Florida resident hospitalizations count is at 13 (14% of all cases).

Addresses of Bay County residents	98
Panama City	67
Panama City Beach	12
Lynn Haven	10
Youngstown	3
Callaway	3
Southport	1
Parker	1
Tyndall Air Force Base	1

DOH-Bay is now testing all persons with symptoms of COVID-19, including children. For screening, please call DOH-Bay at (850) 872-4455 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and follow the prompts. Testing is by appointment only.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever
- Cough

- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- New loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Sore throat.

The Florida Department of Health also releases a list of long-term care facilities in Florida associated with COVID-19 cases with active cases and number of deaths in each facility in order to provide real-time data. The list of long-term care facilities with active COVID-19 cases is available [here](#). The list of long-term care facilities with deaths is available [here](#).

The Florida Department of Health has launched a [COVID-19 dashboard](#) that will be updated daily at 10 a.m. The state also provides a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county. The surveillance data report is available at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](#).

Friday, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) announced that antibody COVID-19 test results data is now available. This report will be provided once a week and contains county, race and lab information on antibody COVID-19 tests conducted in Florida. That report is available [here](#).

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

### **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 [BayHealthCOVID19.com](#). You may also contact the Citizens Information Center 7 days a week from 10 am – 6 pm at (850) 248-6090 or email [ask@baycountyfl.gov](mailto:ask@baycountyfl.gov).

For state level text alerts in the fight against COVID-19, text FLCOVID19 to 888-777. 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](#). 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](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

The free *StrongerThanC19* app is available to both iOS and Android users and can be downloaded from the Apple or Google app stores. The *StrongerThanC19* app and [website](#) are designed to gather information to help the Department of Health track and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Florida; they are not intended to be used as a symptom checker designed to dispense medical advice.

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