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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 37 CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19



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**Panama City, Fla.**— The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) received confirmation of 37 additional cases of COVID-19. There are two new Bay County resident hospitalizations. Due to the volume of cases information on age, sex, and addresses can be found at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](http://FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov) in the [State report](#). The Florida Department of Health also provides a [COVID-19 dashboard](#) with zip codes, health metrics, and testing information updated daily at 10 a.m. There is also a report detailing surveillance data for every [Florida county](#), available at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](http://FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov).

In the past 30 days, 286 persons have tested positive for COVID-19 in Bay County, 23 persons have been hospitalized, and no Bay County residents have died. The percent positive for laboratory testing for the week of June 21 is 9.49%.

Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 5 percent. Of the 7,944 tests processed, 7,552 tests are negative. Bay County's total diagnosed COVID-19 cases now stands at 384. This includes 366 Bay County residents and 18 non-Florida resident cases. Four Bay County residents, or 1 percent of all positive Bay County cases, have died from COVID-19. A total of 35 Bay County residents, or 10 percent of all cases, have been hospitalized with COVID-19.

The State is under a Public Health Advisory from the Florida Department of Health. It advises wearing masks in public, encourages elderly and vulnerable populations to limit interactions outside of the home, and urges all individuals to refrain from participating in gatherings of more than 50 people. To file a complaint with the Florida Department of Business and Professional regulations, click [here](#).

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

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| Cases in facility staff/ residents | 48                    |
| Long-Term Care                     | 44 (13% of all cases) |
| Corrections                        | 4 (1% of all cases)   |

The Florida Department of Health also offers a list of long-term care facilities in Florida associated with COVID-19 cases and provides real-time data about [active cases](#) and number of [deaths](#) in each facility.

DOH will offer free drive-through testing to any person over 18 at the following dates and locations:

| JULY DRIVE THROUGH TESTING SITES   |   |                                     |  |
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| Where  | When                                      | Who                                 | How  |
| <b>Former Springfield City Hall site</b><br>3529 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> St<br>Panama City, FL 32401 | <b>Tuesday, July 7</b><br>9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Adults 18+ with or without symptoms | Drive through, no appointment or referral needed |

DOH-Bay is now testing anyone with symptoms of COVID-19. For screening, please call DOH-Bay at (850) 872-4455 from 8 a.m. to 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, and/or sore throat.

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) publishes antibody COVID-19 test results data weekly. The [report](#) contains county, race and lab information on antibody COVID-19 tests conducted in Florida.

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) publishes pediatric report for Florida weekly. The [report](#) contains characteristics of pediatric Florida resident cases by county.

### 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](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).

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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