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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 109 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 109 additional cases of COVID-19 with 327 negative test results with 25 percent positive for July 19. According to the Agency for Health Care Administration as of 10 a.m. today there are 94 persons in Bay County hospitals with COVID-19.

Bay County's total case count is at 2,105 including 2,050 residents and 55 non-residents. Nine Bay County residents have died from COVID-19. Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 11 percent. Of the 18,675 tests processed, 16,544 tests are negative.

The age range for Bay County residents testing positive for COVID-19 for July 12 is 0-4 years (2), 5-14 years (2), 15-24 years (20), 25-34 (24), 35-44 (17), 45-54 (14), 55-64 (14), 65-74 (15), 75-84 (1), and 85+ (0).

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (1,415), Panama City Beach (282), Lynn Haven (213), Youngstown (39), Southport (36), Fountain (21), Missing (18), Callaway (10), Tyndall Air Force Base (7), Mexico Beach (3), Inlet Beach (2), Bayou George (1), Parker (1), Seacrest (1), and Watersound (1).

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

COVID-19 Question of the Day

Where can I find information about Bay County's COVID-19 cases quickly and easily?

The .pdf County report created daily includes demographic data on all cases, daily cases, and hospitalizations. This also provides the total number of cases in long term care and correctional facilities. This report also has the number of positive and negative tests daily for the past two weeks and includes the percent positive. In addition, there is information on emergency department data and trends. This report is available at FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov or at Bay.FloridaHealth.gov attached to the daily news releases.

In addition, the dashboard available at FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov has Cases by County tab, Florida testing tab, and health metrics tab that you can select Bay County to get county specific data.

Prevention

Protect the vulnerable by avoiding the Three Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places and Close-Contact Settings and by wearing a mask in public:

1. **Closed Spaces.** Avoid closed spaces with poor ventilation that could allow contagious droplets to linger in the air.
2. **Crowded Places.** Avoid crowded places with many people nearby; the greater the number of individuals in an area, the greater the chances of COVID-19 spreading from person-to-person.
3. **Close-Contact Settings.** Avoid close-range conversations and stay at least six-feet from others.

Testing

DOH-Bay is 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 CDC has a symptom checker available at [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). For additional testing options and information, visit [Bay.FloridaHealth.gov](https://www.bay.floridahealth.gov).

DOH-Bay Test Results

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. 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.

Additional Data

The state provides a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county, which is available [here](#).

In order to make the daily COVID-19 report easier to download and more accessible, the daily report will now separate case line data in a separate PDF. Both reports will continue to be updated daily. The case line data report is available [here](#).

Florida long-term care facility 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](#), which is updated weekly.

The antibody COVID-19 test results report will be provided once a week and contains county, race and lab information on antibody COVID-19 tests conducted in Florida. The report for antibody tests conducted by private health care providers is available [here](#) and the report for antibody tests conducted at state-supported COVID-19 testing sites is available [here](#).

The Agency for Health Care Administration added an additional tab to the [Hospital Bed Capacity Dashboard](#) to reflect hospitalizations with the primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

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. 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.

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](https://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19). 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.

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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About the Florida Department of Health

The department, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @HealthyFla. For more information about the Florida Department of Health, please visit www.FloridaHealth.gov .

COVID-19: summary for Bay County

Data through Jul 19, 2020 verified as of Jul 20, 2020 at 09:25 AM

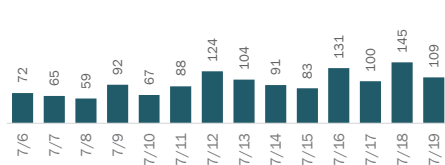
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Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

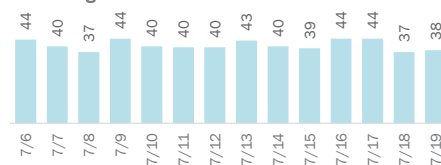
Total cases	2,105
Florida residents	2,050
Non-Florida residents	55
Gender for Florida residents	
Men	938
Women	1,106
Unknown	6
Age for Florida residents	
Range	0 - 96
Median age	39

Cases in Florida residents by date case confirmed

Cases



Median age



Race, ethnicity	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
White	1,121 (55%)	44 (70%)	7 (78%)
Hispanic	155 (8%)	8 (13%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	924 (45%)	34 (54%)	7 (78%)
Unknown ethnicity	42 (2%)	2 (3%)	0 (0%)
Black	231 (11%)	8 (13%)	0 (0%)
Hispanic	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	205 (10%)	8 (13%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	26 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	111 (5%)	9 (14%)	1 (11%)
Hispanic	25 (1%)	5 (8%)	1 (11%)
Non-Hispanic	63 (3%)	4 (6%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	23 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Unknown race	587 (29%)	2 (3%)	1 (11%)
Hispanic	7 (0%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	20 (1%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	560 (27%)	0 (0%)	1 (11%)
Total	2,050	63	9

Outcomes for Florida residents

Bay	
Hospitalizations	63 (3% of all cases)
Deaths	9 (0% of all cases)
New deaths	0

Statewide

Hospitalizations	21,263 (6% of all cases)
Deaths	5,072 (1% of all cases)
New deaths	90

New deaths are those identified since last report.

Cases in facility staff/residents

Bay	
Long-term care	74 (4% of all cases)
Correctional	31 (2% of all cases)

Statewide

Long-term care	19,997 (6% of all cases)
Correctional	6,208 (2% of all cases)

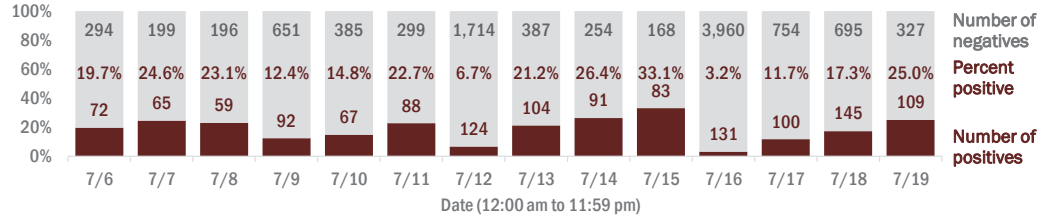
Age group	All cases	New cases (7/19)	Hospitalizations	Deaths
0-4 years	30 (1%)	2 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
5-14 years	39 (2%)	2 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
15-24 years	348 (17%)	20 (18%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
25-34 years	433 (21%)	24 (22%)	4 (6%)	0 (0%)
35-44 years	358 (17%)	17 (16%)	8 (13%)	0 (0%)
45-54 years	348 (17%)	14 (13%)	12 (19%)	1 (11%)
55-64 years	265 (13%)	14 (13%)	9 (14%)	1 (11%)
65-74 years	150 (7%)	15 (14%)	11 (17%)	1 (11%)
75-84 years	59 (3%)	1 (1%)	15 (24%)	4 (44%)
85+ years	20 (1%)	0 (0%)	3 (5%)	2 (22%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Total	2,050	109	63	9

Hospitalization counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized.
Other race includes any person with a race of American Indian/Alaskan native, Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other.

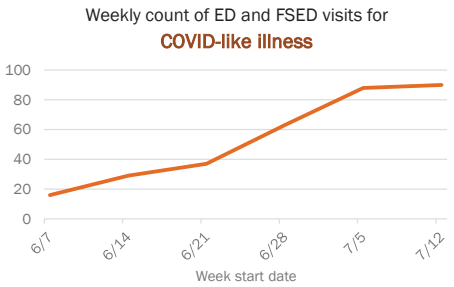
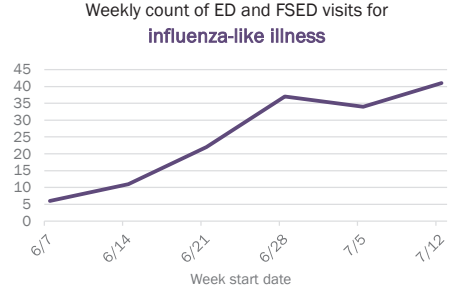
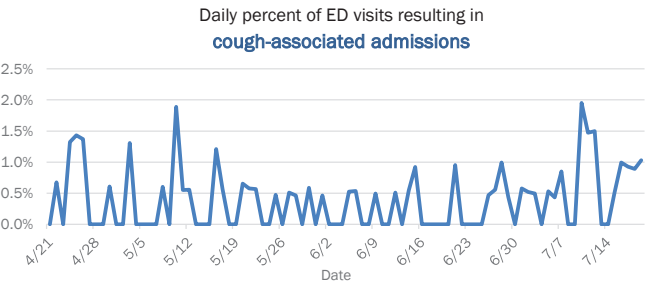
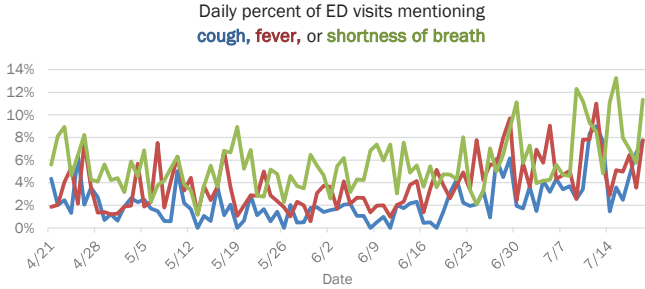
Laboratory testing for Florida residents and non-Florida residents over the past 2 weeks

Percent positivity for new cases

These counts include the number of people for whom the department received PCR or antigen laboratory results by day. This percent is the number of people who test positive for the first time divided by all the people tested that day, excluding people who have previously tested positive.



Emergency department (ED) and freestanding ED (FSED) chief complaint and admission data for Bay County



The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE-FL) includes chief complaint data from 211 of 212 Florida EDs and 77 of 80 Florida FSEDs. Data are transmitted electronically to ESSENCE-FL daily or hourly.



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Bay County Viral Testing Information

Bay.FloridaHealth.gov / FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov / BayHealthCOVID19.com

COVID-19 MOLECULAR VIRAL TESTING

Uses respiratory samples—such as a swab from the inside of your nose or at the back of your throat— to find out if you have COVID-19. Samples are collected and sent to a laboratory. Results come back in 2 days to one-week depending on the volume of samples the laboratory is processing.

SYMPTOMS

Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

Florida Department of Health in Bay County

597 W. 11th ST, Panama City

Criteria: Testing persons **with symptoms**.

Process: Call DOH-Bay at (850) 872-4455

Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for screening.

No costs. No insurance required.

CVS Health is now offering no-cost drive-thru COVID-19 testing at select CVS Pharmacy locations. Tests are available by appointment only at the drive-thru window. Results will be available in 2-4 days. To find testing locations, determine eligibility and schedule an appointment click [here](#).

Nations Best Family Health Care*

1514 W 23rd ST, Panama City

Criteria: Prioritizing healthcare workers, first responders, persons with symptoms, and persons with exposure by appointment.

Process: Book online at

<https://nationsbesthealth.com/covid-testing/>.

Coastal Internal Medicine*

12007 Panama City Beach PKWY

Criteria: Testing persons **with symptoms**

Process: Call (850) 234-5151

Mon. - Thurs. from 8 a.m. - Noon and

1 - 5 p.m. and Fri. 8 a.m. - Noon.

American Family Care Panama City Beach*

15415 Panama City Beach Parkway

Criteria and Process: Call (850) 583-9747 for information 7 days a week 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Emerald Coast Urgent Care*

2704 Thomas Dr.

Criteria and Process: Call (850) 236-8655 for information 7 days a week 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Nu Wave Medical Center*

10800 Panama City Beach Pkwy

Criteria and Process: Call (850) 666-4726 for information Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday 7:30 .m. - 3 p.m.

**Note: If you do not have insurance or they don't accept your provider, there may be an office visit fees between \$115 - \$150.*



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COVID-19 ANTIGEN VIRAL TESTING

Uses respiratory samples—such as a swab from the inside of your nose or at the back of your throat— to find out if you have COVID-19. Results are available at the point of care in less than one-hour. Antigen tests may produce false negatives. Your healthcare provider will determine if a molecular COVID-19 test is needed in addition to antigen testing.

SYMPTOMS

Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

VIRAL TESTING WITH NO OUT OF POCKET COSTS WITH OR WITHOUT INSURANCE

PanCare Health

Testing at the Panama City Mall and
Arnold High School

Criteria: Testing all persons with or without symptoms by appointment.

Process: Book online at pancarefl.org/covid-19.

PanCare also offers molecular testing and uses their healthcare providers to determine if this testing is needed in addition to the antigen testing. PanCare uses the Quidel Sofia antigen test. You can read the patient instructions for this test [here](#).

Note: If you are insured, insurance will be billed but there will be no out of pocket costs. Uninsured persons will be seen free of charge.

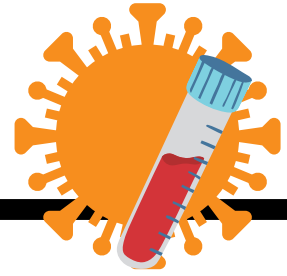
WHO SHOULD CONSIDER BEING TESTED FOR COVID-19?

if you have **symptoms of COVID-19** or are a **close contact** to someone who is confirmed positive for COVID-19, you should consider being tested for the virus. A close contact is defined as someone who is within **less than 6 feet for at least 15 minutes**. If you have symptoms or are a close contact, **your first step is to contact your doctor.**

You should self isolate for 14 days. Most people can recover at home without additional medical care. If you have symptoms, you should make sure to drink lots of fluid, rest, and use over the counter medications to help manage symptoms. **Notify anyone you have been in close contact with.** Keep your doctor updated on any significant changes in your health. You should call 911 or go to the emergency room if you have **emergency warning signs** such as difficulty breathing, pain or pressure in the chest, or new confusion.



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Bay County Antibody Testing Information

Bay.FloridaHealth.gov / FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov / BayHealthCOVID19.com

COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING

A blood test that can tell you if you've had COVID-19 or a related coronavirus. Antibodies usually develop 1-3 weeks after symptoms start.

What we don't know about COVID-19 antibodies:

- We don't know if having them can protect you from getting COVID-19 again.
- We don't know how long the protection lasts.

What we do know:

- If you test positive and you haven't had symptoms—you've had an asymptomatic infection.
- If you test negative—you probably haven't had COVID-19, but you could have it now or you could get sick if you've recently been exposed.
- Some people may take longer to develop antibodies, and others may never develop antibodies.

FDA AUTHORIZED ANTIBODY TESTING

Emerald Coast Urgent Care

2704 Thomas DR, Panama City Beach

Serology through LabCorp

Criteria: Call to discuss

Process: **Call (850) 236-8655**

7 days a week from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. to discuss.

Note: If you do not have insurance or they don't accept your provider, there may be an office visit fee.

OneBlood is testing all blood donations for the COVID-19 antibody. The antibody test is authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and will indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the virus, regardless of whether they ever showed symptoms. For more information or an appointment, **visit OneBlood.org or call +1 (888) 936-6283.**

The Florida Department of Health is releasing a weekly report on antibody testing results by County, visit FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov to download the .pdf file.