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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 59 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 59 additional cases of COVID-19, bringing the total cases to 684 including 651 residents and 33 non-residents. Five Bay County residents, or 1 percent of all positive Bay County cases, have died from COVID-19. A total of 37 Bay County residents, or 6 percent of all cases, have been hospitalized with COVID-19. Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 8 percent. Of the 8,759 tests processed, 8,063 tests are negative.

Demographics for today's confirmed cases: Female (27), Female (66), Female (34), Female (55), Female (59), Male (22), Female (37), Male (28), Male (42), Male (23), Male (34), Male (8), Female (33), Female (46), Female (40), Female (40), Female (29), Male (29), Male (12), Male (27), Male (2), Male (35), Female (27), Female (21), Female (37), Female (17), Male (51), Female (32), Female (58), Female (26), Female (22), Female (27), Female (36), Male (35), Male (3), Male (42), Female (14), Female (14), Female (56), Female (20), Male (15), Male (27), Male (36), Female (22), Female (60), Male (33), Female (51), Male (33), Male (38), Female (51), Male (19), Female (53), Female (23), Female (52), Female (73), Female (23), Male (21), Female (64), and Male (13). One case is a non-Florida resident. There are no new hospitalizations.

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (441), Panama City Beach (105), Lynn Haven (57), Youngstown (12), Southport (9), Missing (8), Callaway (7), Fountain (5), Tyndall Air Force Base (3), Bayou George (1), Parker (1), and Inlet Beach (1).

Prevention

During the Fourth of July holiday weekend, Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Surgeon General are reminding all Floridians to 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 will offer free drive-thru COVID-19 viral testing to any person over 18 with or without symptoms on Tuesday, July 7 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the former Springfield City Hall site, 3529 E 3rd ST, Panama City.

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 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.

COVID-19 Question of the Day

What should I do if I believe I have been exposed to COVID-19?

Your first step is to contact your doctor. Close contact is defined by the CDC as someone who has been within less than 6 feet for at least 15 minutes of someone who is confirmed positive for COVID-19. After exposure, symptoms can develop within 2 to 14 days. You should self-isolate for 14 days and monitor for any symptoms. Close contacts should consider being tested for COVID-19. If symptoms develop, contact your doctor again. Most people can recover at home. Make sure to drink lots of fluids, rest, and use over the counter medications to help with symptoms. Call 911 or go to the emergency room if you develop emergency warning signs such as difficulty breathing, pain or pressure in the chest, or new confusion.

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](#).

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

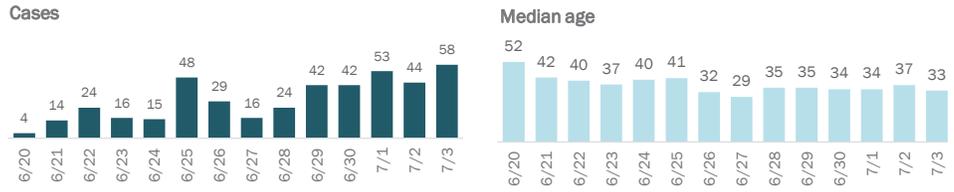
Data through Jul 3, 2020 verified as of Jul 4, 2020 at 09:25 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

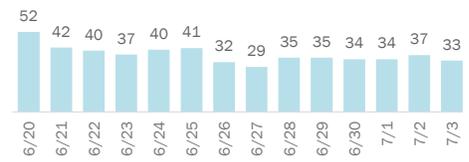
Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

Total cases	684
Florida residents	651
Non-Florida residents	33
Gender for Florida residents	
Men	300
Women	351
Unknown	0
Age for Florida residents	
Range	0 - 93
Median age	37

Cases in Florida residents by date case confirmed



Median age



Race, ethnicity	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
White	434 (67%)	26 (70%)	4 (80%)
Hispanic	111 (17%)	8 (22%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	310 (48%)	17 (46%)	4 (80%)
Unknown ethnicity	13 (2%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
Black	73 (11%)	5 (14%)	0 (0%)
Hispanic	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	60 (9%)	5 (14%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	13 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	36 (6%)	5 (14%)	1 (20%)
Hispanic	17 (3%)	5 (14%)	1 (20%)
Non-Hispanic	15 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	4 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Unknown race	108 (17%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
Hispanic	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	2 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	105 (16%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Total	651	37	5

Outcomes for Florida residents

Bay		
Hospitalizations	37	(6% of all cases)
Deaths	5	(1% of all cases)

Statewide

Hospitalizations	15,735	(8% of all cases)
Deaths	3,702	(2% of all cases)

Cases in facility staff/residents

Bay		
Long-term care	45	(7% of all cases)
Correctional	4	(1% of all cases)

Statewide

Long-term care	14,450	(8% of all cases)
Correctional	3,954	(2% of all cases)

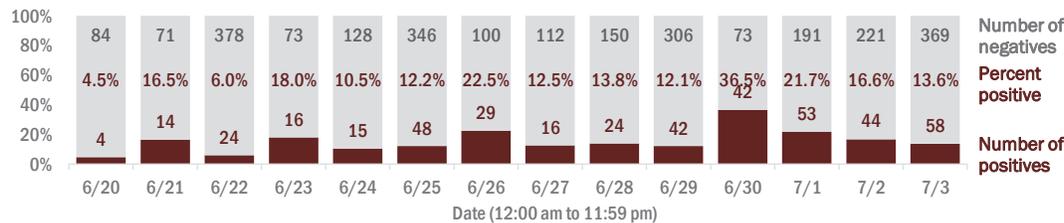
Hospitalization counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized.

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

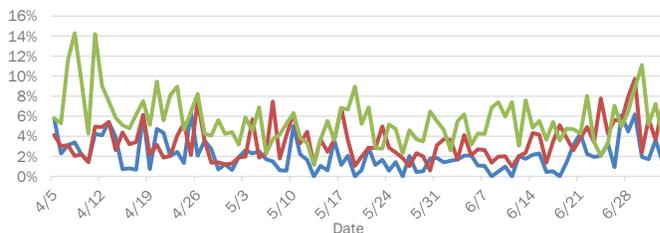
Number and percent of positive labs

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

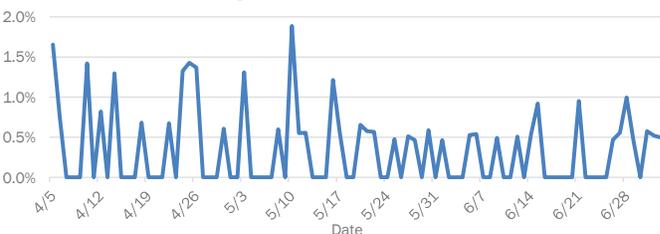
Daily percent of ED visits mentioning cough, fever, or shortness of breath



Weekly count of ED and FSED visits for influenza-like illness



Daily percent of ED visits resulting in cough-associated admissions



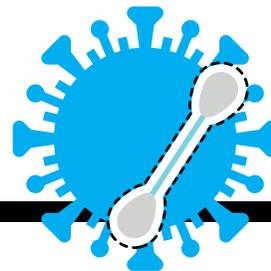
Weekly count of ED and FSED visits for COVID-like illness



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.

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

Florida Department of Health in Bay County

597 W. 11th ST, Panama City

Criteria: Testing all persons **with symptoms** regardless of age, place of work, or underlying health conditions.

Process: Call DOH-Bay at (850) 872-4455 Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for screening.
Note: No insurance required. No fees to patients or insurance billed.

Drive-thru testing sites will be scheduled at different locations for all adults with or without symptoms. For more information, visit Bay.FloridaHealth.gov.

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](#).

PRIVATE PROVIDERS OFFERING VIRAL TESTING FOR PATIENTS AND NON-PATIENTS

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

Coastal Internal Medicine

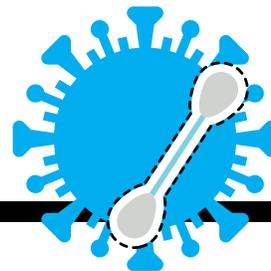
12007 Panama City Beach PKWY
Panama City Beach

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

Process: Call (850) 234-5151
Mon. - Thurs. from 8 a.m. - Noon and 1 - 5 p.m.
and Fri. 8 a.m. - Noon.
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.

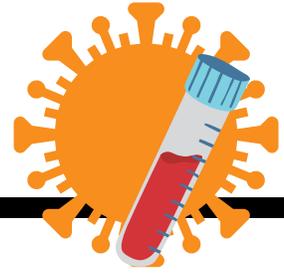
WHO SHOULD CONSIDER BEING TESTED FOR COVID-19?

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.



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DRIVE-THRU TESTING

SAFE | SECURE | FAST

Free COVID-19 testing is available to all members of the public 18 and older. No appointment or pre-registration is needed.

All passengers must stay inside vehicles from arrival to departure. Limit the people in your personal vehicle to a maximum of five to be tested. Staff will direct the traffic flow, obtain contact information, collect a brief medical history, and perform a respiratory swab. Antibody testing is not available.

Wait times may vary. Testing dates are subject to change due to inclement weather.

Questions?

Call the Florida Department of Health in Bay County at (850) 872-4455 or visit bay.floridahealth.gov.

TUESDAY, JULY 7
9 AM – 1 PM
FORMER SPRINGFIELD CITY
HALL
3529 E 3rd ST
PANAMA CITY, FL 32401

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:





COVID-19

DRIVE-THRU TESTING

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DO I NEED IN ORDER TO BE TESTED?

1

- Government Issued ID (if possible)- This photo ID does not need to be a Florida Drivers License.
- Testing is free and available for **adults 18 and older**, regardless of symptoms.
- No appointment or pre-registration is needed.

2

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE AT THE TESTING SITE?

- Each vehicle will be greeted and directed by personnel in protective gear.
- Each individual will be asked to provide their first and last name, address, date of birth, social security number, and contact information.
- You will be given important packet of information to review that includes what to do while awaiting test results.

3

WHAT IS THE TESTING PROCESS?

- A health professional in personal protective equipment will provide you with instructions.
- A soft swab will be inserted into your nose or throat to get the sample. This may be slightly uncomfortable; however, the test is quick and should take less than a minute.

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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I AM TESTED?

- After you have been tested, follow signage and directions for exiting the testing site.
- After being tested, continue to monitor and record symptoms. You will receive your test results via telephone call. This will take about one-week.
- If you develop symptoms before receiving test results, contact your healthcare provider or call (850) 872-4455.

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WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- There are no bathrooms at the testing sites.
- Each person who needs to be tested must be seated next to a working window.
- All passengers must stay inside vehicles from arrival to departure.
- Try to limit individuals in your vehicle to only those who need to be tested, no more than five in a vehicle.
- There may be significant wait times - Prepare by having a full tank of gas and make sure the vehicle has working air conditioning.
- **Antibody tests will not be available.**