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DOH-WALTON UPDATES POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19 AND ANNOUNCES 1 ADDITIONAL DEATH

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DeFuniak Springs, Fla. –. DOH Walton/Walton Community Health Center is conducting free COVID 19 testing in DOH -Walton clinic locations in Santa Rosa Beach, DeFuniak Springs and Paxton by appointment only. Call 850-401-6453 for more information and to schedule an appointment. Drive through testing, no appointment or pre-registration needed, will take place July 14th from 4 P.M.-7 P.M South Walton High School, Santa Rosa Beach and July 21st 4 P.M. – 7 P.M. Gene Hurley Park, DeFuniak Springs. Antibody tests are not available.

- **Demographic information on cases due to ongoing epidemiological investigations, are provisional and subject to change**: **Walton County total cases (582) new cases from July 11 through today, July 13 (98): Municipalities by zip code include DeFuniak Springs (232), Freeport (49), Gaskin (1), Laurel Hill-Paxton (1), Miramar Beach (46), Santa Rosa Beach (167), Ponce de Leon (8), Westville (1), Panama City Beach (1), Inlet Beach (18), Destin (1), Watersound (1) and Out-of-state tested in Walton County (53), missing address data (3). The community median age for July 11, 12, & 13 is 32 and ages range from 0-86, 36 Females, 39 males. (excluding Walton County jail cases)**

- **A 76-year-old male who tested positive for COVID19 has passed away. There have been 10 deaths with confirmed COVID-19. Current Hospitalizations (2).**

- **Included in total cases is 64 Walton County jail inmates located in DeFuniak Springs which are listed as DeFuniak Springs cases.**

- **The daily COVID-19 report also includes information from the Agency for Health Care Administration, by county about cases and deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. There have been 64 residents and/or staff that have tested positive for COVID-19 in one Long Term Care Facility in DeFuniak Springs, Walton County. This report is also available at FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov.**

- **Effective July 2, 2020, COVID-19 confirmed through antigen testing are included in overall case counts. Antigen tests are a new way to check for active COVID-19 infection at the time of your appointment.**

Prevention

DOH Walton stresses the importance of following the local, state, federal and CDC guidelines and practicing social distancing to protect those that are most at risk. Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-83, directing the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory to all persons over 65 years of age urging them to stay home and to take such other measures as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

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

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.

DOH-Walton has also initiated the use of Nextdoor application for Public Agencies, to share information with Walton County residents. For more information and/or to sign up visit Nextdoor.com.

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 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.

For information and advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

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