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DOH-WALTON UPDATES POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19

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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. **There will be a drive-through testing (no appointments or pre-registration required) on August 4, 3 PM – 6 PM Gene Hurley Park, 965 Gene Hurley Road, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435** Antibody tests are not available.

- **Demographic information on cases due to ongoing epidemiological investigations, are provisional and subject to change**: **Walton County total cases (1256) new cases reported July 31, August 1, & 2 (60). Municipalities by zip code can be found on the dashboard (click on the bottom of the page Cases by Zip code). FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov. The community median age for is (42), ages range from 6-80, 0-10 (3) 11-20 (7) 21-30 (10) 31-40 (7) 41-50 (9) 51-60 (13) 61-70 (5) 71-80 (5) (Females (33), Males (26) Daily community data excludes outbreaks at Walton County Jail and Long-Term Care Facilities.**

- **There have been 13 deaths with confirmed COVID-19. Current COVID19 Hospitalizations in Walton County Hospitals (13) This data may include persons other than Walton County cases.**

- **Included in total cases is 90 Walton County jail staff and inmates located in DeFuniak Springs which are listed as DeFuniak Springs cases.**

- **Included in total cases is 76 residents and/or staff that have tested positive for COVID-19 in one Long Term Care Facility in DeFuniak Springs, and 7 in one Long Term Care Facility in Miramar Beach. 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 his 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.**

The Public Health Advisory provides the following recommendations:

- All individuals in Florida should wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, both indoors and outdoors, unless any of the following apply:
    - A child is under two years of age;

    - An individual has one or more medical conditions or disabilities that prevent wearing a face covering;
    - An individual is obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service;
    - An individual works in a profession where use of a face covering will not be compatible with the duties of the profession; or
    - An individual is engaged in outdoor work or recreation with appropriate social distancing.
- Businesses and organizations are encouraged to require individuals who enter the premises to wear a face covering.
- All individuals should refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 10 people. For all gatherings of fewer than 10 people, individuals should practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wearing a face covering.

This is a reinforcement of the previously issued advisory as well as direction that has been provided in the task force report for a *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*.

Click here to review this Public Health Advisory.

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.

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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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