DOH-WALTON UPDATES CURRENT VACCINATION AND TESTING APPOINTMENT AND POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19 INFORMATION Covid 19 Booster Vaccinations available



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DeFuniak Springs, Fla. –

Walk-up/No appointment needed for this week's Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics. A grocery gift certificate valued at \$15 will be given to individuals that receive a Covid-19 vaccination (while supplies last). We will be closed November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving holiday.

 Tuesday, November 23, 2021 10:00 A.M.– 12:00 P.M. 1st, 2nd and Booster doses of Moderna and Pfizer vaccine and pediatric doses of Pfizer vaccine for children 5 and up.

DeFuniak Springs – Healthmark Regional Medical Center, 4413 US Highway 331 South

Flu vaccines are not available at the Covid vaccination sites, please call 850-892-8015 to make an appointment for a flu vaccine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determines eligibility for booster and additional doses. The Florida Department of Health has outlined information for a <u>booster dose here</u> and <u>additional dose here</u>.

Florida residents and any individual in Florida who is present in Florida for the purpose of providing goods or services for the benefit of residents and visitors of the state is eligible to be vaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccines continue to be vital to ending the pandemic, including combating the recent case increases nationally and globally. Vaccine benefits include:

- Significantly reduces the risk of contracting the virus even if you are exposed.
- Teaching your body how to fight the virus.
- Reducing the risk of severe symptoms, hospitalization, and death if you contract the virus.
- Minimizing the ability for the virus to spread, especially to our most vulnerable populations.
- Fighting against emerging variants that can cause worse symptoms and spread.

Persons may also receive a vaccination at several other Walton County locations. Please check the state vaccine locator at <u>www.floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/vaccine-locator/</u> for your nearest location.

What to do if you are sick? As cases increase, individuals should continue to watch for COVID-19 symptoms, especially if unvaccinated. If you are vaccinated and develop symptoms of COVID-19, you should keep your distance and be evaluated by your health care provider and get tested. You

can find testing locations <u>Florida COVID-19 Testing Sites | Florida Department of Health COVID-19</u> <u>Outbreak (floridahealthcovid19.gov).</u>

Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Treatments are available now. Monoclonal Antibody Treatments (MAB) for Covid-19 can prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death among high-risk individuals. This treatment is available widely in Florida. Individuals 12 years and older who are high-risk, that have contracted or been exposed to Covid-19, are eligible for this treatment. Treatment is free and vaccination status does not matter. For location information go to FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov.

Demographic information on COVID-19 cases due to ongoing epidemiological investigations, are provisional and subject to change: For the week of November 12 through November 18, there were 33 new Walton County cases reported. Walton County resident total cases 12,039 The Covid 19 weekly situation report may be found at <u>FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov</u>. Additional information may also be found at CDC COVID Data Tracker.

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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 <u>FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov</u>. 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 <u>COVID-19@flhealth.gov</u>.

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

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