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DOH-WALTON UPDATES CURRENT VACCINATION AND TESTING APPOINTMENT AND POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19 INFORMATION

Covid 19 Booster and Children 5 years and up 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).

- **Tuesday, December 28, 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.

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 variants nationally and globally. The COVID-19 vaccines effectively prevent severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths based on all currently available data. As of November 25, 2021, 69% of eligible Floridians chose to get vaccinated against COVID-19, and the state currently has one of the lowest case rates in the nation. Floridians can find a COVID-19 vaccine at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](https://www.floridahealthcovid19.gov).

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 www.floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/vaccine-locator/ 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 [Florida COVID-19 Testing Sites | Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Outbreak \(floridahealthcovid19.gov\)](#).

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](#).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is the lead agency for all variant surveillance in the United States, and they will distribute any updates on the Omicron variant. Since the pandemic's beginning, the department has conducted sequencing efforts and maintains surveillance of emerging variants in Florida. 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>.

The Covid 19 weekly situation report may be found at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](#). 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 [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.

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