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## COVID-19 Update

The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 11,635. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 928. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 352.

County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths	County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths
Chattahoochee	1583	378	1	Quitman	31	0	1
Clay	118	5	2	Randolph	327	11	28
Crisp	522	46	17	Schley	103	8	2
Dooly	308	23	15	Stewart	414	56	13
Harris	766	35	21	Sumter	909	48	60
Macon	224	18	10	Talbot	157	2	5
Marion	181	8	8	Taylor	180	20	8
Muscogee	5769	265	159	Webster	43	5	2

For more information, visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>.

Anyone wishing to be tested should register by visiting [www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com), or calling the West Central Health District COVID-19 Call Center, at 706-321-6300, Option 1. There is no charge for testing at any location.

### When to get tested:

If a person has been exposed (*in close contact for more than 15 minutes*) to someone who tested positive for Covid-19, but **does not have symptoms**, that person should remain in quarantine for 14 days, and **wait at least 10 days to be tested**. If a person is symptomatic, or symptoms begin before day 10, then that person should be tested at that time. **Please note that even if your test results are negative, you still must remain in quarantine for the entire 14 days.**

**Testing** is held in the parking lot behind the former Columbus Health Department, on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Center Street.

Monday through Friday	7:00 am to 11:00 am
Saturday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Off-site testing** will be at the office of Dr. Jacqueline Owusu, 5401 Gunboat Dr., Ste. 27, Columbus.

Saturday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Drive-thru testing at all County Health Departments, *\*weather permitting\**:**

Chattahoochee <i>Cusseta</i>	Tuesday and Thursday <i>Every other Monday</i>	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	706-989-3663
Clay <i>Fort Gaines</i>	Wednesday - <b>No Testing week of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-768-2355
Crisp- off-site J.R Dowdy Building, 1129 N 5th Street, <i>Cordele</i>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30 am to 11:00 am	229-276-2680
Dooly <i>Vienna</i>	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday	7:00 am to 10:00 am	229-268-4725
Harris <i>Hamilton</i>	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	9:00 am to 11:30 am	706-628-5037
Macon <i>Oglethorpe</i>	Tuesday and Thursday	8:30 am to 10:30 am	478-472-8121
Marion <i>Buena Vista</i>	Monday and Wednesday	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-649-5664
Quitman <i>Georgetown</i>	Tuesday - <b>No Testing week of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-334-3697
Randolph <i>Cuthbert</i>	Monday and Thursday <b>No Testing week of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-732-2414
Schley <i>Ellaville</i>	Monday and Tuesday	9:00 am to 11:00 am	229-937-2208
Stewart <i>Lumpkin</i>	Wednesday and Friday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-838-4859
Sumter <i>Americus</i>	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday	9:00 am to 11:00 am	229-924-3637
Talbot <i>Talbotton</i>	Monday and Wednesday	8:30 am to 11:00 am	706-786-6410
Taylor <i>Butler</i>	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am to 11:00 am	478-862-5628
Webster <i>Preston</i>	Monday	9:00 am to 12:00 pm 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	229-828-3225

***We urge all individuals to practice these prevention measures:***

- **Wear a mask or cloth face covering when you go to a public place.**
- **Remember social distancing:** six feet between you and the person closest to you.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay home** when you are sick.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze** with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information, people may call our COVID-19 call center at 706-321-6300, Option 1, or visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> or [www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com).

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