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## COVID-19 Update

The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 11,274. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 1,003. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 338.

County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths	County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths
Chattahoochee	1461	412	2	Quitman	31	0	1
Clay	115	3	2	Randolph	322	13	27
Crisp	504	51	15	Schley	101	9	2
Dooly	298	17	14	Stewart	386	64	11
Harris	753	37	21	Sumter	893	62	60
Macon	214	12	10	Talbot	155	1	5
Marion	178	12	6	Taylor	169	40	8
Muscogee	5653	267	152	Webster	41	3	2

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

The West Central Health District has established a COVID-19 Call Center, 706-321-6300, Option 1. The District also has a toll-free number for COVID-19 information, 1-855-962-0955. After the recording, callers may leave a message which will be returned within 24 hours.

**Anyone wishing to be tested should register by visiting [www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com) or calling 706-321-6300, Option 1.** All persons to be tested must be Georgia residents, but they do not have to be symptomatic. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

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|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Fever               | Chills                       | Headache                   |
| Cough               | Nausea                       | Diarrhea                   |
| Muscle Pain         | Sore Throat                  | Congestion or runny nose   |
| Shortness of Breath | Repeated Shaking with Chills | New Loss of Taste or Smell |

**Elderly individuals and those with chronic medical conditions have increased risk for COVID-19.**

### 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

**Off-site testing** will be Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, in Taylor County, at the Butler Fire Department, 42 Cedar St., Butler, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**There is no charge for testing at any location. Please register for testing at [www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com). Due to the number of individuals to be tested, wait times may vary at all locations.**

**Other County Health Departments offer drive-thru collection, \*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 – <b>No Testing Sept. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	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

**Be sure to call before going to a doctor's office, emergency room, or urgent care center if you have been exposed to someone with the virus, and if you have symptoms.**

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

- **Wear a mask or cloth face covering when you go to a store, office, or 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. If soap and water are not available, 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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