



PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Update

The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 12,359. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 555. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 371.

County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.		County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	
		Cases	Deaths			Cases	Deaths
Chattahoochee	1678	69	1	Quitman	34	2	1
Clay	121	1	2	Randolph	331	0	29
Crisp	573	44	17	Schley	105	0	2
Dooly	340	23	14	Stewart	523	84	14
Harris	799	25	22	Sumter	935	21	62
Macon	235	10	10	Talbot	166	8	6
Marion	192	7	8	Taylor	214	14	11
Muscogee	6070	246	170	Webster	43	1	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, 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 11th Avenue and Center Street. Beginning Tuesday, September 29th, hours are:

Monday through Friday	11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 3 rd	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, October 3 rd	11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday, October 4 th	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

Chattahoochee <i>Cusseta</i>	Tuesday and Thursday <i>*No Mondays in October</i>	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	706-989-3663
Clay <i>Fort Gaines</i>	Wednesday	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 through Friday	8:30 am to 11:30 am	229-276-2680
Dooly <i>Vienna</i>	Monday through Friday	8:00 am to 12:00 pm 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	229-268-4725
Harris <i>Hamilton</i>	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	9:00 am to 11:00 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	8:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-649-5664
Quitman <i>Georgetown</i>	Tuesday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-334-3697
Randolph <i>Cuthbert</i>	Monday and Thursday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-732-2414
Schley <i>Ellaville</i>	Monday and Tuesday <i>*No testing on October 13</i>	9:00 am to 11:00 am	229-937-2208
Stewart <i>Lumpkin</i>	Wednesday and Friday <i>*No testing Oct 2</i>	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 and Thursday	8:30 am to 11:00 am	478-862-5628
Webster <i>Preston</i>	Monday <i>*No testing Oct 5</i> Thursday <i>*No testing Oct 29</i>	1:00 pm to 3:30 pm 9:00 am to 12:00 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.

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