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COVID-19 Update

The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 12,463. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 487. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 379.

County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths	County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths
Chattahoochee	1689	68	1	Quitman	34	2	1
Clay	121	1	3	Randolph	331	0	29
Crisp	589	51	19	Schley	106	1	2
Dooly	347	17	14	Stewart	523	59	15
Harris	806	21	22	Sumter	941	17	64
Macon	236	9	10	Talbot	166	6	6
Marion	193	4	9	Taylor	216	10	11
Muscogee	6122	220	171	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. Hours are:

Monday through Friday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 10th 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 10th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday, October 11th 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Monday, October 12th testing will be held at the 11th Ave. and Center St. location in Columbus from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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

****No testing in any of the counties below on Monday, October 12th due to Columbus Day Holiday****

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	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 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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