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Weekly COVID-19 Update

The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 13,966. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 513. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 428.

County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.		County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	
		Cases	Deaths			Cases	Deaths
Chattahoochee	1920	70	1	Quitman	44	1	1
Clay	125	1	3	Randolph	344	2	30
Crisp	700	19	26	Schley	120	4	2
Dooly	415	28	18	Stewart	573	5	17
Harris	929	54	27	Sumter	1005	33	69
Macon	285	21	14	Talbot	198	7	8
Marion	214	3	10	Taylor	265	20	13
Muscogee	6783	243	187	Webster	46	2	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. Hours for the Call Center are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. 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 total of 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 this week are:

Monday & Tuesday	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Saturday, November 28 th	8:00 am to 11:00 am

Off-site testing will be held Saturday, November 28th at:

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 4612 Gilbert Avenue Columbus	9:00 am to 11:00 am
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Wynnton Hill Baptist Church- Columbus
2620 Buena Vista Rd

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

And at the office of Dr. Jacqueline Owusu, 5401 Gunboat Dr., Ste. 27, Columbus
Sunday, November 29th 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

***No testing at any Health Department location November 26th and November 27th**

Chattahoochee <i>Cusseta</i>	Tuesday and Thursday	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 Thursday *No testing November 30th	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 *No testing Nov 23rd & 24th	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 and Wednesday	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	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 *No testing Nov 30th	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.
- **Get a flu shot!** Recommended for anyone six months of age or older.
- **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.

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