

PRESS RELEASE

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Weekly COVID-19 Update

The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 27,057. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 547. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 783.

County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths	County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths
Chattahoochee	3,212	218	13	Quitman	81	0	2
Clay	183	2	3	Randolph	465	2	32
Crisp	1,418	14	54	Schley	208	0	5
Dooly	784	2	32	Stewart	782	4	23
Harris	2,136	22	56	Sumter	1,793	8	91
Macon	604	6	25	Talbot	379	1	18
Marion	393	7	17	Taylor	508	6	22
Muscogee	14,006	252	386	Webster	105	3	4

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

Georgia is now vaccinating all residents aged 16 and older.

*Note: The Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine is the only vaccine approved for use in anyone 16 years of age and older. The Moderna and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccines are approved for use in anyone 18 years of age and older. *Currently, the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine is not being used in Georgia due to some serious side effects experienced by a small number of adults.*

District Vaccination Numbers

County	Residents Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated	Fully Vacc. %	County	Residents Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated	Fully Vacc. %
Chattahoochee	944	417	4	Quitman	814	357	16
Clay	1,484	664	23	Randolph	2,768	1,240	18
Crisp	9,293	4,218	19	Schley	1,829	840	16
Dooly	4,665	2,171	16	Stewart	1,922	871	14
Harris	12,089	5,577	16	Sumter	15,525	6,847	23
Macon	4,593	2,048	15	Talbot	2,470	1,122	18
Marion	2,788	1,220	14	Taylor	3,240	1,419	17
Muscogee	55,346	25,129	13	Webster	1,173	515	20

The cumulative number of residents vaccinated in our district is 120,943. The number of fully vaccinated residents is 54,655.

New Vaccine Registration Process

The West Central Health District now has a new more efficient registration process. We are no longer accepting waitlist registrations. Visit www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com and click on the red bar at the top of the home page for vaccine or testing registration. For questions, or if you need assistance registering, please contact our COVID-19 Call Center, 706-653-6613. Hours for the Call Center are Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is no charge for testing or vaccines at any health department 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.**

*Currently, the CDC has recommended that an individual who is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic does not have to quarantine if exposed to a person who has tested positive for the virus.

Testing is held in the parking lot behind the former Columbus Health Department, on 11th Avenue and Center Street. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. No Saturday testing. Sunday testing is held at Renew Health Clinic, 2022 10th Avenue, Suite B, Columbus, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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

Chattahoochee <i>Cusseta</i>	Tuesday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	706-989-3663
Clay <i>Fort Gaines</i>	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	9:30 am to 11:30 am	229-768-2355
Crisp <i>Cordele</i>	Monday and Friday	8:30 am to 11:30 am	229-276-2680
Dooly <i>Vienna</i>	Monday and Wednesday *No testing April 26th & 28th	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	229-268-4725
Harris <i>Hamilton</i>	Tuesday and Friday	9:00 am to 11:00 am	706-628-5037
Macon <i>Oglethorpe</i>	Thursday *No testing April 29th	1:30 pm to 3:30 pm	478-472-8121
Marion <i>Buena Vista</i>	Monday *No testing April 26th	8:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-649-5664
Quitman <i>Georgetown</i>	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays *No testing April 20th	9:30 am to 11:30 am	229-334-3697
Randolph <i>Cuthbert</i>	Monday	9:30 am to 11:30 am	229-732-2414
Schley <i>Ellaville</i>	Monday *No testing April 26th	9:00 am to 11:00 am	229-937-2208
Stewart <i>Lumpkin</i>	Wednesday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-838-4859
Sumter <i>Americus</i>	Monday and Wednesday	9:00 am to 10:00 pm	229-924-3637
Talbot <i>Talbotton</i>	Monday	8:30 am to 11:30 am	706-786-6410
Taylor <i>Butler</i>	Tuesday *No testing April 20th	8:30 am to 11:30 am	478-862-5628
Webster <i>Preston</i>	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:30 pm	229-828-3225

We urge all individuals to continue 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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Serving these West Central Georgia Counties: Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, and Webster