



West Central Health District

# PRESS RELEASE

Beverley Townsend, MD, MBA, FAAFP, District Health Director

West Central Health District  
2100 Comer Avenue • Columbus, GA 31904  
706-321-6108 • Fax 706-321-6126  
[www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com)  
October 4, 2021

Pamela Kirkland, Public Relations/Information Coordinator  
[pamela.kirkland@dph.ga.gov](mailto:pamela.kirkland@dph.ga.gov)

## COVID-19 Vaccine and Case Number Update

### District Vaccination Numbers

County	Fully Vaccinated	Percentage	County	Fully Vaccinated	Percentage
Chattahoochee	2,012	19	Quitman	750	33
Clay	1,709	58	Randolph	2,919	42
Crisp	8,886	39	Schley	1,670	32
Dooly	4,489	33	Stewart	1,942	31
Harris	13,978	41	Sumter	13,667	45
Macon	5,032	38	Talbot	2,770	44
Marion	3,067	36	Taylor	3,380	42
Muscogee	73,876	38	Webster	1,077	41

The number of residents fully vaccinated in our district is 141,224, up from 139,795 last week.

### Booster Dose

The FDA has approved a booster dose for all individuals who are age 65 and older, and those who are 50 – 64 years old with *underlying medical conditions*. These individuals **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series of two doses.

Individuals who are 18 – 49 years of age with *underlying medical conditions* **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

People who are 18 – 64 years of age who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

Only the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine has been authorized as a booster dose, and the above recommendations will only apply to individuals who received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for their primary series.

### Additional Dose

An additional third dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine is available for those who are severely or moderately immunocompromised. These persons may bring documentation from their healthcare provider, or self-attest on the immunization consent form. Third doses of Pfizer or Moderna must be given at least 28 days after the second dose.

### Vaccine/ Testing Registration

Visit [www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://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 at 706-653-6613. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is no charge for testing or vaccines at any health department location.

### Vaccine Locations

All health departments are giving COVID-19 vaccines. The Columbus Health Department is giving all brands of vaccines Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Appointments are preferred, but not required. Please visit [www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com) for other locations or visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) to find a location near you.

Testing is held at the Columbus Health Department, 5601 Veterans Parkway, in a drive-thru fashion, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please visit [www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com) for testing days and times at all other health departments.

### COVID-19 Cases

County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths	County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	Deaths
Chattahoochee	4,688	141	13	Quitman	120	4	3
Clay	231	1	4	Randolph	584	12	37
Crisp	1,831	44	63	Schley	312	15	7
Dooly	1,053	24	35	Stewart	1,315	209	28
Harris	3,058	100	70	Sumter	2,704	110	110
Macon	827	12	35	Talbot	568	19	23
Marion	648	26	31	Taylor	732	18	29
Muscogee	20,280	583	502	Webster	163	12	6

The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 39,114, up from 38,538 last week. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 1,330, down from 1,753, last week. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 996, up from 971.

### Current CDC Prevention Guidance

Due to the number of new COVID-19 cases, the CDC recommends that all persons, fully vaccinated or not, wear a mask in any public indoor location. Physical distancing is also recommended at this time, as well as these guidelines:

- **Wash your hands** often 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.

###