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## COVID-19 Update

Currently, there are 1,787 cases, and 115 deaths in the West Central Health District.

County	Cases	Deaths	County	Cases	Deaths
Chattahoochee	19	0	Quitman	8	1
Clay	30	3	Randolph	169	21
Crisp	200	7	Schley	17	1
Dooly	162	12	Stewart	40	0
Harris	75	3	Sumter	420	39
Macon	93	6	Talbot	30	1
Marion	47	2	Taylor	22	2
Muscogee	444	16	Webster	11	1

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

The West Central Health District has established a toll-free number for COVID-19 information. After the recording, callers may leave a message which will be returned within 24 hours.

**1-855-962-0955**

To be tested, individuals must be Georgia residents. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

Fever	Chills	Headache
Cough	Muscle Pain	Sore Throat
Shortness of Breath	Repeated Shaking with Chills	New Loss of Taste or Smell

**Elderly individuals and those with chronic medical conditions have increased risk for COVID-19.**

*It's important for individuals who have mild symptoms to self-quarantine for 14 days. If symptoms worsen, call your health care provider for evaluation.* Those without a healthcare provider or without insurance, should contact their local health department for guidance.

Please call 706-321-6300 before arriving at the Columbus drive-thru site. Specimen collection is held **Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm behind the Columbus Health Department at 2100 Comer Avenue. There is no charge for testing at any location.**

Other Health Department Collection Sites are Listed Below:

**Chattahoochee County**- Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. Collection also every other Monday, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please call 706-989-3663 to make an appointment.

**Clay County** - Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. Other times by appointment. Please call 229-768-2355 to be screened or make an appointment.

**Crisp County** - Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm while supplies last and weather permitting. Collection site is the J.R Dowdy Building, 1129 N 5th St., Cordele. For more information call 229-276-2680.

**Dooly County** - Monday through Thursday from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm, by appointment only, while supplies last and weather permitting. For more information call 229-268-4725.

**Harris County** – Monday through Friday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. **Specimen collection will also be Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, at Harris County High School, 8281 Georgia Hwy 116, Hamilton.** For more information call 706-628-5037.

**Macon County** - Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. Please call 478-472-8121 to be screened.

**Marion County** – Monday through Friday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. For more information call 229-649-5664.

**Quitman County** - Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. Please call 229-334-3697 to be screened.

**Randolph County** - Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. Please call 229-732-2414 to be screened.

**Schley County** – Monday through Friday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. For more information call 229-937-2208.

**Stewart County**- Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. **Specimen collection will also be Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Stewart County Middle/High School, 15582 Georgia Hwy 27, Lumpkin.** (Collection also every other Monday, *BY APPOINTMENT ONLY*, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.) Please call 229-838-4859 for information.

**Sumter County** - Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. **Specimen collection will also be Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Sumter County Health Department, 1601 N MLK, Jr. Blvd, Americus.** Please call 229-924-3637 for information and to be screened. Limited routine services during screening time.

**Talbot County** - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. For more information call 706-786-6410.

**Taylor County** - Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. For more information call 478-862-5628.

**Webster County** - Thursday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Friday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, while supplies last and weather permitting. For more information call 229-828-3225.

**Be sure to call before going to a doctor's office, emergency room, or urgent care center and tell them about your symptoms.**

*We urge all individuals to practice these prevention measures:*

- **Stay home.** Don't leave home unnecessarily. When you go out, practice **social distancing:** six feet between you and the person closest to you. Wear a **mask or cloth face covering.**
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, 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, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

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