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## COVID-19 Update

\*\*The FDA has approved the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 for ages 16 and up. Those aged 12 to 15 may be vaccinated with this vaccine under the Emergency Use Authorization. Certain immunocompromised individuals may receive a third dose under the EUA. The Moderna and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccines are approved for use in anyone 18 years of age and older.

### District Vaccination Numbers

County	Fully Vaccinated	Percentage	County	Fully Vaccinated	Percentage
Chattahoochee	1,773	17	Quitman	700	31
Clay	1,489	50	Randolph	2,407	35
Crisp	7,751	34	Schley	1,361	26
Dooly	3,875	28	Stewart	1,735	28
Harris	12,472	37	Sumter	11,957	40
Macon	4,366	33	Talbot	2,448	39
Marion	2,626	31	Taylor	2,860	35
Muscogee	65,656	34	Webster	944	36

The number of residents fully vaccinated in our district is 124,420.

### 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. 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.		County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	
		Cases	Deaths			Cases	Deaths
Chattahoochee	4,333	95	13	Quitman	90	5	2
Clay	205	7	3	Randolph	530	16	33
Crisp	1,644	115	60	Schley	265	22	5
Dooly	911	66	32	Stewart	1,069	10	26
Harris	2,620	173	64	Sumter	2,232	239	98
Macon	715	52	33	Talbot	480	45	20
Marion	531	56	65	Taylor	589	51	23
Muscogee	17,290	1,263	447	Webster	121	4	4

The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 33,625. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 2,219. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 887.

### 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.

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