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## COVID-19 Update

As of October 13<sup>th</sup>, The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 12,653. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 376. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 388.

County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.		County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	
		Cases	Deaths			Cases	Deaths
Chattahoochee	1706	74	1	Quitman	38	6	1
Clay	122	2	3	Randolph	338	5	29
Crisp	610	46	19	Schley	107	2	2
Dooly	351	15	14	Stewart	524	3	16
Harris	823	24	25	Sumter	949	15	65
Macon	239	6	10	Talbot	167	1	7
Marion	195	4	9	Taylor	222	10	12
Muscogee	6218	163	173	Webster	44	0	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](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com), or calling the West Central Health District COVID-19 Call Center, at 706-321-6300, Option 1. 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Center Street.

Monday through Friday	11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Off-site testing** will be at the office of Dr. Jacqueline Owusu, 5401 Gunboat Dr., Ste. 27, Columbus.

Saturday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

Chattahoochee <i>Cusseta</i>	Tuesday and Thursday <i>*No Mondays in October</i>	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 Friday	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	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, Wednesday, and Friday	9:00 am to 11:00 am	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 Thursday <i>*No testing Oct 29</i>	1:00 pm to 3:30 pm 9:00 am to 12:00 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.
- **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, people may call our COVID-19 call center at 706-321-6300, Option 1, or visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> or [www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com).

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