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## Weekly COVID-19 Update

The cumulative number of reported cases in the West Central Health District is 14,868. The number of cases in the last two weeks is 909. The number of deaths from the virus currently stands at 434.

County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.		County	Cases	Cases in the last 2 wks.	
		Cases	Deaths			Cases	Deaths
Chattahoochee	2044	125	1	Quitman	46	2	1
Clay	127	2	3	Randolph	348	3	30
Crisp	741	41	26	Schley	134	14	2
Dooly	444	29	18	Stewart	582	9	17
Harris	1003	72	28	Sumter	1073	71	69
Macon	313	30	15	Talbot	209	11	8
Marion	221	8	10	Taylor	292	28	13
Muscogee	7245	464	191	Webster	46	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. Hours for the Call Center are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. 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 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.** Any changes to quarantine times are left up to each local jurisdiction to determine.

**Testing** is held in the parking lot behind the former Columbus Health Department, on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Center Street. Hours this week are:

Monday – Friday	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Off-site testing** will be held Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at:

Liberty Hill Baptist Church 6804 Forrest Rd. Columbus	9:00 am to 11:00 am
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Fourth Street Baptist Church 222 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Columbus	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
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And at the office of Dr. Jacqueline Owusu, 5401 Gunboat Dr., Ste. 27, Columbus  
 Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

**\*\*No testing at any location December 24th & 25th.\*\***

**\*\*No testing at any location January 1st.\*\***

Chattahoochee <i>Cusseta</i>	Tuesday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	706-989-3663
Clay <i>Fort Gaines</i>	Wednesday <b>*No testing December 16th, 21st - 28th.</b>	9:30 am to 11:30 am	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 Thursday	8:30 am to 11:30 am	229-268-4725
Harris <i>Hamilton</i>	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	9:00 am to 11:00 am	706-628-5037
Macon <i>Oglethorpe</i>	Thursday <b>*No testing December 31<sup>st</sup></b>	8:30 am to 11:00 am	478-472-8121
Marion <i>Buena Vista</i>	Monday	8:00 am to 12:00 pm	229-649-5664
Quitman <i>Georgetown</i>	Tuesday <b>*No testing December 8th, 21st - 29th.</b>	9:30 am to 11:30 am	229-334-3697
Randolph <i>Cuthbert</i>	Monday / Thursday, Dec 31 <b>*No testing December 21st - 28th</b>	9:00 am to 11:30 am	229-732-2414
Schley <i>Ellaville</i>	Monday <b>*No testing Dec 28th</b>	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 12:00 pm	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 10:00 am	478-862-5628
Webster <i>Preston</i>	Monday <b>*No testing Dec 28th</b>	1:00 pm to 3:00 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.
- **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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