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COVID-19 Update

Currently, there are 1,637 cases, and 106 deaths in the West Central Health District.

County	Cases	Deaths	County	Cases	Deaths
Chattahoochee	15	0	Quitman	7	1
Clay	27	3	Randolph	169	21
Crisp	186	7	Schley	15	1
Dooly	147	12	Stewart	34	0
Harris	68	2	Sumter	402	33
Macon	84	5	Talbot	27	1
Marion	40	1	Taylor	20	2
Muscogee	385	15	Webster	11	2

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. Specimen collection will be Saturday, May 16th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Columbus Civic Center, 400 4th Avenue. Collection on Sunday, May 17th, will be from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm in Cordele, at the J.R Dowdy Building, 1129 N 5th Street. There is no charge for testing.**

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. For more information call 706-989-3663.

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. 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. For more information call 229-838-4859.

Sumter County - Monday through Friday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, by appointment only, while supplies last and weather permitting. Please call 229-924-3637 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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