

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**Vision:** To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

**FRANKLIN and GULF COVID – 19 UPDATE – 09/17/21**

For **Franklin County** updates straight to your phone: text **FranklinCV19** to 888777.

For **Gulf County** updates straight to your phone text **GULFCOVID** to 888777.

**1. VACCINES:**

As you all are aware, COVID-19 vaccines are still available through medical providers, the health department and local pharmacies at no cost. **We are not administering booster vaccines to the general public at this time.** Right now, an additional dose of Moderna or Pfizer is ONLY recommended for people with compromised immune systems. This is because people with compromised immune systems may not build the same level of immunity to the 2-dose vaccine series. These shots are available to people who received a two-dose vaccine from Pfizer or Moderna, and the dose is provided 28 days after your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. A 2<sup>nd</sup> dose has not yet been approved for Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

**2. MORE ACCESS TO TESTING IN BOTH COUNTIES:**

**Nomi Health** is now providing both rapid and PCR testing with or without symptoms at no cost at 4 locations within our counties? Now folks can get tested at the our Wewa and PSJ health department locations in addition to our Carrabelle office and in front of Weems Hospital in Apalach. CALL (904) 295-0562 or visit <http://testing.nomihealth.com/signup/fl> to schedule your appointment today!

**3. TREATMENT: People should talk to their medical provider about COVID-19 treatments appropriate for them.**

**About Monoclonal Antibody Therapy.** If you are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19, your healthcare provider might recommend that you receive monoclonal antibody therapy.

To find a location, go to <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/monoclonal-antibody-therapy/>

Monoclonal antibodies are a treatment authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use in adult and pediatric patients (12 and older) who have either been diagnosed or exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are at high risk for progression to severe illness, hospitalization, or death from COVID-19.

In clinical trials, this treatment resulted in a 70% reduction in risk for hospitalization and death, and resulted in an 82% reduction in risk for contracting COVID-19 for people who were exposed to the virus by other members of their household. More information can be found in the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Section of this document.**

**4. If you are positive for COVID-19, you are infectious to others. Stay home unless you need medical care.****You can be with others after:**

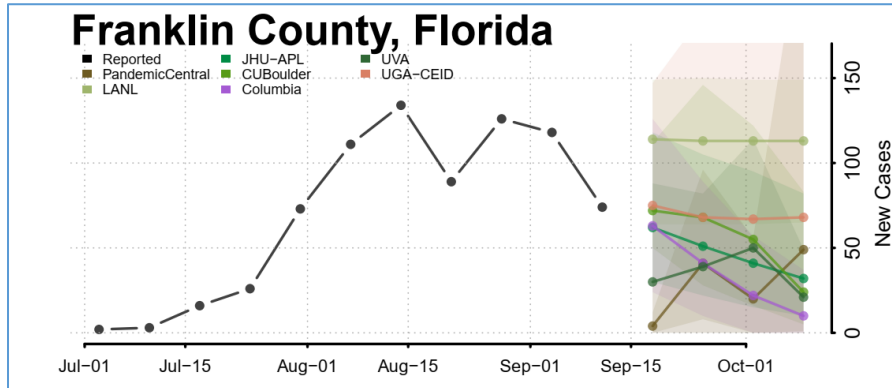
- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

**What is going on with cases in our counties?**

**Franklin:**

Week	Positive	Total tested	Percent positive*
8/13-8/19	94	268	35.07%
8/20-8/26	127	357	35.57%
8/27-9/02	116	382	30.37%
9/03-9/09	74	252	29.37%
9/10-9/16	37	299	12.37%

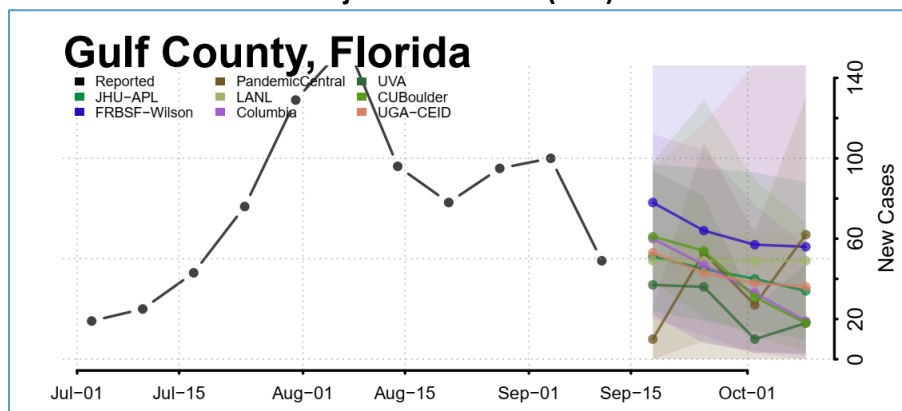
**Projected Forecasts (CDC):**



**Gulf:**

Week	Positive	Total tested	Percent positive*
8/13-8/19	74	313	23.64%
8/20-8/26	100	440	22.73%
8/27-9/02	105	465	22.58%
9/03-9/09	50	291	17.18%
9/10-9/16	54	280	19.29%

**Projected Forecasts (CDC):**



*\*How to understand percent positivity for new resident cases: residents who test positive divided by all residents tested during a time period.*

**What about vaccination efforts?**

Franklin: 52% (Franklin population babies and up: 12,295 | Age 12 & older with vaccine: 5,749)

Gulf: 51% (Gulf population babies and up: 14,829 | Age 12 & older with vaccine: 6,685)

State: 70%