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Franklin and Gulf Community Health Update – 10/8/21

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

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

Good Afternoon Franklin and Gulf Counties,

COVID-19 positive cases are on the decline. From October 1, 2021 through October 7, 2021, there were 10 positive cases in Franklin out of 146 total tests (6.85% positivity) and 8 positive cases in Gulf out of 211 total tests (3.79%). If local cases begin to increase, we will send out more frequent alerts. COVID-19 county-level data remains available to the public weekly at this link: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

Vaccination percentages are as follows: Franklin at 53% (5,858 residents) and Gulf at 52% (6,833). State percentage is 72%.

Your healthcare community continues to provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Call us for questions, to schedule an appointment, and as new CDC announcements are made, we will send those out. COVID-19 testing remains available at no cost. Folks can get tested at our Wewahitchka and Port Saint Joe health department locations in addition to our Carrabelle office and in front of Weems Hospital in Apalachicola. CALL (904) 295-0562 or visit <http://testing.nomihealth.com/signup/fl> to schedule your appointment.

Monoclonal antibody therapy state funded sites are still available. Go to <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/monoclonal-antibody-therapy/mab-locator/> for more information.

Remember to stay home when you are not feeling well and follow isolation guidance if you are positive for COVID-19. Seek medical care from your provider if you need it.

Flu season is just around the corner. We encourage all of you to get your flu shot. See our press release below for more information.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend.

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Apalachicola and Port St. Joe, FL - Cooler weather and shorter days mark the transition from summer to fall and it's also a sign that flu season is here. It is critical that all Floridians do their part to prevent getting seasonal flu and spreading it to others by getting the flu vaccine as early as possible. Flu strains change from year to year, so it is important to get the flu shot every year.

Get the Flu Shot

The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone six months and older, including pregnant women. Both COVID-19 and flu vaccines have been proven to reduce the severity of illness and decrease hospitalization and death. Clients may receive their flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine on the same day. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for your body to develop protection against the illnesses so get your flu and COVID-19 vaccines early.

In addition to protecting yourself, receiving both vaccines help prevent the virus from spreading to our most vulnerable populations.

Healthy Habits to Help Prevent Flu

The Florida Dept of Health recommends taking these everyday precautions to help keep you protected from the flu this season:

- Stay home if you are sick. Keep children home from school and daycare if they are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Cough or sneeze into your shirt sleeve, elbow, or tissue. Throw tissues away immediately after use.
- Social distancing and wearing a face mask or cloth face covering may also help to prevent the flu.

Where to Get the Flu Shot

Remember to get your #VaccineBeforeHalloween and help keep Florida #FluFree this season by getting you and your loved ones vaccinated against the flu. Vaccines are offered at your local county health department,

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pharmacies, schools, clinics and from many employers. For more information about the flu and where you can get the flu shot this year, please visit www.FluFreeFlorida.com.

About the Florida Department of Health

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