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

Florida HEALTH

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

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Franklin County COVID-19 Update
03/12/2021

Snapshot: 02/26/21 - 03/11/21

Positivity during this timeframe: 1**%***

Positive tests this timeframe: 4

Total tests this timeframe: 281

*Positivity = the number of people who test positive in a week divided by all the people tested that week.

Totals Since the Beginning:

Residents age 65 & older who've received the COVID-19 Vaccine: 67**%**

Overall hospitalizations: **28**

State Positivity: 5%
(as of 03/11/21)

Median Age in Franklin: 44

Here are the Franklin County testing numbers as of 2:00pm today: (see above)

For the full county COVID-19 profile report please visit:
http://ww11.doh.state.fl.us/comm/_partners/covid19_report_archive/cases-monitoring-and-pui-information/county-report/county_reports_latest.pdf

For Franklin County COVID-19 updates straight to your phone: **text FranklinCV19** to **888777**.
Florida Department of Health in Franklin County: (850) 653-2111
Florida Department of Health in Gulf County: 850-227-1276
There is also a hotline available at 1 (866) 779-6121 or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Follow the CDC.gov website for the latest guidance on COVID-19 and check out Floridahealth.gov to keep up with state-specific updates.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN TODAY'S UPDATE:
- Franklin County COVID-19 Profile Report (See link on page 1)
- Updated County Health Department Message (A Message From Your CHD, page 2)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Important COVID19 Vaccine Update – What you need to know if you live in Gulf or Franklin

A message from your health department:

If you had your 1st dose at the Honeyville Community Center in Wewahitchka on February 17th, we will see you at the Honeyville Community Center again on March 17th for your 2nd dose. Please arrive at the same time as your first dose appointment and bring your vaccine card if you have it.

If you If you had your 1st dose at the Carrabelle Christian Center in Carrabelle on February 25th, we will see you at the Carrabelle Christian Center again on March 25th for your 2nd dose. Please arrive at the same time as your first dose appointment and bring your vaccine card if you have it.

Executive Order 21-62 allows all providers administering any COVID-19 vaccine to vaccinate the following populations:

- Long-term care facility residents and staff;
- Persons 60 years of age and older (begins March 15th – Monday)
- Individuals with underlying medical conditions (must have physician order)
- Health care personnel with direct patient contact;
- K-12 school employees 50 years of age and older;
- Sworn law enforcement officers 50 years of age and older; and
- Firefighters 50 years of age and older.

If you'd like to schedule an appointment with the health department for your vaccine, please call Gulf: 850-227-1276 or Franklin: 850-653-2111.

There are additional providers in our communities who can administer the vaccine and are holding a series of vaccination clinics or scheduling folks in by an appointment. These providers include Weems Memorial Hospital, Ascension Sacred Heart on the Gulf, PanCare and North Florida Medical Center. Follow their websites and social media pages regarding their latest vaccination projects. We want to thank these medical partners and their commitment to our residents. As soon as more providers become available, we will share this information with the public.

To date, 57% of Gulf residents and 67% of Franklin residents age 65 or older have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Now hold on a second. I thought we were at a higher percentage for Gulf residents 65 or older who received the vaccine. Explanation: It turns out that our 65 and older population just grew! New 2021 population data updated this week shows an increase from 3,600 residents to now 3,927 residents who are 65 and older in Gulf County. That's 26% of the entire population. So when you really look at it, that's a pretty big percentage of the county. And when you increase the population (the denominator), the percentage will change. In total, 2,257 residents in this age bracket have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Franklin's population did not see a significant population change in the age bracket. The 2021 population of 65 or older is 2,966, which represents 24% of the overall county. To date, 1,990 residents age 65 or older in Franklin have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Keep in mind, we will be seeing different percentages in the future with even more populations being added into the total over time.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend.

LOCAL UPDATES:

PLEDGE TO PROTECT

Pledge to Protect is a voluntary program in which Franklin County tourism businesses commit to clean and healthy standards for their guests and employees to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Visit Pledge to Protect at:
https://www.floridasforgottencoast.com/pledgetoprotect/

By taking the Pledge to Protect, businesses are committing to:
- Proper Use of Personal Protective Equipment
- Routine Cleaning and Disinfecting of Surfaces and Equipment
- Practicing Social Distancing and Minimized Contact
- Enforcing Any Sick Employees to Stay Home

GOVENOR'S UPDATES:

To see all of Gov. DeSantis Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, visit: https://www.flgov.com/covid-19/.

STAYING INFORMED:

To get the latest information, visit FloridaHealth.gov and follow on Social Media:

Florida Department of Health: Twitter @HealthyFla -or- Facebook Florida Department of Health (DOH)

Franklin County Florida Emergency Management: Facebook Franklin County Florida Emergency Management

Gulf/Franklin County Community Health Improvement Partners: Facebook Gulf/Franklin County Community Health Improvement Partners