

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 Community Health Update – 1/14/2022

1. **VACCINES:** COVID-19 vaccines are still available at your local health department, medical provider offices, and some pharmacies.

For the latest information about boosters, see below.

2. **TESTING:** COVID-19 testing remains available and health providers appreciate your patience as they assist with the increased demand in our communities. If you do not have symptoms, COVID-19 testing is unlikely to have any clinical benefits. If you are planning to use a drive-up Nomi Health Testing site, they would like you to please **pre-register** for your appt to improve your wait time. You can do this by going to the Nomi Health website: <http://testing.nomihealth.com/signup/fl>

A full list of local places for testing is available below.

3. **CASES:** Cases of COVID-19 are on the rise, but fortunately, most individuals have experienced more mild symptoms.

If you are positive and do not need medical attention:

- You can end isolation after 5 full days if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved.
- You should continue to wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10) after the end of your 5-day isolation period. If you are unable to wear a mask when around others, you should continue to isolate for a full 10 days. Avoid people who are [immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease](#), and nursing homes and other high-risk settings, until after at least 10 days.

4. **The health department is no longer calling to investigate every positive case in Franklin and Gulf Counties.** This change is designed to improve our ability to respond to and provide public health interventions to high-risk congregate settings and outbreaks (ex. Nursing homes, jails, etc.) **Please continue to follow CDC guidance for information on isolation (positive case) and quarantine (close contact to positive case).**

5. **Information about local data can be found on the CDC link:** <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>

Who Can Get a COVID 19 Booster Shot? (as of 1/13/22 per CDC website)

IF YOU RECEIVED

Pfizer-BioNTech

Who should get a booster:

Everyone 12 years and older

When to get a booster:

At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series

Which booster can you get:

Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

Teens 12–17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster

IF YOU RECEIVED

Moderna

Who should get a booster:

Adults 18 years and older

When to get a booster:

At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series

Which booster can you get:

Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

IF YOU RECEIVED

Johnson & Johnson's Janssen*

Who should get a booster:

Adults 18 years and older

When to get a booster:

At least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination

Which booster can you get:

Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

Places to receive a COVID-19 test:

There are currently **NO** at home testing kits available at the Health Departments in Gulf or Franklin Counties.

Please call your primary care provider to find out if they provide testing or use the following options:

Franklin:

- Locations by Nomi Health (Rapid Antigen and Send out PCR) Call 904-295-0562 or visit <http://testing.nomihealth.com/signup/fl>. Walk ups accepted.
 - 135 Ave G Apalachicola, FL 32320 – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm EST (outside Weems hospital in drive up lane)
 - 106 5th Street East Carrabelle, FL 32322 – Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am-5:00pm EST (outside Carrabelle health department)
- George E Weems Hospital @ 135 Ave G Apalachicola, FL 32320 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With a physician order only for outpatient, or through ER at any time if seen fit by ER physician. (Rapid PCR)
- Sacred Heart Apalachicola @ 55 Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL 32320 – Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:30pm EST (Send out PCR for established patients only)
- Weems East Clinic @ 110 NE 5th Street Carrabelle, FL 32322 – Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:30pm EST with physician order only. (Send out PCR)
- Weems West Clinic @ 137 12th Street Apalachicola, FL 32320 – Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:30pm EST with physician order only. (Send out PCR)
- North Florida Medical Center – Eastpoint @ 158 US-98 Eastpoint, FL 32328 – Monday through Friday 8:00am-5:00pm EST (Send out PCR for established patients only)

Gulf:

- Locations by Nomi Health (Rapid Antigen and Send out PCR) Call 904-295-0562 or visit <http://testing.nomihealth.com/signup/fl>. Walk ups accepted.
 - 2475 Garrison Ave. Port Saint Joe, FL 32456 – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm EST (outside PSJ health department)
 - 807 Hwy 22 Wewahitchka, FL 32465 – Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am-5:00pm CST (outside Wewa health department)
- Ascension Sacred Heart Gulf @ 3801 E Hwy 98 Port Saint Joe, FL 32456 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With physician order only, or through ER at any time if seen fit by ER physician. (Rapid PCR)
- CVS @ 110 W Hwy 98 Port Saint Joe, FL 32456 – Monday through Friday 9:00am-8:00pm EST, Saturday 9:00am-6:00pm EST, Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm EST (Rapid PCR, Send out PCR, Rapid Antigen, and Send out PCR with optional flu test) – Must register for appointment online. Limited availability.
- North Florida Medical Center – Wewahitchka @ 255 W River Road, Wewahitchka, FL 32456 – Monday through Friday 8:00am-5:00pm CST (Send out PCR for established patients only)
- PanCare Health @ 2475 Garrison Ave, Port Saint Joe, FL 32456 – Monday through Friday 8:00am-5:00pm EST (Send out PCR, Rapid Antigen, and flu test) – Must call to make an appointment, 850-229-1043.