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

Florida HEALTH

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

01/15/2021 Gulf COVID19 Update

Snapshot: 01/01/21 - 01/14/21

Positivity during this timeframe: 19%*

Positive tests this timeframe: 188

Total tests this timeframe: 988

*Positivity = the number of people who test positive in a week divided by all the people tested that week. Excludes people who have previously tested positive and all positive and negative inmate tests.

Totals Since the Beginning:

Positive long term care (staff and residents): 115

Overall hospitalizations: 79

State Positivity: 10% (as of 01/15/21)

Median Age in Gulf: 50

Here are the Gulf 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

Available hospital bed capacity, including ICU capacity in neighboring counties, can be found using this link.
https://bi.ahca.myflorida.com/t/ABICC/views/Public/HospitalBedsCounty?:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&:embed=y

For Gulf County COVID-19 updates straight to your phone: **text GULFCOVID** to **888777**.
Florida Department of Health in Gulf County: (850) 227-1276
Florida Department of Health in Franklin County: 850-653-2111
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:
- Gulf County COVID-19 Profile Report. (See link on page 1)
- Updated County Health Department Message (A Message from Your CHD, page 2)
  - Positivity Trends
  - Vaccine Update
  - Pre-Registration for your COVID19 Vaccine if you are 65 and older.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. **COVID19 Positivity Trends:** Our positivity in Franklin and Gulf County has climbed and we want to see it go back down. What happened? Back to back holidays and travel related exposures, household clusters, and some outbreaks among organizations and businesses. Remember to follow CDC guidance (keep hands clean, wear a mask when you cannot socially distance, stay home when sick and avoid large crowds. For more info, go to https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html.

2. **Vaccine Update:** We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to receive small shipments of the COVID19 vaccine. We are continuing to schedule appointments for individuals 65 and up using our pre-registration list. This list is also shared with other providers who are registered to administer the vaccine. **We would like to thank Weems Memorial Hospital/EMS, Ascension Sacred Heart Gulf and PanCare for your partnership and commitment to this vaccination project. Thank you for being community health heroes.**

If you are age 65 or older and interested in getting a COVID-19 vaccine, you can pre-register today! To register visit: https://tinyurl.com/y9x6h86a or scan the QR code below:

Please be advised, the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series, 1 month apart.

LOCAL UPDATES:

PLEDGE TO PROTECT

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

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

Special thanks to the Gulf County Tourism Development Council for the creation of the logo, webpage and incentive promotion design and support. This project has been approved by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

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

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