

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

03/12/2021 Gulf COVID19 Update

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

Positivity during this timeframe: 6%*

Positive tests this timeframe: 29

Total tests this timeframe: 489

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

Totals Since the Beginning:

Residents 65 or older who have received COVID19 vaccine: 57%

Overall hospitalizations: 95

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

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

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](https://www.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 (page 1-2)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

If you had your 1st dose at the Honeyville Community Center in Wewahitchka on February 17th, we'll 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 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 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/>.

STAYING INFORMED:

To get the latest information, visit [FloridaHealth.gov](https://www.flgov.com/covid-19/) and follow on Social Media:

Florida Department of Health: [Twitter @HealthyFla](#) -or- [Facebook Florida Department of Health \(DOH\)](#)

Gulf/Franklin County Community Health Improvement Partners: [Facebook Gulf/Franklin County Community Health Improvement Partners](#)