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DOH-CALHOUN/LIBERTY ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL COVID-19 CASES

Blountstown, Fla.— Calhoun County received confirmation of one additional case of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus. The persons ill with the virus is a 39-year-old female and is a contact of a confirmed case. This brings Calhoun County's total cases to 69.

Liberty County received confirmation of one additional case of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus. The case is linked to the Florida Department of Corrections, Liberty Correctional Institution. This brings Liberty County's total COVID-19 cases to 221.

A total of 743 tests have been processed for Calhoun County from private and public labs with 672 negative results.

A total of 2,301 tests have been processed for Liberty County from private and public labs with 2,078 negative results.

The Florida Department of Health in Calhoun and Liberty County (DOH Calhoun/Liberty) is continuing to work closely with patients, close contacts, and health care providers to isolate and monitor persons who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and implement testing where appropriate.

Drive-thru testing is now available at the Calhoun and Liberty County Health Departments for adults who want to be tested. The next testing date is Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at the Liberty County Health Department from 9:00a.m. – 11: 30a.m EDT. As testing increases, there will likely be an increase in positive results. It is extremely important to follow social distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of this virus in the community. It is critical that all citizens remain home when sick and take all steps to protect themselves and others from COVID-19. Cloth face coverings will be provided to all individuals receiving testing at the Health Department locations.

Specific case data for long-term care or correctional facilities located in Calhoun and Liberty County are reported by their respective agencies.

The Florida Department of Corrections provides information related to COVID-19 case data on their website. You may review the most current information at <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/comm/covid-19.html>

The list of long-term care facilities in Florida associated with COVID-19 cases now includes active cases in each facility to provide real-time data. It is important to note, case data contained within the other publicly available information is separate from the data contained in the daily report. The information in the daily report is derived directly from Merlin (State Surveillance System), whereas the information in the long-term care facility list is derived from the Agency for Health Care Administration's Emergency Status System.

The information contained in the report reflects the current available information reported by each facility's staff to the Department via the Agency for Health Care Administration's Emergency Status System. The data is not cumulative but reflects the information available for current residents and staff with cases as of the reported date. Data in the Long-Term Care Facility List report is provisional and subject to change.

The COVID-19 Dashboard is updated once per day

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429/> (*Dashboard now breaks down cases by zip code. See data on the bottom center frame*)

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be

<https://floridadisaster.org/globalassets/covid19/dailies/covid-19-data---daily-report-2020-04-19-0937.pdf>

We encourage all Floridians to take the VID-19 Community Action Survey by visiting www.StrongerThanC19.com

For more information

Please visit the Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19. This remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-866-779-6121** or emailing COVID-19@flhealth.gov. **The Call Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. DOH-Calhoun and Liberty is also operating a call center in house and may be reached at 850-674-5645 or 850-643-2415. Please press 1 from the automated menu. The local call center is available from 7:30a.m.-4:00p.m, Monday-Friday.**

In addition, please visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/all-county-locations.html> to locate and obtain contact information for your local CHD.

The CDC also has a website with information related to COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.