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CALHOUN COUNTY ANNOUNCES COVID-19 Update

The Florida Department of Health in Calhoun County (DOH-Calhoun) confirmed an additional case of COVID-19. The person ill with the virus is a 23-year-old female of Blountstown. This brings Calhoun County's total cases to 65; 91% of cases in Calhoun County are associated with a long-term care or correctional facility outbreak.

DOH-Calhoun 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. The COVID-19 case number is expected to change daily due to the return of results from ongoing testing. Healthcare providers in Calhoun County, Florida are collaborating to make testing available to the public.

There are currently two long-term care facilities in Calhoun County that has positive cases of COVID-19. The facilities are Blountstown Health and Rehabilitation Center and River Valley Rehabilitation Center. The Florida Department of Health publishes the list at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](https://www.flhealth.gov/COVID19).

Specific case data for long-term care or correctional facilities located in Calhoun 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 COVID-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>.