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



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CALHOUN AND LIBERTY COUNTY SURGE CONTINUES IN COMMUNITY REPORTED COVID-19 CASES

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The Department of Health in Calhoun and Liberty County (DOH-Calhoun/Liberty) is informing the public that COVID-19 cases continued to increase the past week. Community spread has contributed to this surge. As of July 2nd, 97 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Calhoun County and 238 cases have been reported in Liberty County.

DOH-Calhoun/Liberty is conducting contact tracing and working on identifying and notifying individuals who will need to self-monitor for symptoms for a 14-day period. Contact investigations are a critical way for staff epidemiologists to track and prevent the spread of disease. To assist DOH-Calhoun/Liberty in contact tracing the public can help by notifying your close contacts as soon as you receive positive results from your provider.

DOH-Calhoun/Liberty is focused on containing the spread of the virus. We are currently distributing cloth masks to residents. In addition, DOH-Calhoun/Liberty has expanded testing dates for the month of July. The complete testing schedule can be located on the websites calhoun.floridahealth.gov or liberty.floridahealth.gov. Next week's testing locations are listed below:

- Tuesday, July 7th, 8:00-10:30 CDT, Calhoun County Health Department
- Wednesday, July 8th, 9:00-11:30, EDT, Liberty County Health Department
- Thursday, July 9th, 3:00-5:30, CDT, Ramsey's Cash Saver, Blountstown

The Florida Department of Health is urging the public to protect the vulnerable this holiday weekend by avoiding the 3 C's:

- Closed Spaces
- Crowded Places
- Close Contact-Settings

We need your help and ongoing support to continue intervening in the spread of the virus. You can help by continuing to social distance and by using masks in public. To obtain cloth masks please contact us at (850) 674-5645 or (850) 643-2415 or by email at calhounlibertyinaction@flhealth.gov.

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>.

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