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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN OKALOOSA
COUNTY ANNOUNCES NEW DRIVE-THRU TESTING
DATES FOR JUNE**



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FT. WALTON BEACH, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa) and Okaloosa County Emergency Medical Services (Okaloosa County EMS) are partnering to expand COVID-19 testing offered to community residents in June.

DOH-Okaloosa and Okaloosa County EMS began providing drive-thru testing for COVID-19 in May and have tested more than 1,200 community members at four different locations—Crestview, Destin, Baker and Fort Walton Beach.

Drive-Thru Testing Schedule*

Tuesday, June 2
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Northwest Florida State College
100 E College Blvd.
Niceville, FL 32578

Thursday, June 4
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center
1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Tuesday, June 9
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Crestview Community Center
1446 Commerce Dr.
Crestview, FL 32539

Thursday, June 11
9 a.m. – noon.
Destin United Methodist Church
200 Beach Dr.
Destin, FL 32541

**dates are subject change due to inclement weather or shortage of supplies.*

No pre-screening or pre-registration required. Community residents with and without symptoms can be tested at no cost. There are no age limitations. Children must be cooperative and able to complete the test without restraint.

Everyone will be asked to provide their first and last name, address, gender, date of birth, race, ethnicity, address, county of FL residency and a working phone number. Everyone should remain in the vehicle at all times. Try to limit those in vehicle to no more than five to be tested.

If you have symptoms of concern for COVID-19, after being tested, you should stay home and continue to monitor and record symptoms until you get your results. Results will be provided via telephone call regardless if positive or negative.

COVID-19 testing is still available at DOH-Okaloosa for **anyone** wanting testing, symptoms or no symptoms. Please call 850-344-0566 for an appointment. Appointments are available Monday – Friday.

Symptoms of a possible infection with COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell and sore throat. Rarely symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Antibody (serological) testing is not available at these test sites. The tests will identify the presence of the active virus. It does not identify the presence of antibodies which indicates that the person has been exposed to the virus and developed antibodies against it.

Visit HealthyOkaloosa.com [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#) for the most-up-to-date calendar or call our Public Information Line at 850-344-0566.

More information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website, this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

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. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

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