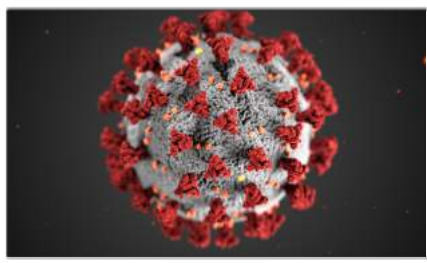


Newsletter

Keeping you informed about our COVID-19 Response



Baldwin County currently has 3 confirmed cases of COVID-19

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is a new virus that has emerged in which our population does not have immunity. Currently, there is no vaccine or antiviral treatment. The symptoms are fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Working together is Better!

The Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency is working collaboratively with our local Public Health, First Responders, Hospitals, E911, Board of Education, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters as well as our municipalities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

In order to protect the citizens of Baldwin County, the Baldwin County Commission has taken measures to respond appropriately to the threat of COVID-19. We are working together to provide the most accurate and current information to our citizens in order to curb or prevent the spread of this novel virus. The closure of beaches, schools, restaurants, bars and certain types of facilities that typically host 10 or more people in a "gathering" have been closed to support this mission and encourage social distancing. By social distancing we are preventing the opportunity for the virus to spread uncontrollably throughout our community. It's critically important that we take actions early in order to reduce exposure to the virus. We have dedicated a page for COVID-19 activities and updates. Visit: www.baldwincountyal.gov for more information.

Stay Connected!

Sign up for Notifications by texting "BaldwinCovid" to the number 888777

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PREPARE

Have a 14-day supply of essentials in your home

2

PREVENT

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 by social distancing & using good hygiene.

3

PREVAIL

Our community has to work together to curb the spread of the disease.



Good Hand Hygiene

Wash your hands for 20 seconds using warm water and soap



Cover Your Cough & Sneeze

Prevents germs from spreading



Clean & Disinfect

Common surfaces to reduce the presence of germs

“WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THE SITUATION?”

- ▶ **Stay Informed** - Accurate information is the best information! The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/> has a wealth of information related to COVID19. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is the lead state agency in disease outbreaks and have dedicated pages on their website to keep you current on the evolving situation. (<https://adph.org>). There is tremendous misinformation and rumors on social media as well. Take time to educate yourself and know where to find accurate information.
- ▶ **Don't Panic - Do Your Part!** - Your actions can make a huge difference in how our community will be impacted by the virus. Follow the guidance provided to our community on social distancing, using good hygiene, and avoiding people who are sick.



- ▶ **If you think you have COVID-19** - CALL your healthcare provider to DISCUSS your symptoms first! DO NOT spontaneously arrive at a healthcare facility. To protect the healthcare workers as well as others, you must NOT expose others unnecessarily. If you need to be tested for COVID-19, your doctor will make the determination. Some people who have COVID-19 may not even exhibit symptoms. The virus affects people of various ages and health differently. Currently, those most susceptible appear to be elderly with underlying chronic health issues such as cardiac, diabetes, and existing respiratory conditions.
- ▶ **COVID 19 HOTLINE - 1-888-264-2256**

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REST, RELAX, AND RECONNECT WITH YOUR FAMILY.

With children home from school and workplaces encouraging telework, take this opportunity to enjoy your family. We recognize that the situation is difficult and a drastic change to our daily lives, but it is one that is necessary. Take time to talk with your children about coronavirus to help ease the fear and understand how they can protect themselves and prevent the spread of the virus. Find fun and creative activities for your family to do together. We are all in this together and together we can make a difference.

