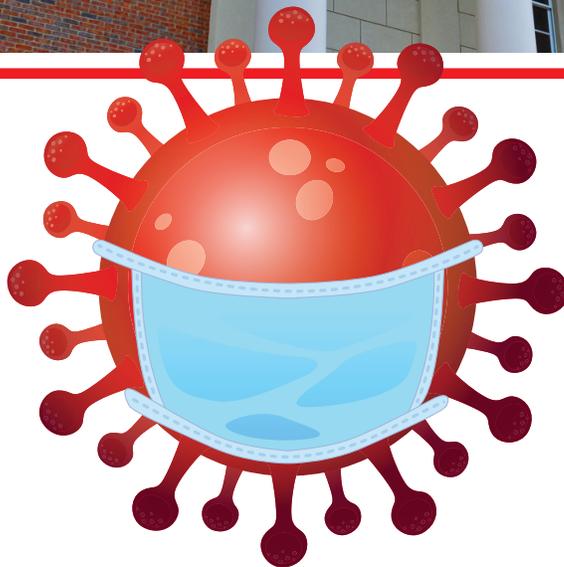


Baldwin County Georgia



Sign up for hazardous weather alerts!

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Wearing masks and social distancing are as important as ever as COVID-19 continues spreading in Baldwin County. Latest numbers are included in addition to testing options.

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Baldwin County Government

121 N. Wilkinson Street
Suite 314
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Phone

478-445-4791

Hours

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
M-F Except Holidays



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Want to save money on prescriptions?

Your county government is here to help!

Through a partnership with Coast2Coast Rx Card, Baldwin County provides a FREE prescription discount card that provides annual savings up to 55%. Savings on a single prescription range from a few percent up to 75% (sometimes more) off the retail price of the drug. Cardholders save on both brand name and generic drugs. All members of a family can use the card. It is always FREE and the card can be used immediately. There are no age, income or other exclusions.

Other benefits:

- Save Up To 60% On Dental Care
- Save Up To 50% On Vision Care
- Save Up To 15% On Hearing Care
- Save Up To 25% on Veterinary Services
- Save Up To 70% On Diabetic Supplies
- Save 50% to 80% On Lab Work

To sign up:

Go online to

coast2coastrx.com

Click on Participating Counties. Scroll down to Baldwin County, GA and click to get started.

Final 2020 Census reminder postcards to be mailed

Nationwide roll out of Census takers visiting homes slated to start

The U.S. Census Bureau is sending reminder postcards this week to an estimated 34.3 million households. This will be the final mailing before census takers begin visiting non-responding households across the nation in mid-August. Responding now minimizes the need for census takers to visit homes to collect responses in person.

According to the Census Bureau's online map that tracks the nation's participation in

the census, more than 92 million households (or 62.7 percent of households) have already responded online, by phone or by mail.

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the nationwide start of census taker visits from mid-May to mid-August, giving the Census Bureau the chance to send one more reminder to households encouraging them to respond on their own. A select number of areas will be part of the soft launch of the census taker visits as early as mid- and late July. The postcard is one reminder in a series of reminders that the Census Bureau has mailed non-responding households since mid-March urging them to respond.

The federal government provides hundreds of billions of dollars each year to communities across the country.

To get our fair share, we have to be counted through the 2020 Census!

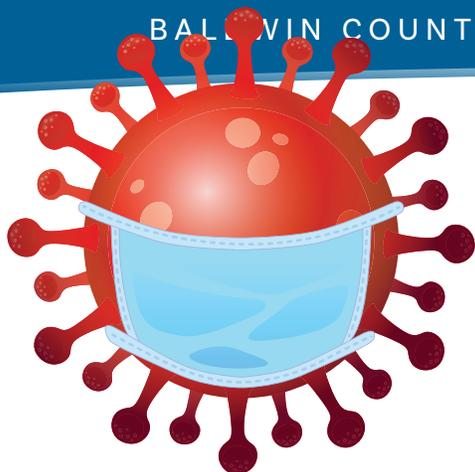
45.1% of households in Baldwin County have responded to the Census. How does that stack up?

United States.....	62.7%	Putnam County	45.8%
Georgia	58.5%	Washington County.....	45.7%
Jones County	61.3%	Baldwin County.....	45.1%
Bibb County.....	49.5%	Milledgeville.....	38.5%
Wilkinson County.....	47.1%	Hancock County.....	25.1%

Forms for the 2020 U.S. Census should have been received by mail. If you have not received or lost your form, call 844-330-2020. Being counted means securing funding and ensuring fair representation in Congress.

It's easy! Complete the questionnaire by phone by calling **844-330-2020**

Respond online by going to 2020census.gov



Wearing masks and social distancing as important as ever due to COVID-19

Baldwin County is experiencing **community spread** as younger people and families are catching and spreading the coronavirus.

8%

**Outbreak Related
(7/6-7/19)**

The cases reported in Baldwin County between 7/6/2020-7/29/2020 associated with an outbreak account for 8% (n=12) of the total cases reported during that time county-wide. The other **92%** of cases reported during that timeframe in Baldwin County have not been attributed to a single area of concern **and represent community level** spread within the county. Since March 2020, 39% (331) of cases reported in Baldwin County have been linked to an outbreak.

Age Distribution of Cases in Baldwin County



WEAR A MASK



AVOID
CROWDED PLACES



WASH HANDS WITH
WATER AND
SOAP/SANITIZER,
AT LEAST 20 SECONDS



DON'T TOUCH EYES,
NOSE OR MOUTH WITH
UNWASHED HANDS

Need to get tested?

Department of Public Health

953 Barrows Ferry Road
Milledgeville, GA 31061
844-987-0099
Testing Mondays, Wednesdays
and Fridays, 9 a.m. to
4:30pm. Call and schedule an
appointment.

Immediate Care

1909 N. Columbia St.
Milledgeville, GA 31061
478-295-3000
Walk-ins welcome, but prefer to
call in advance. Monday through
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Med-Lake Laboratory

100 Industrial Park Drive NW
Milledgeville, GA 31061
478-414-4235
Appointments suggested.
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to
4:30 p.m.

Navicent Baldwin

821 N Cobb St
Milledgeville, GA 31061
478-454-3505
Outpatient testing with Physician
orders from 8 a.m. to 5p.m. RNs
collect the nasopharyngeal swabs.
Emergency room admittance will be
tested regardless.

FREE TESTING AVAILABLE SUNDAY, AUG. 2

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the employee parking lot at

Navicent Health Baldwin

(across Cobb Street from the hospital) Walk up or drive up to testing area

BATTLING BLIGHT

Baldwin County set to reduce more blighted properties

Baldwin County has set out to reduce the number of blighted properties significantly again this year and is asking for the community's assistance and initiative to do so.

In an effort to improve the community at large, the county government activated the Blight Reduction Program to reduce the number of blighted properties throughout Baldwin County. Since January 2018, over 100 dilapidated properties have been renovated or demolished. Baldwin County's Code Enforcement Office is asking Baldwin County citizens to take note if they own a blighted property and take steps immediately to remedy it in order to prevent legal action and save valuable time and money in the future.

The presence of blighted properties has immense negative impacts for the county. Neighborhoods possessing these dilapidated homes are suffering because they are deemed unsightly and are becoming known as unsafe areas to live. Abandoned homes are magnets for illegal drug activity and illegal occupation of abandoned properties.

These unsafe, dilapidated, and abandoned homes have decreased surrounding property values, thereby affecting the health of the

local housing market. These areas are less attractive to home buyers and fuel destruction of healthy neighborhoods and communities.

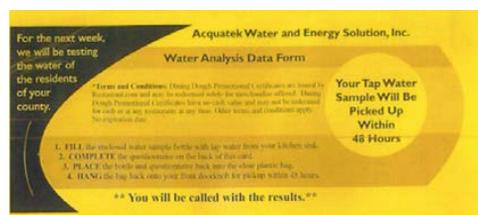
A blighted property is a home or structure that is unsafe and uninhabitable due to no one living in the home for over two years, fire or water damage or other structural issues. If citizens do not take the necessary steps to repair or demolish these properties, the county will take the property owner to court, resulting in expensive legal fees and court costs, with a final judgment of placing a lien on the property if the issue isn't resolved. To prevent the county from taking legal action, residents with blighted properties are asked to apply for a permit via the Baldwin County Code Enforcement Office in order to start demolition. The fees for these permits are \$10. The Code Enforcement Office will also provide a list of reliable and affordable demolition companies to assist in the demolition of blighted properties.

For more information or assistance on how to get started to renovate or demolish your blighted property, please contact Baldwin County Code Enforcement Officer Chad Phillips at (478) 456-0370.

Don't be fooled by scam posing as water testing sales

The Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department would like to make county and city residents aware that an unauthorized company, Acquatek Water and Energy Solution, Inc. is conducting business throughout Milledgeville and Baldwin County. This company is distributing water testing kits to residents, claiming they are testing the water quality of the area, but in reality, this is a sales tactic to profit on selling water filters to county and city residents. Acquatek Water and Energy Solution, Inc. is incentivizing participation by offering restaurant gift cards.

The Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department samples the water system each and every month to ensure water safety and quality and provide the best drinking water



possible for their citizens.

If you receive information like the flyer below from Acquatek Water and Energy Solution, Inc., please disregard and do not send in a water sample as this is not affiliated with the testing conducted by the Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department.

For more information, please contact Baldwin County Water Superintendent Jason Kidd at (478) 445-4237.



Maximize your safety with CodeRED!

CodeRED® is the FREE community notification system available to local residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that JUNE impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media.

Milledgeville Baldwin County Emergency Management encourages you to take action and register your cell phone for this service and verify your home location to receive targeted notifications that directly impact your home or business.

The CodeRED system will be used to send critical and time-sensitive communications such as:

- Missing Persons/Children
- Emergency Preparedness
- Natural Disasters
- Evacuation Notices
- Boil Water Advisories
- Inclement Weather Warnings
- Wildfire Alerts
- Public Health Crisis
- Criminal Activity
- Road Closures/Traffic Alerts
- Shelter in Place/Lockdowns

Don't wait! Start receiving notifications that could save your life.
[Click here to get started!](#)

Download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app available in the Apple App Store or Google Play.