

# HIV Prevention Updates

GPACC Meeting / August 2021

# Testing Trends . . .

\*Preliminary data, Jan – June 2021

## 31,512 total test events

- 96 Newly D<sub>x</sub>
- 61% of test events **included STI screening.**
- **70% (68)** of newly diagnosed individuals were diagnosed in Fulton and DeKalb Health Districts.



SOURCE: C&T - HIV Counseling and Testing Database, as of 19 Aug 2021. Georgia Department of Public Health, Division of Health Protection, HIV Prevention Unit

# HIV Testing Trends (N = 31,512)

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- Most newly diagnosed individuals self-reported their **race/ethnicity** as “Black” followed by “Hispanic” and “White.”
- **20–29 year olds** accounted for the most diagnosed age group, representing nearly half (49%) of newly dx positives.
- “Transgender – unspecified” accounted for the highest positivity rate by **gender**.

# Linkage to Care

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HIV Positive Test Result Outcomes	Newly Confirmed Positive <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Percent
Confirmed HIV positive test	96	0.4%
Referred to medical care	89	92.7%
Linked to medical care (attended first appointment):	68	70.8%
Referred to Partner Services	92	95.8%
Interviewed for Partner Services	31	32.3%

<sup>1</sup>Newly identified confirmed positive are measured by combined self-reported HIV status and a positive test result at the current testing event.

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# Linkage to PrEP

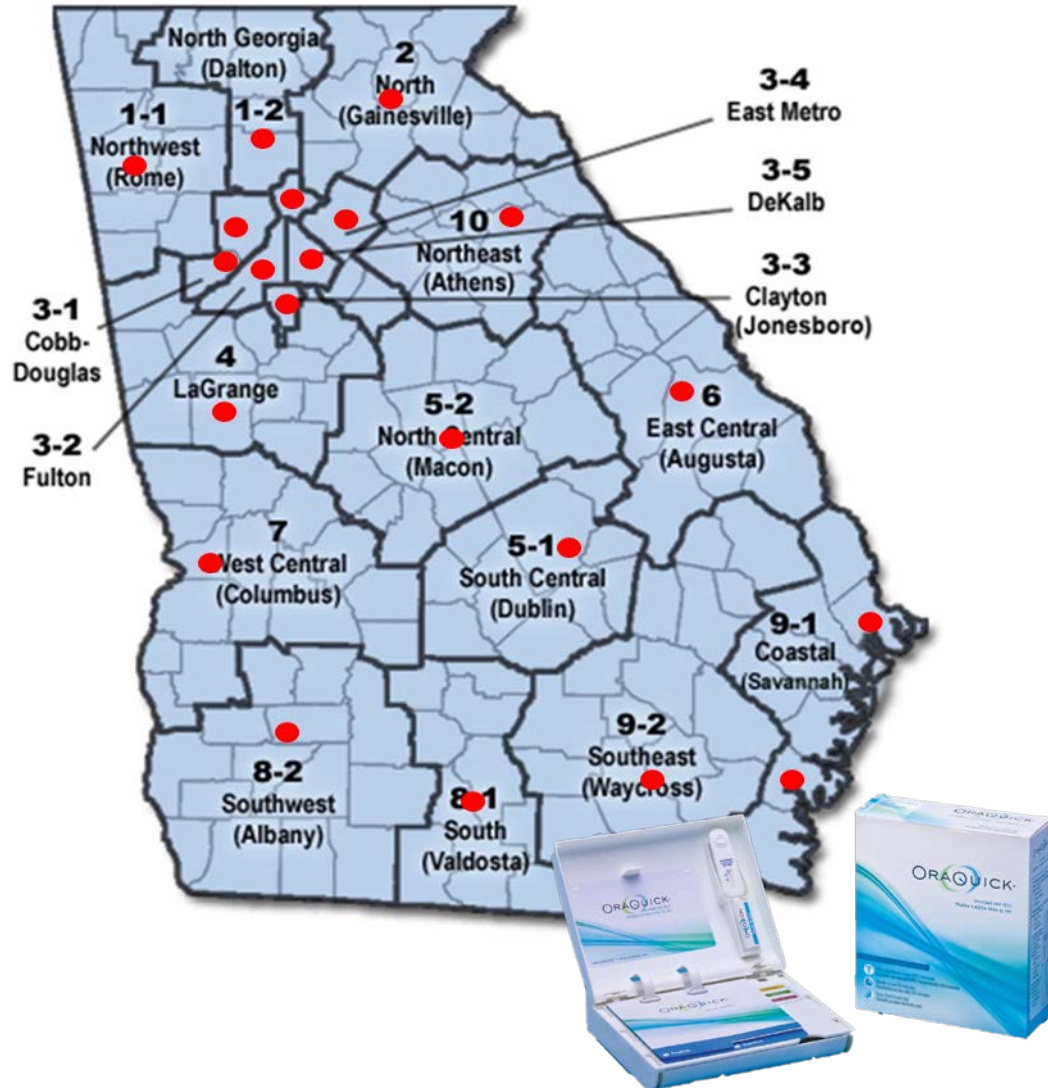
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HIV Negative Test Result Outcomes	Number	Percent
	Total test-level testing events	31,512
HIV negative test	31,327	99.4%
Screened for PrEP Eligibility	23,252	74.2%
Eligible for PrEP	14,640	46.7%
Referred to PrEP Provider	6,997	22.3%
Provided Navigation or Linkage to PrEP Provider	4,655	14.9%

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# Georgia HIV Self-Testing

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## Statewide Initiative

- **825** HIV self-test kits requested
  - 564 (68%) mail ordered requests
  - 261 (32%) pick-up requests
- Nearly 25% of requests are coming from the Savannah HD, followed by Cobb HD (20%)

# Prevention Program Updates

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- Syringe Services Program Registration and Monitoring
  - Statewide Harm Reduction Coordinator – Charles Dansby
  - Development of SSP Provider Application, Monitoring, Data Collection and Reporting System (*in progress*)
- Reviewing applications for vacant RPC position (*closes 8/29*)
- Decrease in local staff reassignments to support COVID activities
- RPCs are completing mid-year reviews

# Focused Prevention Activities

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- Rural Journey to Change Leadership Conference presented by the West Central Health District, June 2021
- Journey to Change Leadership Conference (Metro), October 2021
- Supporting the African American Male Wellness Agency for its Annual 5k Run on 10/9 at Friendship Baptist Church in Atlanta

Coming Soon:

- LGBTQIA organizational assessment tool
- Women-centered prevention events



# Training & Development

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- Capacity Building Assistance and technical support is available to GPACC members and Health Districts interested in creating a Community Advisory Board.
- CBA available for mail-order condom distribution and self-testing initiatives.
- HIV Counseling and Testing Training
  - 125 individuals trained since January 1
  - Ongoing, monthly Counseling and Testing Training is available

## Coming this Fall:

- Social Networking Strategy (SNS), October 6 – 8 and October 12 - 14
- Motivational Interviewing, October dates TBD
- Personalized Cognitive Counseling (PCC), October dates TBD



# Prevention Takeaways

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- Availability of CBA/TA to support HIV Prevention Activities
- Initiation and roll-out of statewide Harm Reduction Activities
- Upcoming J2C Virtual Conference in October 2021
- Upcoming Women's Prevention Activities
- Decrease in locally reassigned staff

# For additional information . . .

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