

Georgia Board of Public Health

March 14, 2023

Agenda

- Call to order
- Roll Call
- Approval/Adoption of Minutes
- New Business
 - Opening Remarks - Commissioner Kathleen E. Toomey M.D., M.P.H.
 - Legislative Update - Megan Andrews, J.D.
 - Alzheimer's and Related Dementias – Xavier Crockett, MS, Elizabeth Head, M.P.H.
 - Environmental Health Updates – Galen Baxter, R.E.H.S.
 - Vaccines for Adults 50+ - Nancy Nydam, Alex Millman, M.D.
 - Closing Remarks - Commissioner Kathleen E. Toomey M.D., M.P.H.
- Board Comments
- Adjournment

Commissioner's Remarks

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Legislative Updates

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House Bill 196

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission (GAMCC)

- Provides that the GAMCC is subject to the Administrative Procedure Act and laws governing open meetings and open records
- Adds ulcerative colitis and myasthenia gravis as conditions for which low THC oil may be used. This will required DPH to update our rules and regulations to include these new conditions as eligible for issuance of a Low THC oil card.
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in Senate Committee***

House Bill 416

Pharmacy Tech Vaccine Administration

- Authorizes qualified pharmacy technicians to administer certain vaccines to adults under the authority of a supervising pharmacist
 - Limited to COVID-19 vaccines and any other vaccine on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) adult immunization schedule
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in Senate Committee***

House Bill 440

School Glucagon Prescriptions

- Permits public and private schools to stock a supply of undesignated ready-to-use glucagon
- Allows medical professionals to prescribe glucagon to schools for this purpose
- Requires the Department of Education to consult with DPH to produce rules and regulations regarding implementation
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote on Senate Floor***

House Resolution 185

House Healthy Food Retail Study Committee

- Committee will:
 - Investigate the lack of access to fresh, healthy food in certain rural and urban areas in Georgia
 - Make recommendations to address this issue
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in House Committee***

Senate Bill 3

Reducing Barriers to State Employment Act of 2023

- Requires state agencies to re-assess what qualifications are needed for employment and reduce those requirements, where able, to make these roles more accessible. Where practicable, agencies should reduce the number of positions that require a 4-year degree.
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote on House Floor***

Senate Bill 45

Seizure Action Plans in Elementary and Secondary Schools

- Provides a process in which a parent or guardian of a student being treated for epilepsy or a seizure disorder can seek support and services for the student's seizures while at their public elementary or secondary school
- The Department of Education must develop a model seizure action plan form and guidelines for training school nurses and employees, which may include local health department staff assigned to the school.
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in House Committee***

Senate Bill 46

Prenatal Testing Requirements

- Requires that pregnant women receive HIV and syphilis tests at the first prenatal visit, 28-32 weeks gestation, and upon delivery
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote on House Floor***

Senate Bill 47

Vaping Smokefree Air Act

- Updates the Smokefree Air Act to prohibit vaping in any location where traditional tobacco smoking is currently prohibited.
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in House Committee***

Senate Bill 55

Prohibition on Business Regulations for Owners <18

- Prohibits the regulation of businesses of persons under 18 years old
- Applies to businesses solely operated by someone <18 years of age that are located on a private property and generate gross receipts of \$5,000 or less in a calendar year, and sells nonconsumable good, prepackaged foods, lemonade or other nonpotentially hazardous nonalcoholic beverages.
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in House Committee***

Senate Bill 64

Issuance of Original Birth Certificate Following Adoption

- Provides for the issuance of a copy of the original birth certificate to certain adult persons who were adopted—currently this is only available through a court-order process.
- This will require some updates within our vital records office to facilitate fulfilling these requests.
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in House Committee***

Senate Bill 107

Izzy's Law

- Directs DPH to develop and make available for download from its website a model aquatic safety plan based on national standards for private swim instructors – no later than January 1, 2024
- Permits DPH to partner with external organizations recognized as an authority in aquatic safety to assist in the development, annual review, and any necessary revision of the model aquatic safety plan
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in House Committee***

Senate Bill 177

Georgia Food Insecurity Eradication Act

- Establishes the Georgia Food Security Advisory Council within the Department of Agriculture—DPH would have a seat on this council.
- Council will recommend regulatory solutions to the WIC Program and recommend policies that increase collaboration between the state and private entities seeking to end food insecurity
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in House Committee***

Senate Bill 197

Health Care Practitioners Truth and Transparency Act

- Prohibits deceptive or misleading terms by health care practitioners in advertisements and representations
- In clinical settings advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants with doctorate degrees must specify their education and inform patients that he/she is not a physician.
- ***Status: Awaiting a vote in House Committee***

Questions

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Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease

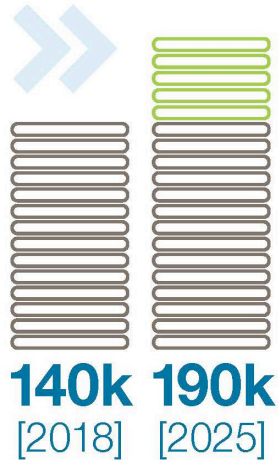
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Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease in Georgia

Establishing the Need: Know the numbers.

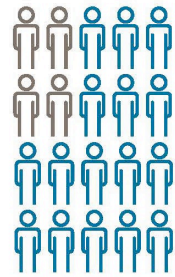
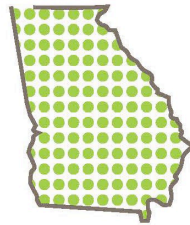
It all adds up: The citizens and healthcare professionals of Georgia need the Georgia Memory Net.

People With
Alzheimer's
Growing:



1.4M

People Over
65 Years Old



385k
with self-reported
cognitive impairment

80%

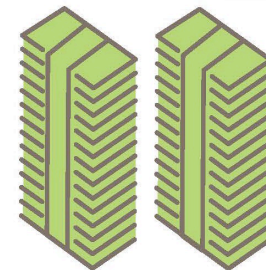
have not yet been
evaluated or treated



**6 Year Average
Delay In
Memory-loss
Diagnosis**

\$2B

In Preventable
Admissions
Expenses



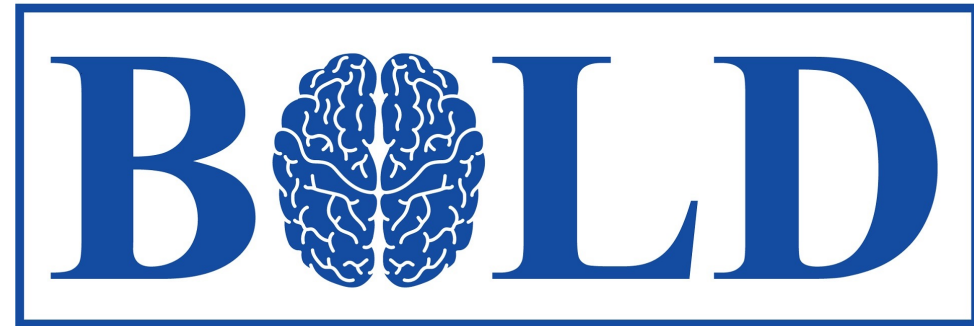
BOLD Overview

Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure (BOLD)

- B-SEEN – BOLD using systemic education, evidence, and networks

Public health approach to:

- Dementia risk reduction
- Early detection
- Dementia caregiving
- Educating professionals



Implementing CDC Road Map Actions

- Educate and empower
- Develop policies and mobilize partnerships
- Assure a competent workforce
- Monitor and Evaluate



Education and Outreach

Think About It Campaign

- Kick off efforts
- Bridge with other topics

Incorporating Brain Health into other outreach

- Chronic Disease Self-Management
- Falls Prevention
- Driver Safety



Forget the way to the grocery store ... **again?**

THINK ABOUT IT.



ALZHEIMER'S / DEMENTIA

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Can't make the numbers add up ... **again?**

THINK ABOUT IT.

3 8 4 0 5 9 7 1

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Can't find the right word... **again?**

THINK ABOUT IT.

connect

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Rural Outreach – Partnership with UGA

Stakeholder mapping

- Engaging local leadership
- Preferences for receiving information, education, and training

Osher LifeLong Learning Institutes (OLLIs)

- Brain health education
- Risk reduction focus

Archway Partnership

- Local collaboratives
- Community-led partnerships

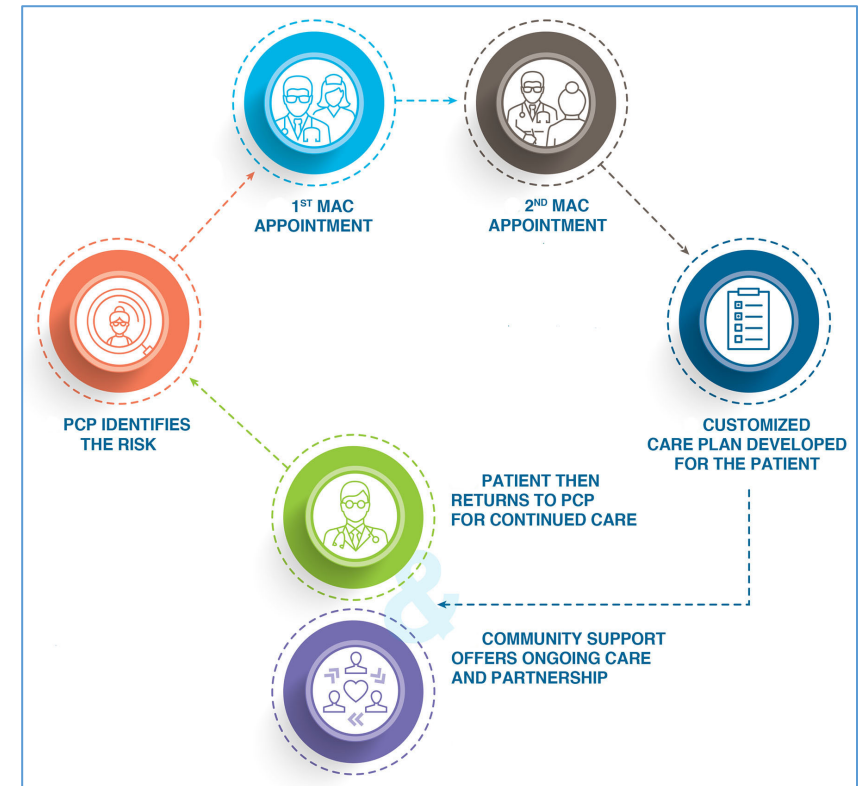
Mobilizing Partnerships

Telehealth/tablet partnership

- Public Health & Georgia Memory Net (GMN)
- Telehealth/ tablet partnership
- Local health department acts as physical location

The workflow

- Risk Identified
- Appointment scheduled
 - In-person
 - Telehealth
- Diagnostics, Diagnosis, Care Planning



Mobilizing Partnership – Tablet Project Progress

Two sites

- Emmanuel County Health Department
- Dooly County Health Department

Processes developed

- One year working on workflows
- Private room at each location
- Scheduling processes developed

Success

- First three patients scheduled
- First visit complete!

Caregiver Support

Create options for caregivers

- Savvy Caregiver
- Tele-Savvy
- AAA –Powerful tools for caregivers

Faith-based program efforts - Alter

- African-American Faith-based outreach
- Dementia-Friendly status
- Risk reduction and brain health messaging

Workforce Development

Professionals in the field

- CEUs via online learning system (TRAIN)
- Virtual Dementia Tour


Promote/Support existing workforce development efforts

- GARD
- Emory


Developing Professionals in Training

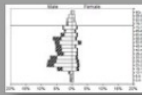



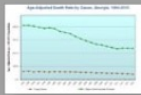


- Public Health and related professions – curricula
- Needs Assessment

Monitoring and Evaluating Data

**OASIS**

ONLINE ANALYTICAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM
Tools for Public Health and Public Policy Data Analysis
Accessing the Georgia Department of Public Health's Data Warehouse





Create tables, maps or charts of health data by selecting a topic below

Dashboards

Community Health Needs Assessment	Leading Causes of Premature Death
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Mortality/Morbidity

Mortality	Sexually Transmitted Disease
Hospital Discharge	Drug Overdoses - Mortality
Emergency Room Visits	Drug Overdoses - ER/Inpatient
Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD)

Maternal/Child Health (MCH)

Births	Pregnancies
Fetal Deaths	Maternal Deaths
Induced Terminations	Popular Baby Names

Infant Mortality

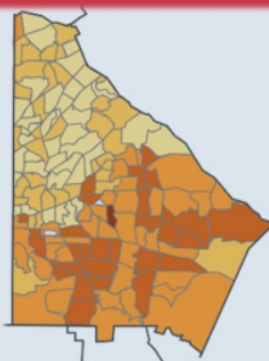
Infant Mortality	Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR)
Infant Mortality - Birth Cohort Based	

Latest Updates

How to Use OASIS / A Tutorial

Examples of OASIS:

Percent Low Birthweight by Census Tract



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Environmental Health Updates

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Environmental Health Workforce

State office - 30 employees

District EH directors -18

Regional lead/chemical hazards staff - 7

District lead coordinators - 12

County environmental health specialists - 504

Vacant EHS positions - 55

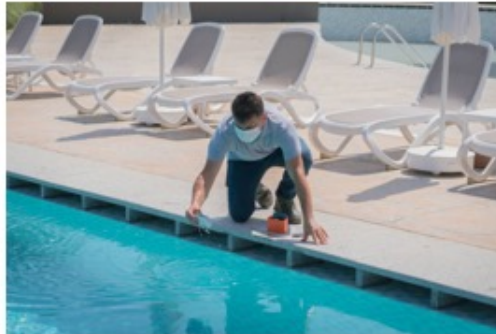
Foodservice establishments - 34K

Tourist accommodations - 3K

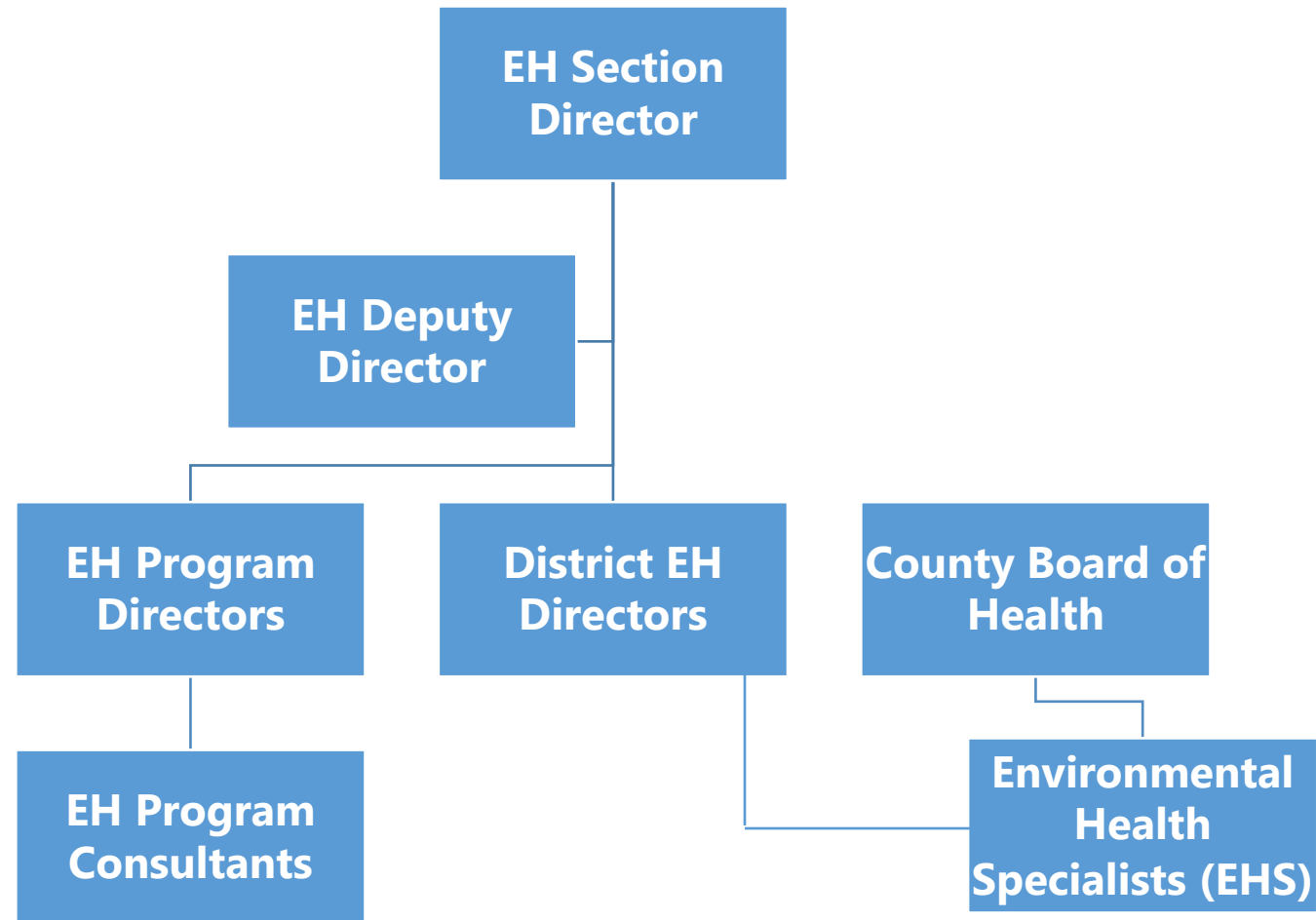
Public swimming pools - 9K

Body art facilities – current number unknown

Septic permits issued since March 2022 - 32K



Environmental Health Organizational Structure



Shared Responsibilities

State Office Program responsibilities

- Rule development and implementation
- Rule interpretation
- Technical assistance
- Training
- Program advocate with leadership & policy makers/legislators

EH District Director responsibilities

- Assist in rule development and implementation
- Supervise county lead environmental health specialists
- Provide technical assistance to the county EHS, industry, and the public
- Advise the county boards of health and district health director
- Report EH activities to the State

County Environmental Health Specialist responsibilities

- Permitting, inspecting, assessing, educating, and enforcing rules and regulations
- Feedback

Environmental Health Mandates

- County Board of Health: O.C.G.A. 31-3
 - Inspections
 - Enforcement
 - Rules and Regulations
- Food Service Establishments: O.C.G.A. 26-2-373
- Public Swimming Pools: O.C.G.A. 31-45
- Tourist Accommodations: O.C.G.A. 31-28
- On-Site Sewage Management: O.C.G.A. 31-2A-11, 31-3-5(b)
- Portable Sanitation: O.C.G.A. 31-2A-4(3)
- Non-Public Water Supply: O.C.G.A. 12-5-134
- Rabies Control: O.C.G.A. 31-19
- Body Art: O.C.G.A. 31-40
- Tanning Facilities: O.C.G.A. 31-38

Environmental Health Mandates

- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program: O.C.G.A. 31-41-10
- Healthy Homes Program
 - Indoor Air: O.C.G.A. 31-12A "Smokefree Air Act"
 - Asthma
- Chemical Hazards Program: O.C.G.A. 31-12
 - Health Impact Assessment
 - Brownsfield Grant
- Emergency Preparedness: O.C.G.A. 31-2A-4(9); 31-12-1.1
 - EH Emergency Prep
 - Mass Fatality Coordination
- Control of Mass Gathering: O.C.G.A. 31-27
- Surveillance and Response: O.C.G.A. 31-2A-(1) (2)
 - Mosquito Surveillance
 - Public Health Pest Surveillance
 - Response

Body Art Program

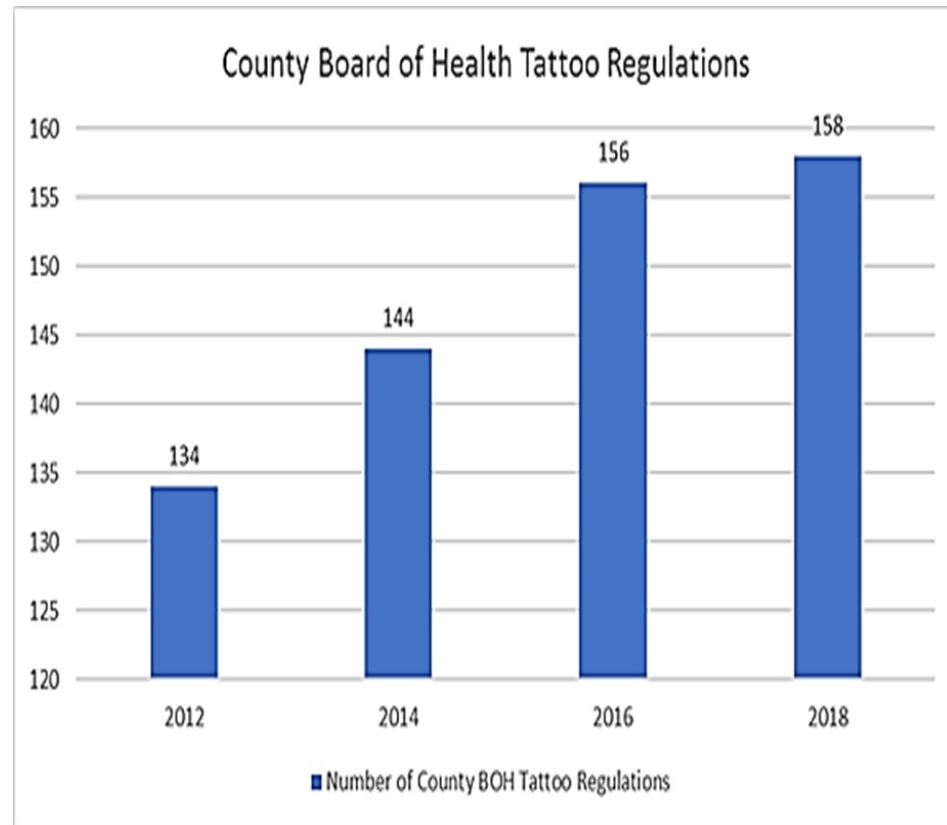
The program prevents illness and injury associated with unsanitary conditions in parlors by regulation and inspection.



Body Art Program Timeline

- **1994-2012** few counties had local Board of Health rules for tattoo studios
- **2012-2018** counties began adopting local BOH rules for tattoo and body art
- **2019** legislation passed to transition body art into a state program and promulgate Rules and Regulations
- **2020** COVID-19 delay
- **2021** Legislative session increased funds for body art licensure
- **2022** hired state office staff to assist with the implementation of the program and Rules and Regulations
- **2023** rules are finalized and ready to begin implementation over next 12-18 months

Body Art Program



Georgia Environmental Health
Local Board of Health (BOH) Tattoo Rules



Body Art Program

- State rules & regulations provide opportunity for standardized language for all Boards of Health
 - Facilities permitted & inspected by local BOH
 - Artists licensed by State Office
- Inclusive to:
 - Microblading
 - Piercing
 - Tattooing



Image of individual with non-tuberculous Mycobacterial (NTM) infection
Image from CDC webpage: <https://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2012/08/the-hidden-dangers-of-getting-inked/>

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Vaccines for Adults 50+

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Vaccines for Adults 50+



Protect Your Health
Vaccines for Adults 50+
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If you're age 50 or older:

Shingles vaccine Shingles causes a painful rash that can last for months.

Pneumococcal vaccine (recommended for all 65+) Pneumococcal disease can include pneumonia, meningitis, and blood infections. Some adults with certain medical conditions may need a pneumococcal vaccine earlier. Adults 50-64 years should talk to their healthcare provider about when they should be vaccinated.

Flu vaccine every year Standard flu vaccine is recommended for adults ages 50-64. Adults 65 should opt for a high-dose version (quadrivalent) if available. The seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and others from the flu.

Tdap vaccine to protect yourself from 3 diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (pertussis). Everyone needs to get the Tdap vaccine once.

Td or Tdap booster every 10 years (after you get a Tdap vaccine) to protect against tetanus and diphtheria.

COVID-19 vaccine and booster to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Hepatitis A vaccine if you have risk factors for hepatitis A infection.

Hepatitis B vaccine if you have risk factors for hepatitis B infection.

HEALTH BENEFITS OF VACCINES

Older adults need to get vaccines (shots) to prevent serious diseases. Protect your health by getting all your vaccines on schedule.

Why do I need to get vaccines?

Vaccines help protect you from diseases that can be serious and sometimes deadly. Many of these diseases are common, but vaccines can prevent them. Even if you've always gotten your vaccines on schedule, you still need to get some vaccines as an older adult. That's because:

- Older adults are more likely to get certain diseases
- Older adults are at higher risk for serious complications from diseases
- The protection from some vaccines can wear off over time

Getting vaccinated also protects other people.

When you get vaccines, you don't just protect yourself - you also protect others. This is especially important if you spend time around anyone with a long-term health problem or a weakened immune system (the system in the body that fights infections). Protect yourself and the people around you by staying up to date on your vaccines.

For more information visit

dph.georgia.gov/immunizations/adult-immunizations



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Next Meeting

The next Board of Public Health Meeting
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