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Georgia OEMS Update – COVID-19, etc

OEMS / Friday, 12/04/2020



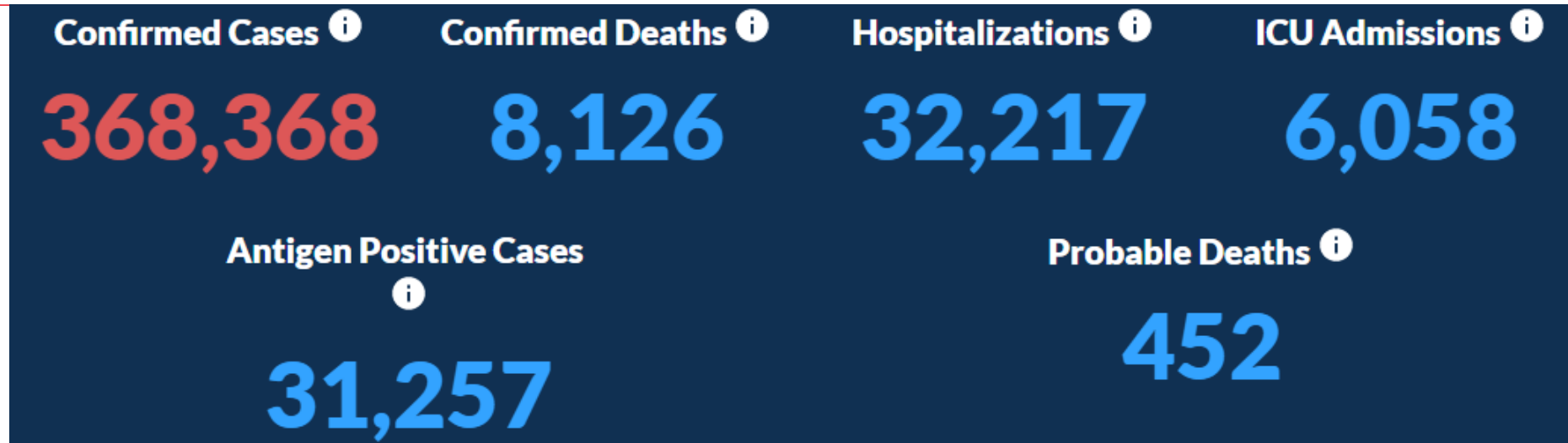
Agenda

- Epidemiology Report
- Operational Updates
- Questions

Epidemiology Report



Epidemiology Report – Dr. Cherie Drenzek – graphs as of 11/05/2020
<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>



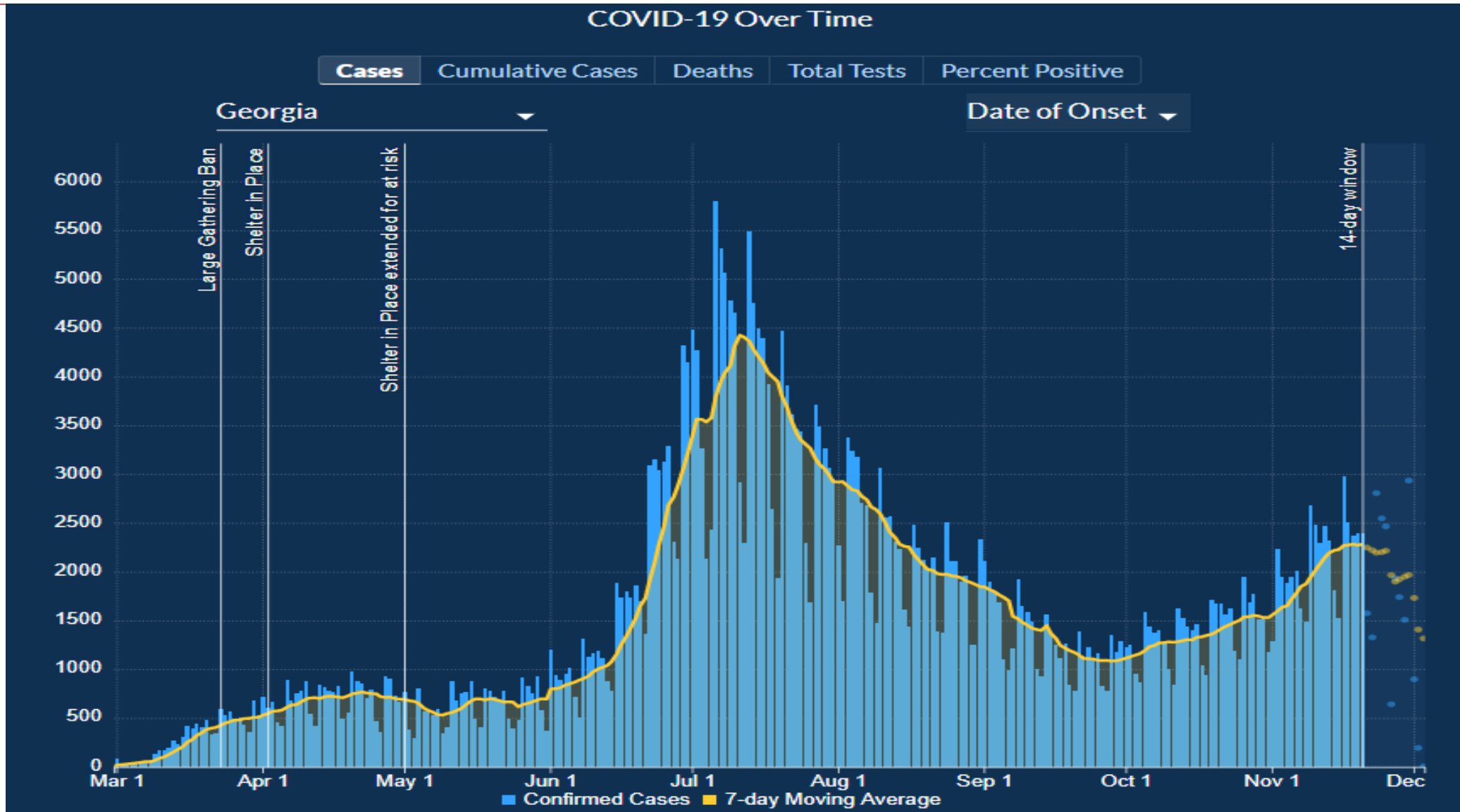
COVID-19 Testing ⓘ			
	Total PCR/ Molecular	PCR/Molecular Reported Today	Total Antibody (Serology)
Number of Tests	3,672,160	24,882	334,992
Number of Positive Tests	344,574	1,868	30,621
% Positive	9.4%	7.5%	9.1%

Epidemiology Report – Dr. Cherie Drenzek – graphs as of 12/03/2020
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Confirmed Cases ⓘ	Confirmed Deaths ⓘ	Hospitalizations ⓘ	ICU Admissions ⓘ
433,353	8,879	35,571	6,599
Antigen Positive Cases ⓘ		Probable Deaths ⓘ	
54,625		769	

COVID-19 Testing ⓘ			
	Total PCR/ Molecular	PCR/Molecular Reported Today	Total Antibody (Serology)
Number of Tests	4,396,665	33,701	367,023
Number of Positive Tests	406,225	4,133	36,562
% Positive	9.2%	12.3%	10.0%

Cases Over Time (By date of onset)



Reported cases per 100,000 people last 14 days - as of 12/03/2020

Georgia - December 03

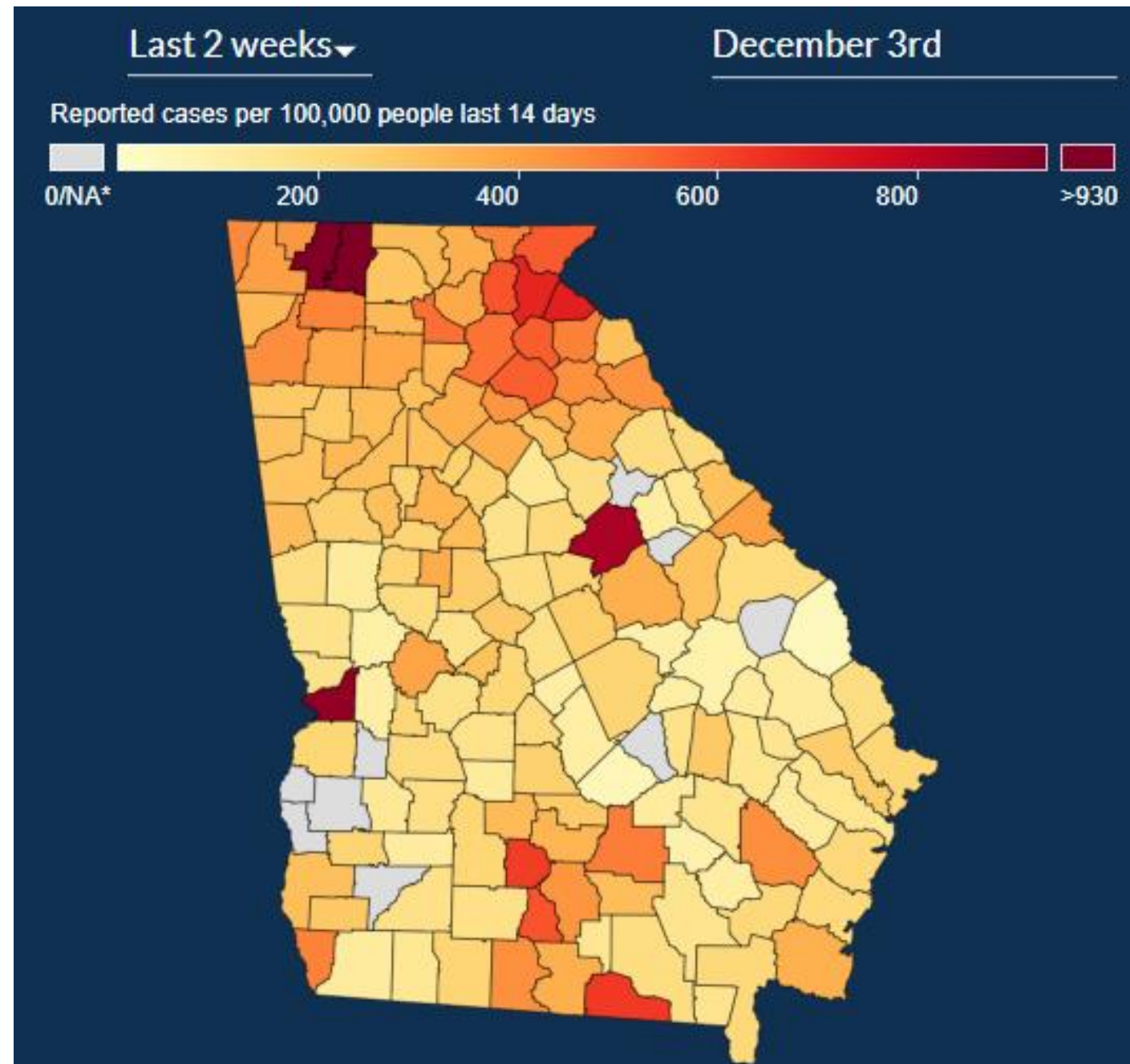
Cases (last 2 weeks): 37,261

Cases per 100k (last 2 weeks): 344

Cases (total): 433,353

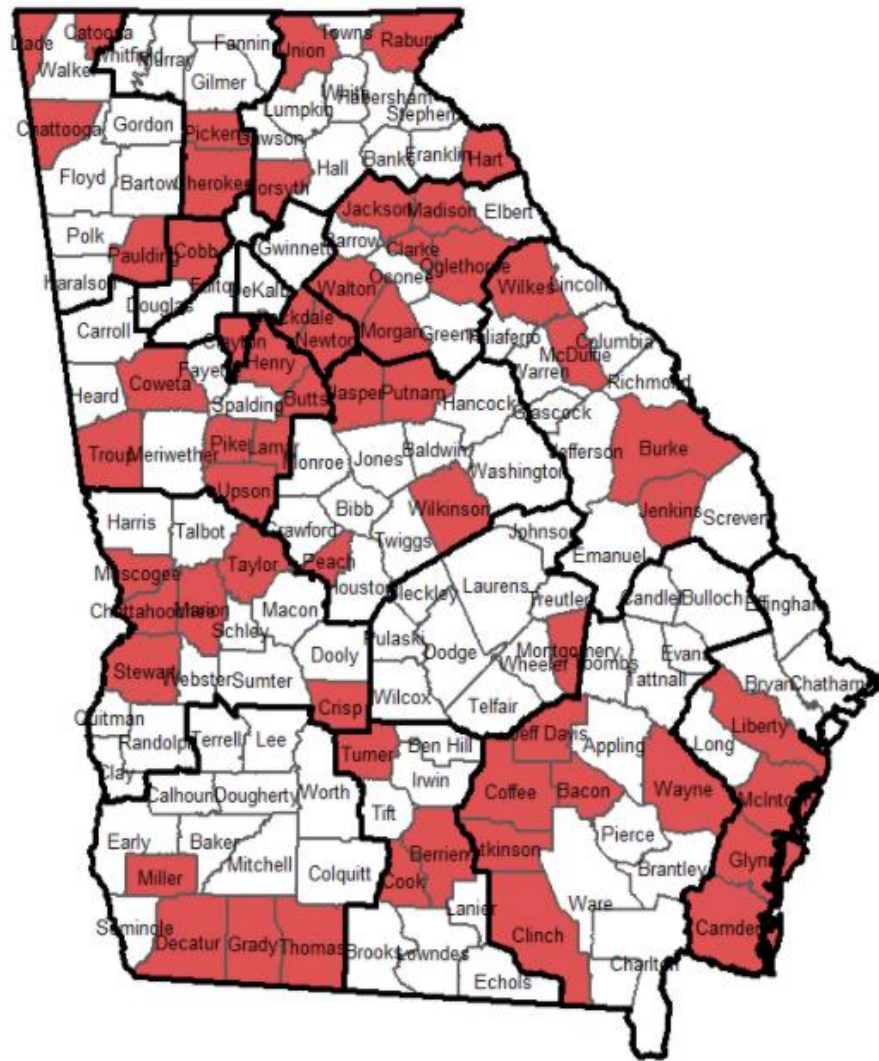
Cases per 100k (total): 4000

Population: 10,833,472



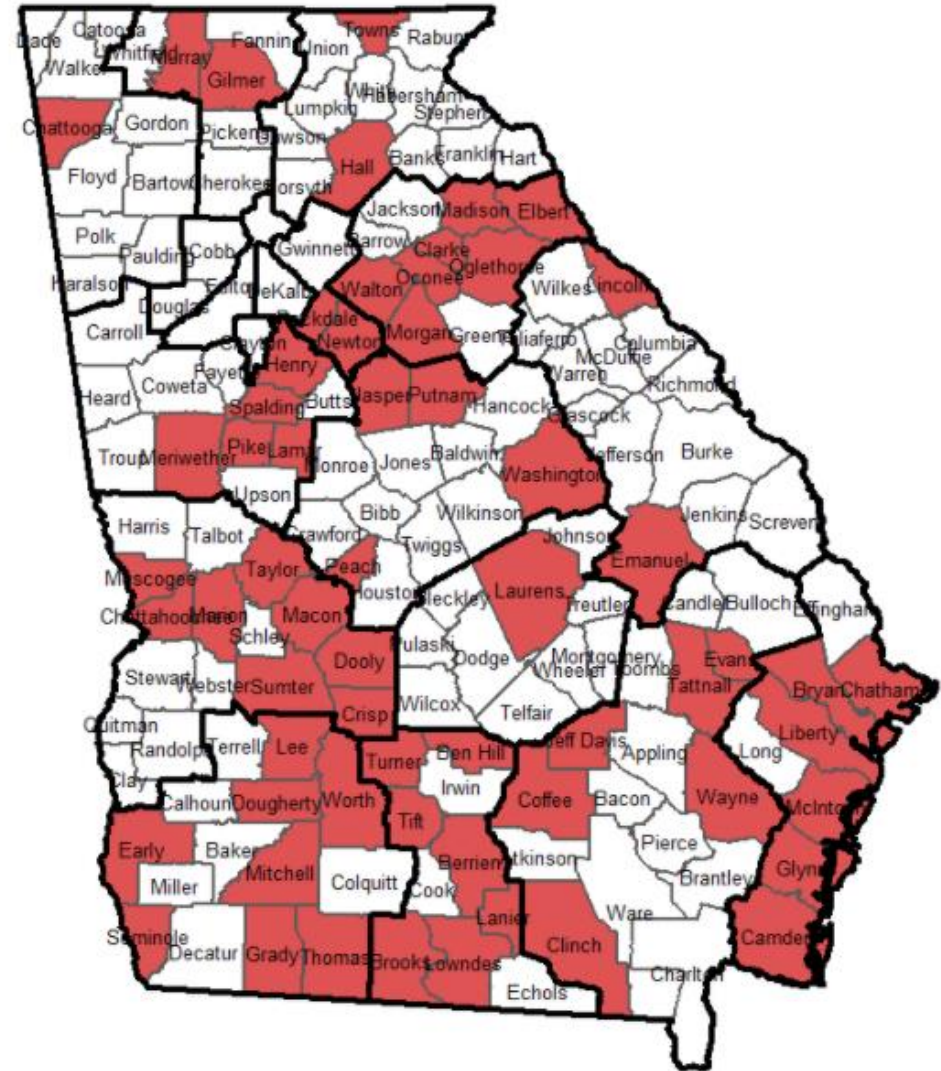
Emerging Counties of Interest, by County of Residence

10/17 to 10/30



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11/14 to 11/27

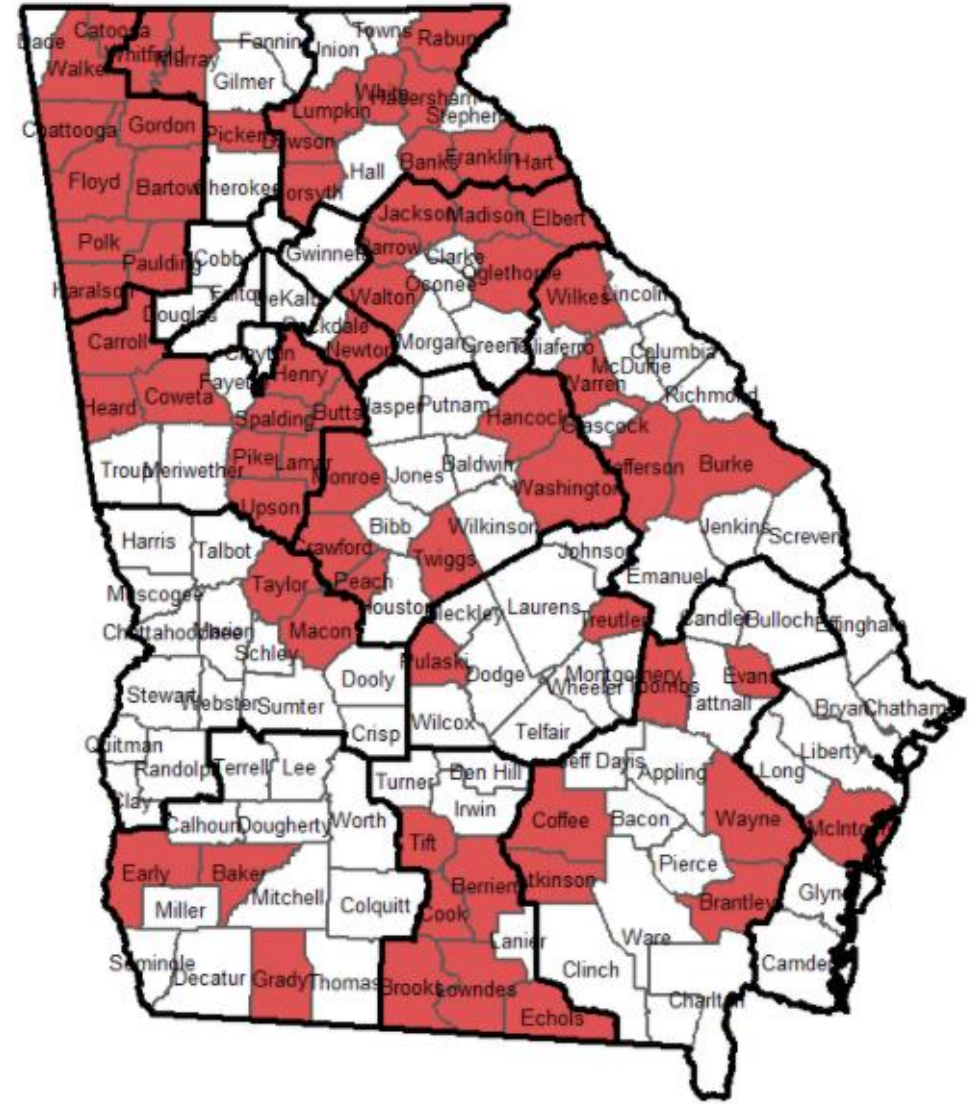
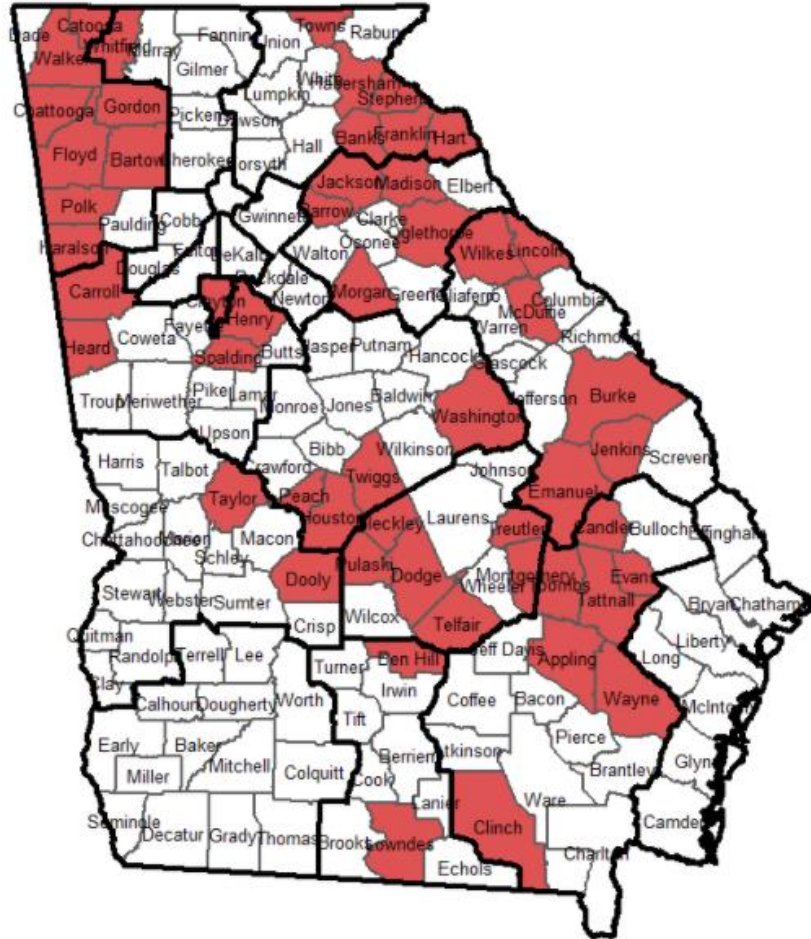


Emerging counties of interest represent counties with $>5\%$ increase in COVID syndrome/ILI syndrome (if ≥ 5 visits) AND $>5\%$ increase in cases (if ≥ 5 cases) OR $>25\%$ change in cases AND >10 cases during most recent week.

11/14 to 11/27

Counties with High Transmission Indicators, by County of Residence

10/17 to 10/30



Counties of High Transmission Indicators represent Counties with [14-day cases rate is > 100 cases/100,000 county residents (> 5 cases during this period)] AND [14-day average % positive PCR tests > 10% (> 20 total tests performed during this period)].

Phase 1a Vaccinations of Healthcare Workers

Initial Phase 1a Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), as of December 3, 2020:

ACIP recommended that, when a COVID-19 vaccine is authorized by FDA and recommended by ACIP, both 1) health care personnel and 2) residents of long-term care facilities (LTCFs) be offered vaccination in the initial phase of the COVID-19 vaccination program (Phase 1a).

Next Steps:


- EMS, under current ACIP recommendations, is considered part of Phase 1a.
- Please contact your district public health emergency preparedness section for information regarding first responder vaccination planning.


Health Districts

- <https://dph.georgia.gov/about-dph/contact-dph/public-health-districts>

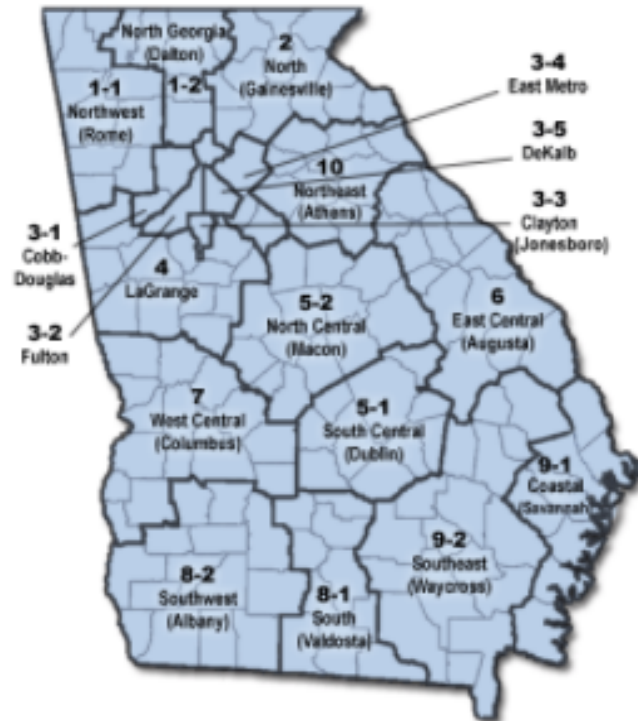
District Health Director
Executive Assistant
Program Manager
Administrator
Clinical Coordinator
EH Director
EC Director
HR Director
MIS Director

Public Health Districts

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) funds, and collaborates with, 18 separate public health districts throughout the state. Each is comprised of one or more of Georgia's 159  [counties](#) and county health departments.

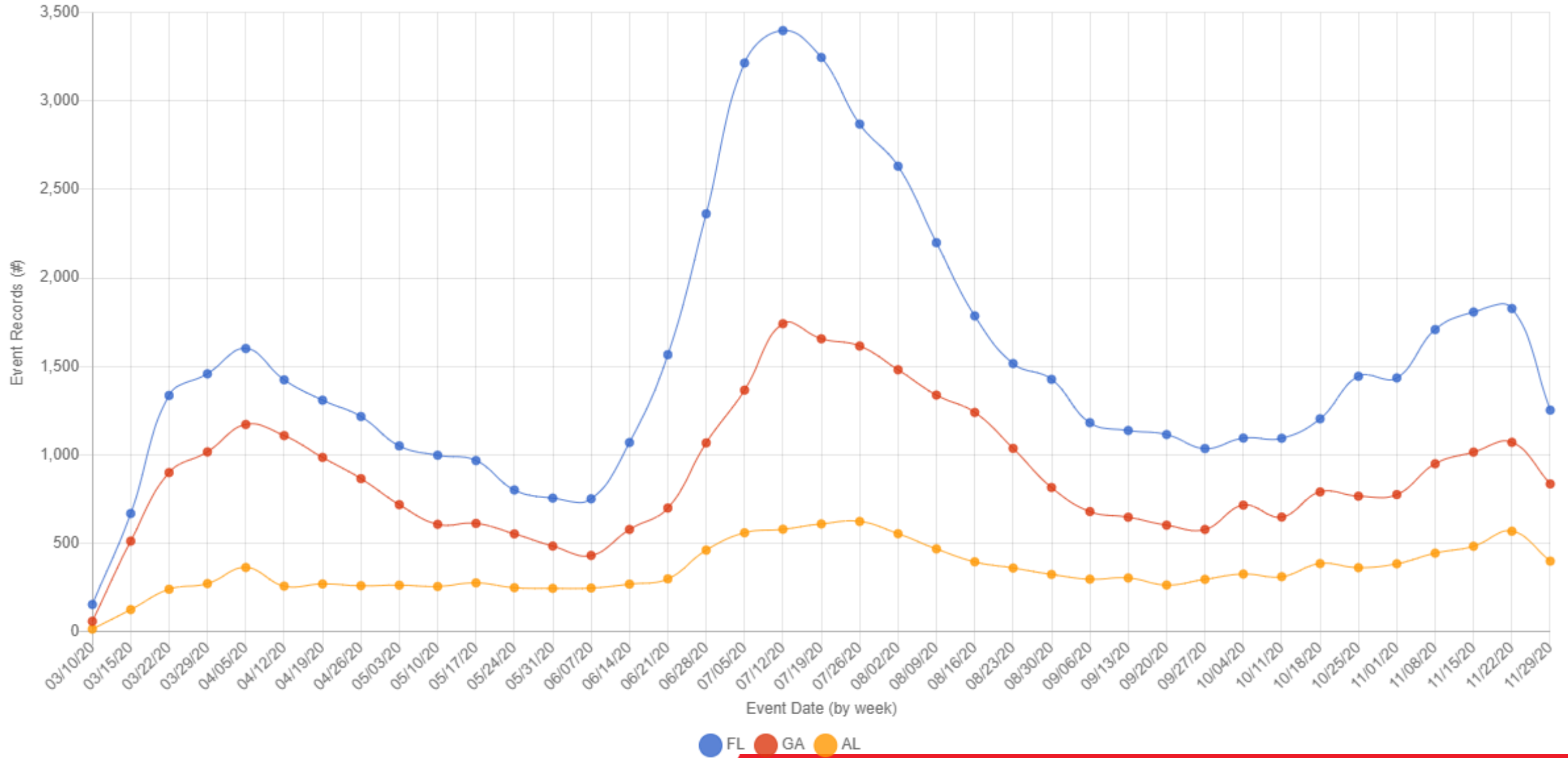
Click on a district below to visit the district's website. Download the most recent District Directory in .pdf format  [here](#).

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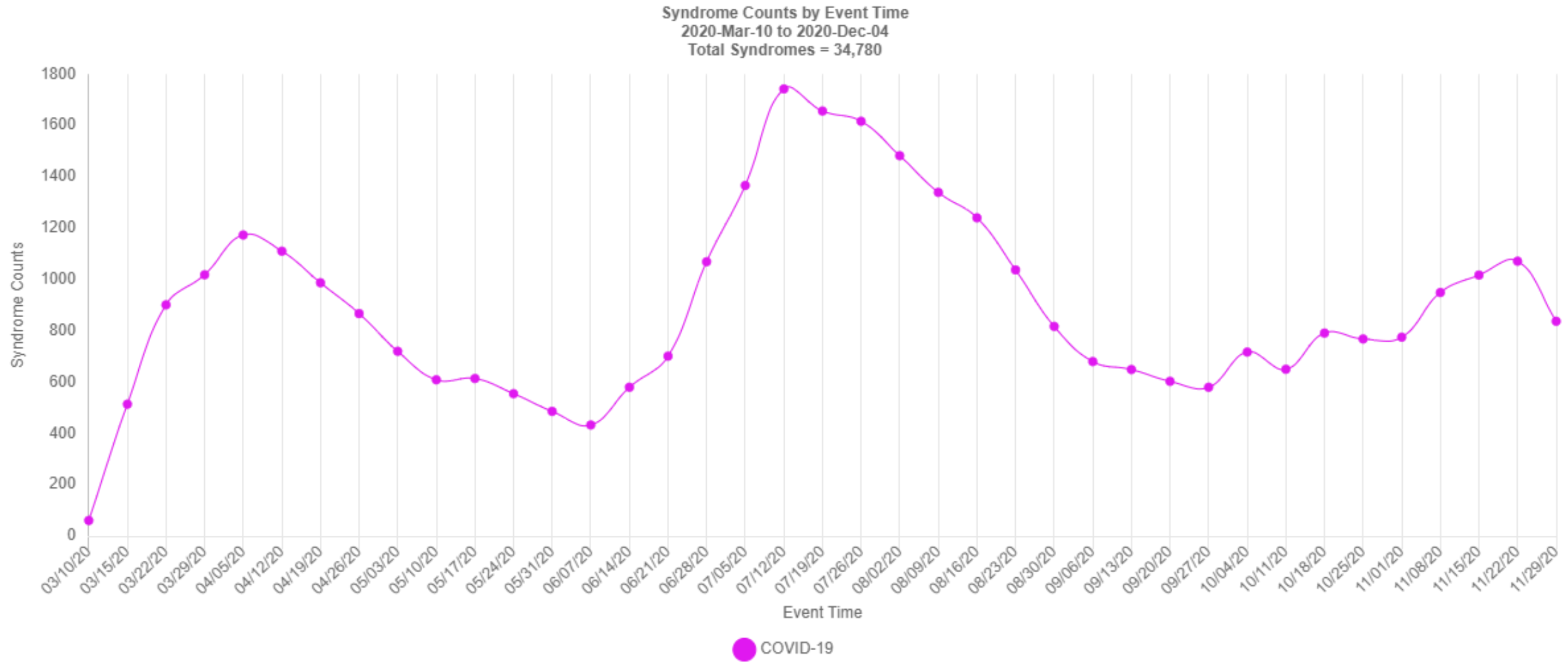


Calculated COVID-19 Syndrome – 3/10/2020 – 12/04/2020, AL, FL, GA

Event Records by Event Date
Grouped by Incident State
2020-Mar-10 to 2020-Dec-04
107,686 Event Records



Calculated COVID-19 Syndrome – 3/10/2020 – 12/04/2020, Just GA



EMS Operational Updates



Reminders

- As of 12/04/2020:
 - 2,942 (-270 in last month) Medics without email addresses!
- Renewal season is here!
 - 15,615 still to renew
- Agencies MUST have current rosters.
- There is NO excuse for having out-of-date rosters and NO excuse for saying “I didn’t know that medic had expired”

CLIA and BinaxNOW

- **CLIA**
 - <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/ems-licensure-verification-agency-personnel-instructor/ems-agency-licensure/clia>
 - All EMS Agencies are required to have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver
 - “Waived” tests REQUIRE a CLIA Certificate of Waiver
- **BinaxNOW**
 - <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/binaxnow-ems>
 - Data portal for reporting results is up and running
 - Request an allocation through LMS

Medical Directors

- New State EMS Medical Director
 - Dr. Alex Isakov
- New EMSMDAC Chair
 - Dr. Jim Augustine

Next OEMS Updates

- Epidemiology and Operational Updates
 - Q1 CY2021 updates – 2nd Fridays @ 11am
 - January 8, 2021
 - February 12, 2021
 - March 12, 2021
- Instructor Updates
 - All EMS Initial Education Program Directors should attend
 - Recommended that all Instructor/Coordinators attend as well
 - Friday, 12/11/2020 @ 11am (~1 hour)
 - Q1 CY2021 updates – 4th Friday @ 11am
 - January 22, 2021
 - February 26, 2021
 - March 26, 2021

Questions? And Open Discussion

Thanks for all that you do!

- Be safe
- Be prepared
- Watch your emails