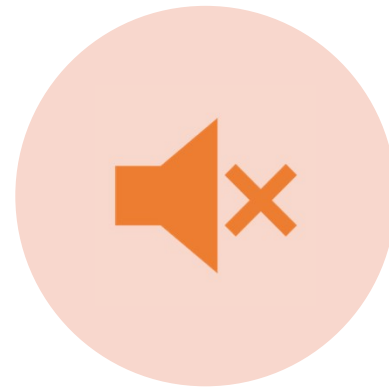


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Georgia OEMST Update – Epidemiology and Operations

OEMST / Friday, 05/13/2022

COVID-19 Epidemiology Report

Dr. Cherie Drenzek

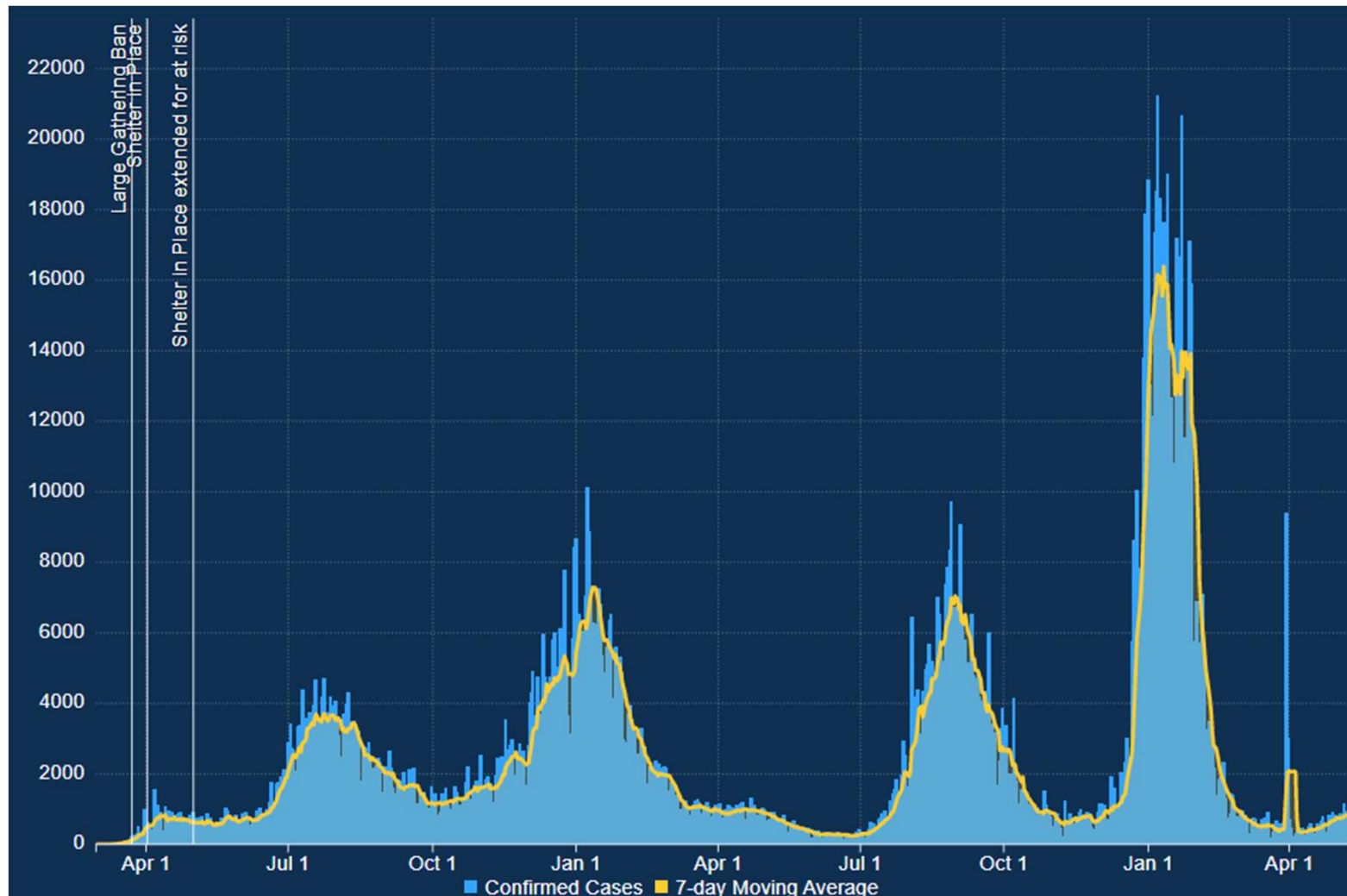
Epidemiology Report – Dr. Cherie Drenzek – graphs as of 5/11/2022
<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

Confirmed Cases ⓘ	Confirmed Deaths ⓘ	Hospitalizations ⓘ	ICU Admissions ⓘ
1,962,028	31,693	112,706	15,969
Antigen Positive Cases ⓘ		Probable Deaths ⓘ	
568,890		6,393	

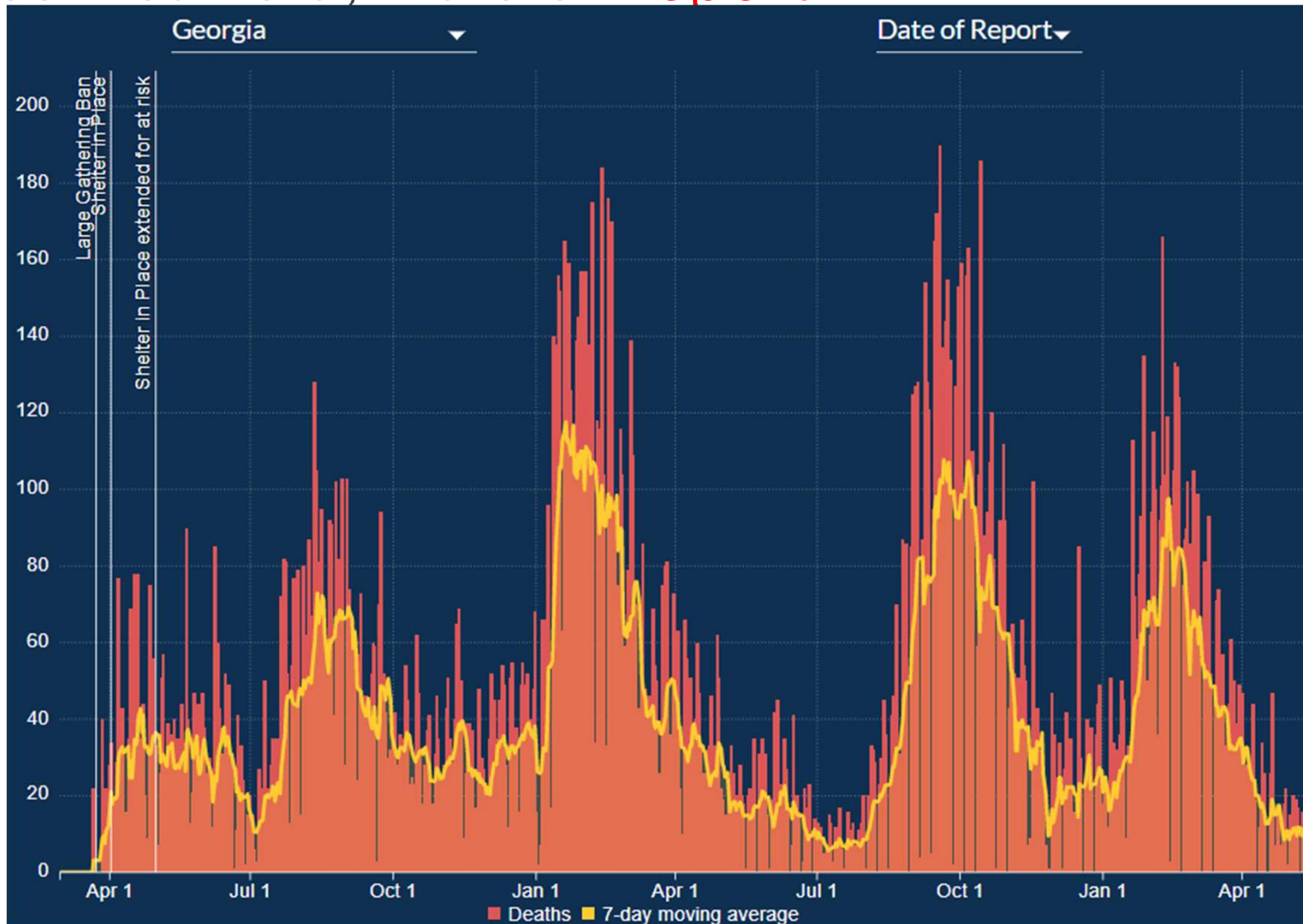
Reported Since Last Update ⓘ			
Confirmed Cases	Antigen Positive Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Hospitalizations
6,989	2,809	71	368

COVID-19 Testing ⓘ			
	Number of Tests	Number of Positive Tests	% Positive
Total PCR/ Molecular	18,055,397	2,188,467	12.1%

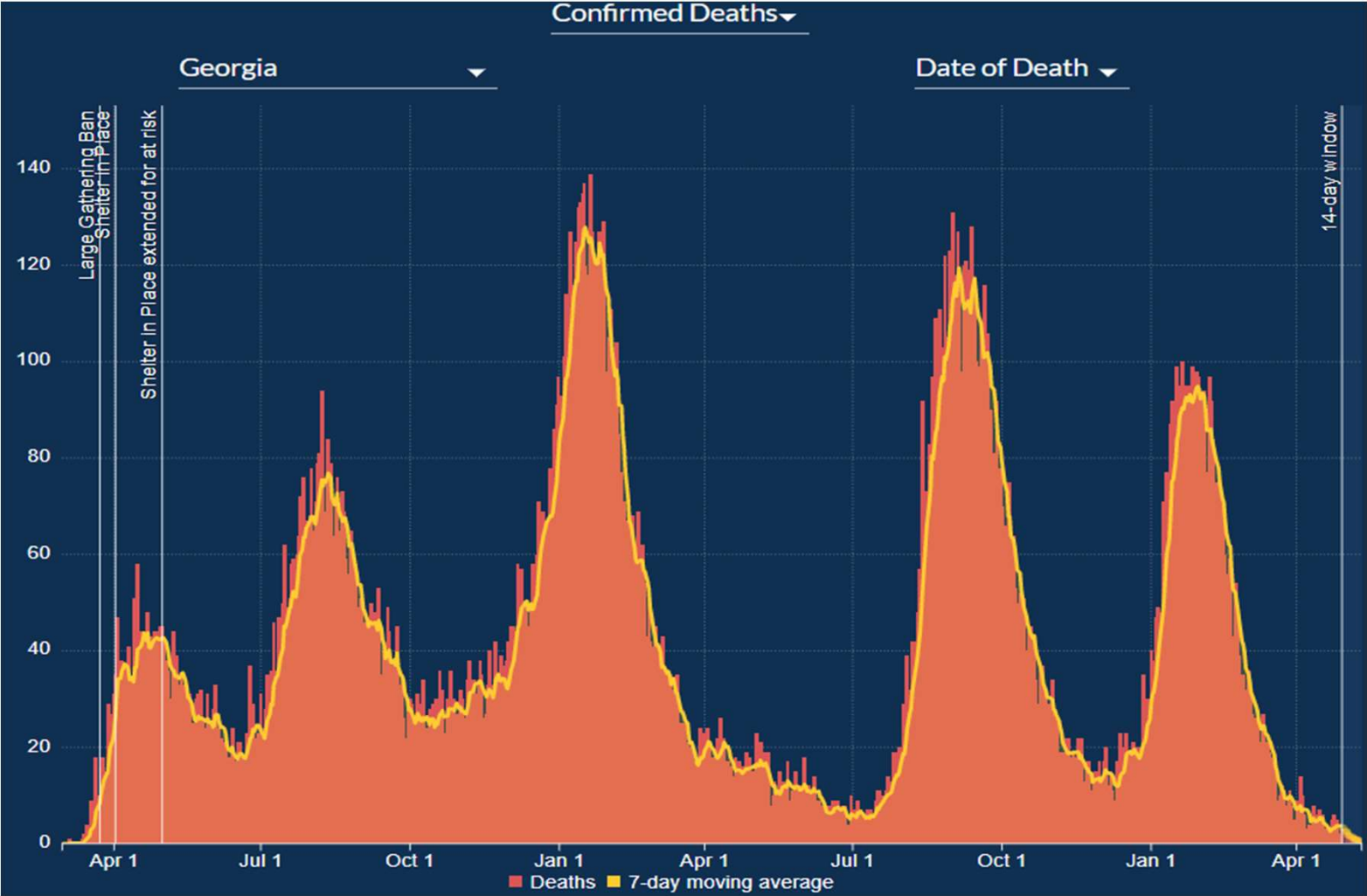
PCR Cases Over Time (By date of report)



Confirmed Deaths by Date of Report



Confirmed Deaths by Date of Death



Reported cases per 100,000 people last 14 days - as of 5/11/2022

Georgia - May 11

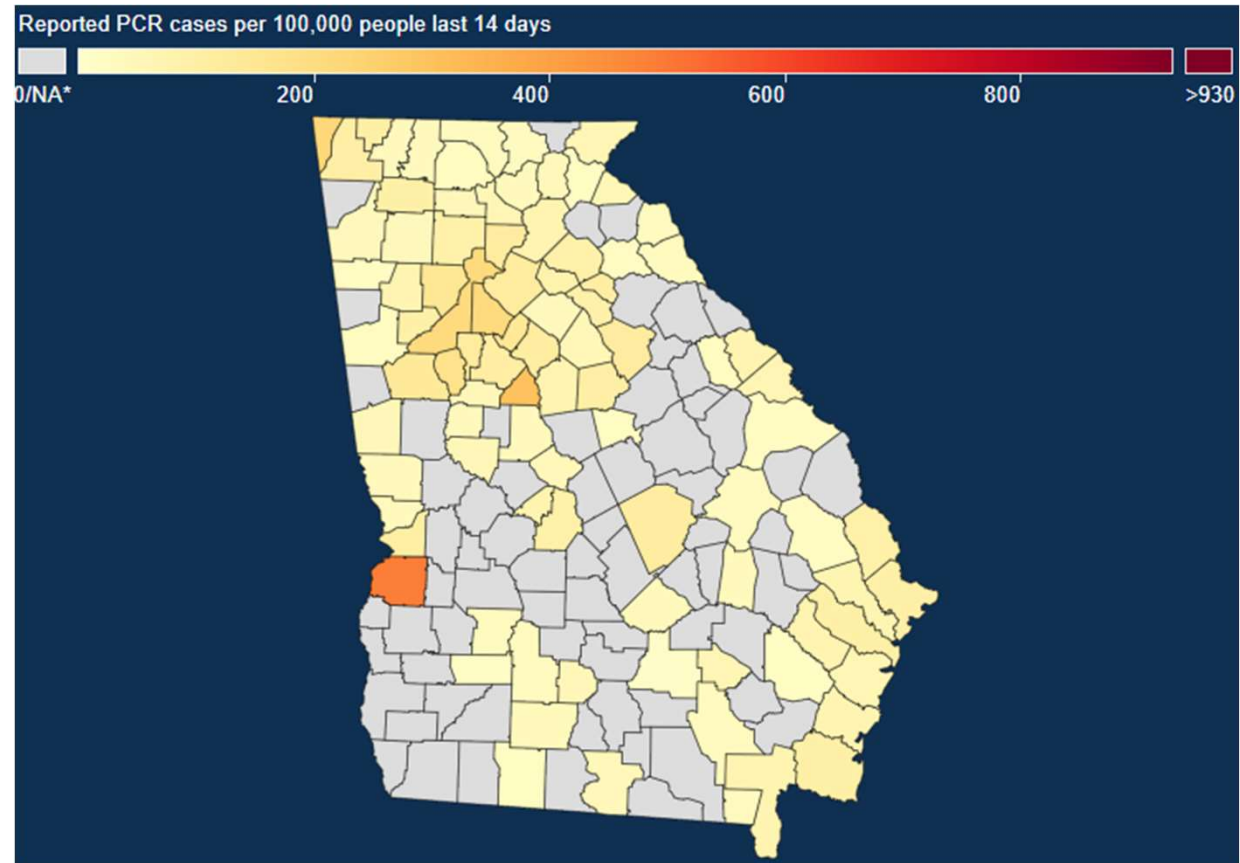
Cases (last 2 weeks): 12,234

Cases per 100k (last 2 weeks): 113

Cases (total): 1,962,028

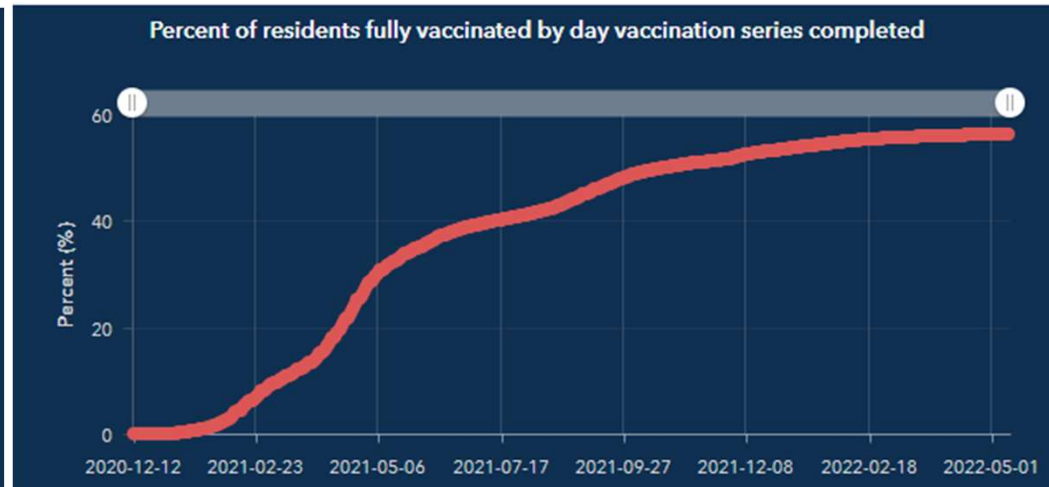
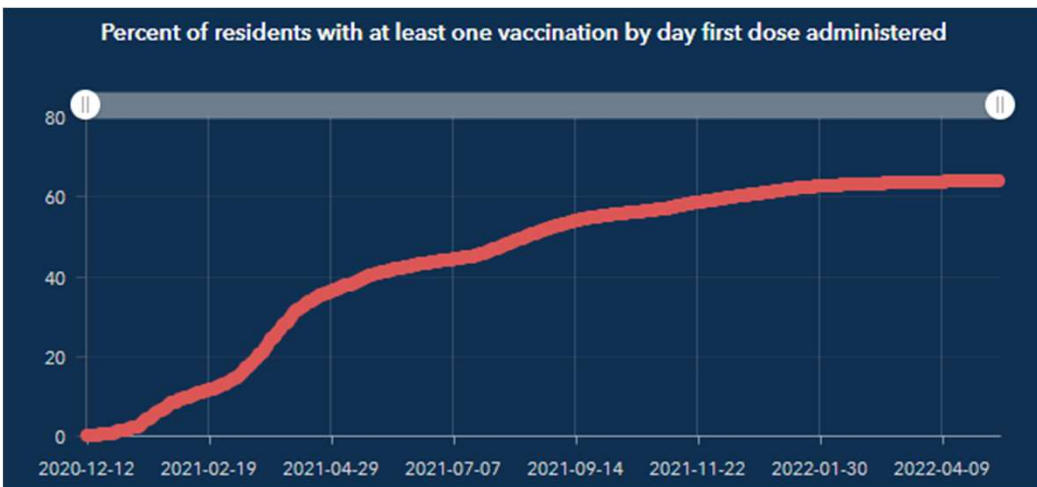
Cases per 100k (total): 18,111

Population: 10,833,472



Vaccination Rates (as of 5/11/2022)

At least 1 dose = 64%; Fully Vaccinated = 56%



View the most up-to-date data here:

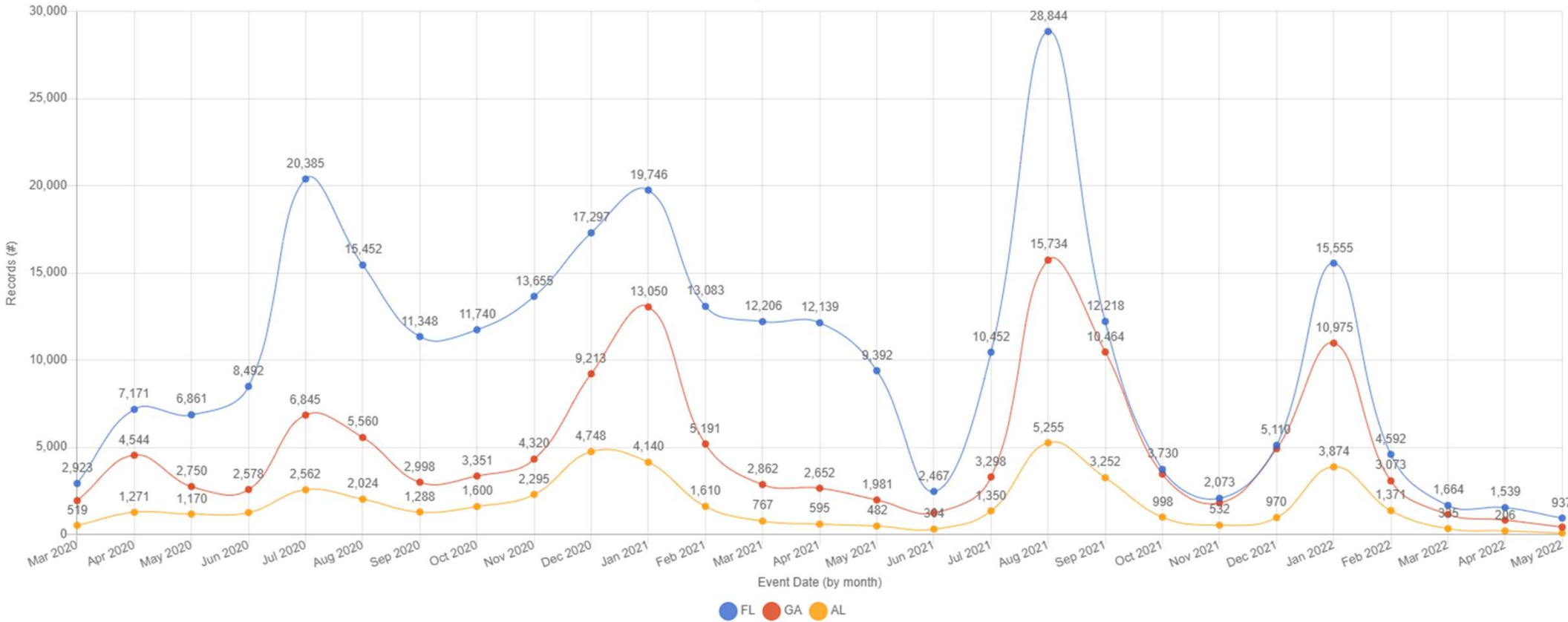
- <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3d8eea39f5c1443db1743a4cb8948a9c>

Questions for Dr. Drenzek

- Epidemiology

Calculated COVID-19 Syndrome – 3/10/2020 – 5/13/2022, AL, FL, GA

Records by Event Date
Grouped by Incident State
Event Date: 2020-Mar-10 to 2022-May-13
443,144 Records



EMS Week 2022

David Newton



EMS WEEK



2022

Rising to the
Challenge

May 15-21, 2022



Theme Days

- **Sunday is Health, Wellness, and Resilience Day** to promote the health, wellness and resilience of EMS providers and patients.
- **Monday is Education Day** highlighting public education programs and EMS provider education.
- **Tuesday is EMS Safety Day** to promote Safety for the EMS provider, the patient, and the public.
- **Wednesday is EMS for Children Day** to highlight the special needs of caring for children.
- **Thursday is Save-A-Life Day** to promote Stop the Bleed, public CPR programs and other programs.
- **Friday is EMS Recognition Day** to recognize your local EMS heroes and those who save lives through the EMS system.



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY

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WHEREAS: The goal of Emergency Medical Services for Children is to help states and communities prepare for a medical/traumatic emergency involving a child through the provision of properly trained emergency personnel, sufficiently equipped ambulances, pediatric-ready emergency departments, and well-defined pediatric treatment protocols and procedures; and

WHEREAS: Emergency Medical Services for Children relies on its established partnership within the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) community, as well as physicians and nurses who provide pediatric emergency care, to help states and communities reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness or injury; and

WHEREAS: Emergency Medical Services for Children, the tens of thousands of EMS providers and acute care professionals it serves, and the more than 25 nationally professional organizations in which it partners are committed to improving the quality of emergency care children receive; and

WHEREAS: It is proper and timely to bring recognition to the value and accomplishments of Emergency Medical Services for Children and the dedicated men and women who work tirelessly to improve the quality of pediatric medical care; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2022 as GEORGIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B.P.K.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Marianne Kipparich

CHIEF OF STAFF

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2022 GEMSA Award Winners

- Tim Peebles Champion of Children Excellence and Advocacy Award:
 - Manny Zapeta, Jacob Gunter, and Christopher Ginn, Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services
- Mary Beth Bowns Excellence in Trauma Care Award:
 - Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services, including: Ross Young, William Armstrong, Nicholas Spain, Deombre Jones, Denver Ice, Samuel Lackender, Ethan Sanders, Chris Roberts, Jamie McCord, and Tyler Russell
- Joe Lane Cox Excellence in EMS Award:
 - Paul Danielson, Henry County Police Department
- Dr. Zeb L. Burrell, Jr. Distinguished Service Award:
 - Dr. Michael Frankel, Grady Health System

2022 GEMSA Award Winners

- Dr. J. Jeffrey Marshall Excellence in Cardiac Care:
 - Doug Struble and Pam Cheek, Chatham EMS
- Dr. John B. O'Neal III, EMS Pioneer Award:
 - Courtney Terwilliger, Emanuel County
- Charles B. Gillespie, MD, Distinguished Georgia E.M.S. Medical Director Award:
 - Dr. John Kevin Hardwell, Floyd Medical Center
- Courtney Terwilliger Chairman's Award:
 - Dwayne Morgan (posthumously)

2022 GEMSA EMS Award Winners

- Georgia EMS Director of the Year Award:
 - Alfonzo Ford, Peach County EMS
- Georgia EMS Educator of the Year Award:
 - Jim Jones, Toombs-Montgomery EMS and Southeastern Technical College
- Georgia Paramedic of the Year Award:
 - Kyle Brule, American Medical Response
- Georgia Emergency Medical Service of the Year Award:
 - Wilkes County EMS

Emergency Rule

Kelly Joiner

Current Emergency Rule

Emergency Rule 511-9-2-0.5 containing Rule 511-9-2-0.5-.12 entitled "Temporary Licenses and License Reinstatements for Emergency Medical Services Personnel for COVID-19 Response"

Rule became effective on 1/28/2022 for 120 days

Rule is effective till 5/27/2022 (14 more days)

- **Temporary Compact License:** a person who holds a current EMS license in good standing, including remote state privilege to practice, in another member state of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice ("Compact"). License is good for 120 days
- **License Reinstatements:** License was in good standing when the license lapsed for failure to renew between March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2021 (2019, 2020, 2021).

Reinstatements

Requirements:

- Previous Georgia non-provisional and non-temporary medic license
- License was in good standing when the license lapsed for failure to renew between March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2021 (2019, 2020, 2021).
- Medics that expired March 31, 2022 are not eligible for the Reinstatement application. They must complete a Late Medic Renewal application.

Temporary Compact License

A license at the EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic level that is issued by the Department to a person who holds a current EMS license in good standing, including remote state privilege to practice, in another member state of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice ("Compact").

License is good for 120 days (one-time at the respective application level)

Allows those medics to quickly begin working in Georgia while allowing them time (120 days) to gain full licensure.

Issued So Far (5/12/2022, 9:00am)

Temporary Compact Licenses = 3

Reinstatements (since this new Emergency Rule): N = 82

- EMT = 26
- EMT-Intermediate = 19
- AEMT = 13
- Paramedic = 24

Reinstatement and Temporary Compact Licenses

Information:

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/georgia-oems-covid-19-workforce-options-ems-personnel>

Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) Training

Richard Rhodes



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
POLICY # OEMS-PRO-2022-001
CONGENITAL ADRENAL HYPERPLASIA
TRAINING POLICY

Approval:		4/21/2022
	Richard Rhodes, State Training Coordinator, Office of EMS and Trauma	Date
		4/21/2022
	David Newton, Director, Office of EMS and Trauma	Date

1.0 PURPOSE

The intent of this policy is to establish guidelines for Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia training for EMS personnel. This education is mandatory pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-11-5.2

2.0 AUTHORITY

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma (Department), Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Training Policy is published under the authority of the Department and in compliance with the following:

2.1 Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 31-11-1 et seq.

5.1 EMS Personnel.

- 5.1.1 EMS Personnel whose license expires in the year 2023, who did not complete the Georgia OEMST Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia course on TRAIN Georgia as part of their initial EMS education, must complete this training on or before March 31, 2023 (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) or before September 30, 2023, for EMT-R as part of their continuing education requirement.
- 5.1.2 EMS Personnel whose license expires in the year 2024, who did not complete the Georgia OEMST Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia course on TRAIN Georgia as part of their initial EMS education, must complete this training on or before March 31, 2024 (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) or before September 30, 2024, for EMT-R as part of their continuing education

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Department of Public Health POLICY AND PROCEDURES	Policy No.	OEMS-PRO-2022-001		
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requirement.

- 5.1.3 EMS Personnel who receive an initial EMS license after March 31, 2022, will be required to complete the Georgia OEMST Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia course on TRAIN Georgia.
- 5.1.4 Once completed, the training does not need to be completed for any future license renewal cycles.

5.2 Initial EMS Education.

- 5.2.1 All initial EMS education courses beginning on or after June 1, 2022, will be required to include the Georgia OEMST Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia course on TRAIN Georgia as part of the initial EMS education curriculum.
- 5.2.2 A student only needs to complete this training once during their initial EMS education.

CAH Training

Course has been posted to TRAIN and an email has been sent to all Medics

As of 5/13/2022 – 1267 Medics have completed the course

EMSDData Workgroup

Kelly Joiner

EMSDData Workgroup

The purpose of the workgroup is to help improve EMS data collection, validity, and accuracy. This group will assist the Department with the creation, updating, and improving data quality, by addressing the following:

1. Data validation rules;
2. Data education;
3. Data dictionaries;
4. Data policies; and
5. Quality improvement measures.

Workgroup is being led by Cassie Longhart, OEMST Data Manager

CLIA Certificate

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CLIA Certificates

- CLIA Certificate of Waiver
- Federal mandate, Administered by Department of Community Health (DCH)
- Starting April 1st all agencies will have to submit verification with Renewal application

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CLIA Testing for EMS Agencies

Since all EMS Agencies in Georgia are required to have devices that can check a patient's blood glucose, all EMS Agencies are required to have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver. Congress passed the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) in 1988, and under CLIA, a laboratory is defined as a facility that performs applicable testing on materials derived from the human body for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease or impairment of, or assessment of the health of, human beings.

To learn more about CLIA and how to apply for a CLIA Certificate of Waiver, please review the following:

- [How to obtain a CLIA Certificate of Waiver - CMS](#)
- [Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments \(CLIA\) Website](#)
- [Laboratory Quick Start Guide to CMS CLIA Certification](#)
- [Waived Tests \(CDC webpage with educational materials\)](#)

The State Agency for CLIA in Georgia is:

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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Division Diagnostic Services Unit
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Atlanta, GA 30303-3142
(404) 657-5700
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Naloxone for EMS Agencies

David Newton

Press Release

- <https://gov.georgia.gov/press-releases/2022-02-17/gov-kemp-awards-13m-settlement-funds-help-fight-opioid-crisis>

Gov. Kemp Awards \$13M in Settlement Funds to Help Fight Opioid Crisis

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Atlanta, GA – Governor Brian P. Kemp today announced the award of \$13,081,929 in funds from the State of Georgia's [settlement with McKinsey & Company](#) to be used to address the negative effects of opioid misuse and to invest in opioid abatement strategies. The funds will be utilized to expand Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) availability, increase detoxification service capacity, promote stigma reduction, increase access to naloxone for emergency service providers, and expand training on naloxone to community providers.

"The opioid crisis has affected - either directly or indirectly - almost every Georgia family," said **Governor Brian P. Kemp**. "We appreciate the Office of the Attorney General for working to represent the interests of Georgians throughout this litigation, and we look forward to ensuring these funds are leveraged to help us combat the scourge of opioid misuse in our state."

Funds will be distributed through Memorandums of Understanding between the Department of Law, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), and the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Provide naloxone kits to Emergency Medical Service providers

Emergency Medical Service providers (EMS) personnel indicated to DPH the ongoing need for naloxone kits. \$2,017,929 will provide for DPH to distribute approximately 326,000 naloxone kits to EMS providers.

Naloxone for EMS

- Poll
- These are just preliminary questions – there will be a formal survey later

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

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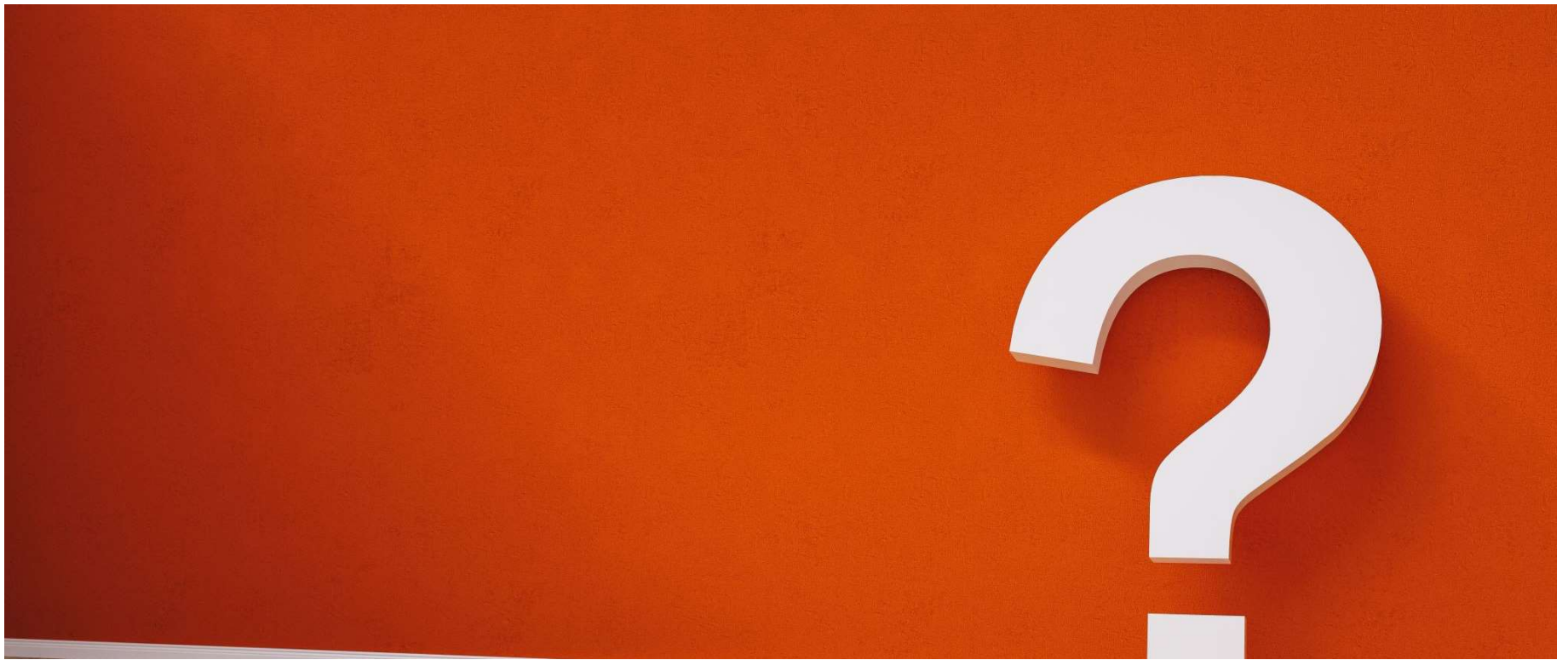
Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

- OEMST Education Update – Postponed due to Memorial Day Weekend
- EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – June 7, 2022 at 10:00am

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/public-notices-regional-and-statewide-meetings>

Note: OEMST Monthly Epi and Ops Update: 2nd Friday of each month

Questions? And Open Discussion



Thanks for all that you do!

- Be safe
- Be prepared
- Watch your emails