



# GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

*A Healthy and Safe Georgia*

### Public Health Districts

#### Mission

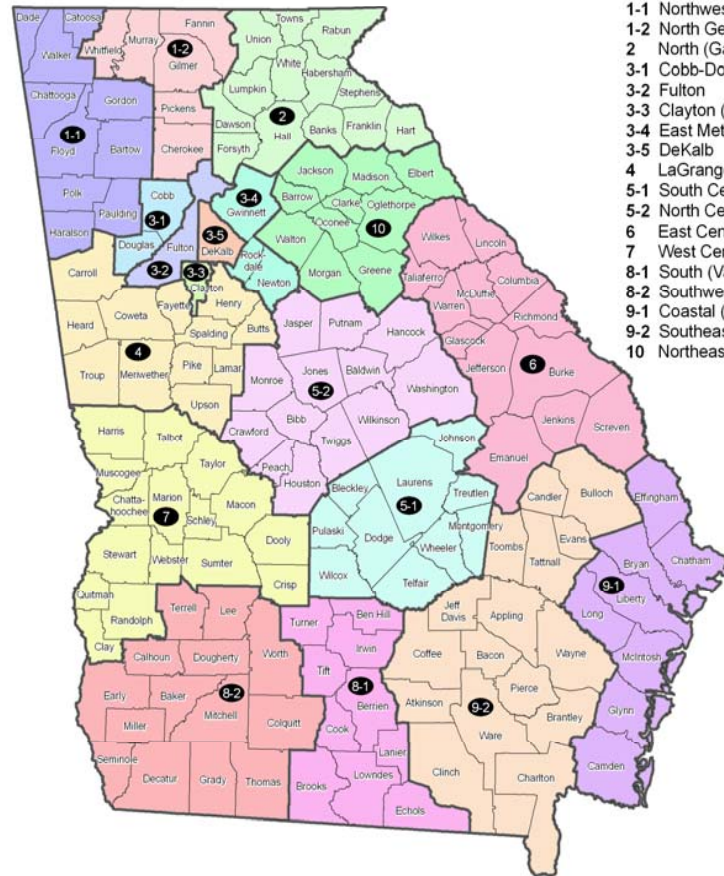
**To prevent disease, injury, and disability; promote health and well being; and prepare for and respond to disasters.**

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is the lead department entrusted by the people of the state of Georgia with the ultimate responsibility for the health of communities and the entire population.

At the state level, DPH functions through numerous divisions, sections, programs and offices. Locally, DPH funds and collaborates with Georgia's 159 county health departments and 18 public health districts.

Today, DPH's main functions include:

- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Maternal and Child Health
- Infectious Disease and Immunization
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Emergency Medical Services
- Pharmacy
- Nursing
- Volunteer Health Care
- Office of Health Equity
- Vital Records
- State Public Health Laboratory



- 1-1 Northwest (Rome)
- 1-2 North Georgia (Dalton)
- 2 North (Gainesville)
- 3-1 Cobb-Douglas
- 3-2 Fulton
- 3-3 Clayton (Morrow)
- 3-4 East Metro (Lawrenceville)
- 3-5 DeKalb
- 4 LaGrange
- 5-1 South Central (Dublin)
- 5-2 North Central (Macon)
- 6 East Central (Augusta)
- 7 West Central (Columbus)
- 8-1 South (Valdosta)
- 8-2 Southwest (Albany)
- 9-1 Coastal (Savannah)
- 9-2 Southeast (Waycross)
- 10 Northeast (Athens)



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Environmental Health (EH) is a corner stone of public health. EH Specialists in Georgia use their scientific education and training to investigate, evaluate, and eliminate environmental conditions harmful to people and communities.

EH Specialists performs health inspections, investigates complaints, and provides health education and technical assistance. They implement programs for compliance, monitoring, enforcement and corrective action in conjunction with environmental health laws, rules and regulations.

#### Goal

Provide primary prevention through activities that identify, prevent and abate the environmental conditions that adversely impact human health. This goal is accomplished through a combination of surveillance, education, enforcement, and assessment activities for:

- Restaurants
- On-site Septic Tank Systems
- Tourist Accommodations
- Public Swimming Pools
- Recreational Water Parks / Beaches
- Chemical Hazards
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Individual Drinking Water Supply Systems
- Rabies Control / Vector Control
- Healthy Homes
- Tattoo Studios

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