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DPH Provides Update on COVID-19 Trends in Georgia

Atlanta – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is providing the following information regarding the fight against COVID-19 in Georgia:

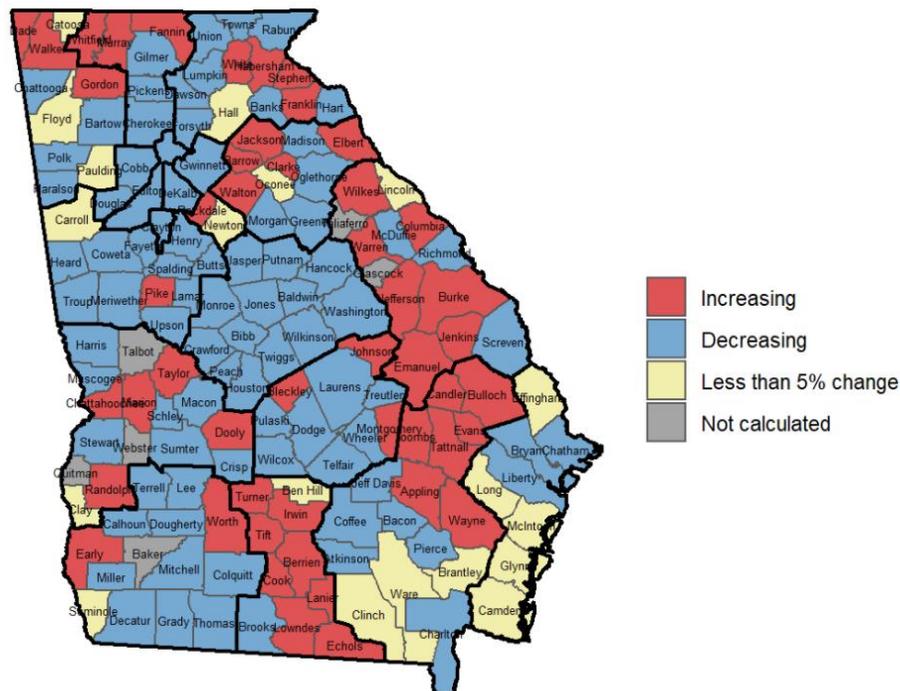
Positive Indicators

COVID-19 Cases

- From **9/1 to 9/8**, the seven-day average of new cases reported decreased **11.7%**.
- The seven-day average of new cases reported is **down 48%** from our peak July 24.
- The highest % of case numbers still come from the high population counties in metro Atlanta (Fulton, Gwinnett, Cobb have the highest case numbers, as before) but these counties continue to experience **decreases in case numbers**.

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

Percent Change 08/22-08/28, 08/29-09/04



Testing

- As of Sept. 8, the state reported over 2.5 million COVID-19 tests.

- DPH is operating 180+ SPOCs, including mobile and pop-up locations statewide.
- The number of specimens collected at DPH SPOCs has now passed 946,000.

The mega-testing site at Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International airport will close Friday, Sept. 11.

Positivity Rate

The positivity rates (7-day moving average) for PCR testing have decreased from 10.1% on 8/24/20 to 8.9% on 8/31/20 to **8.2% on 9/8/20**. Despite overall testing numbers decreasing statewide, the positivity rate also continues to decrease.



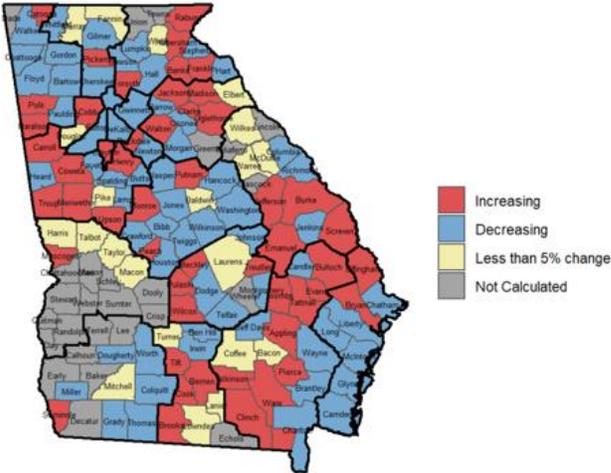
Hospitalizations

Daily hospitalizations for COVID-19 have decreased **13.4%** since Sept. 1. Hospitalizations have decreased 48.2% since a daily high of 3,200 July 30.

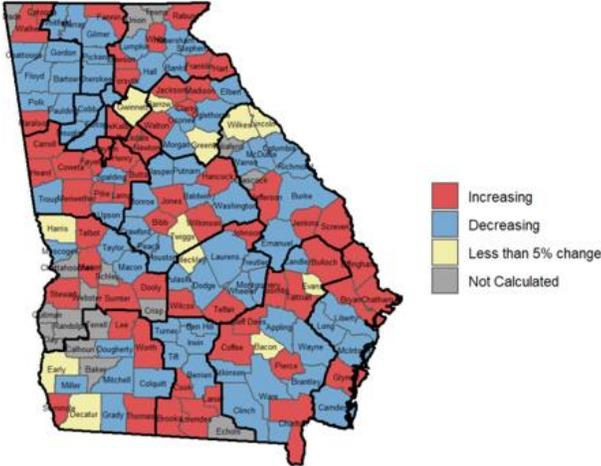
Date	Hospitalizations	Trend
9/01	1,916	↓
9/02	1,859	↓
9/03	1,791	↓
9/04	1,742	↓
9/05	1,689	↓
9/06	1,669	↓
9/07	1,659	↓

Emergency Department Visits

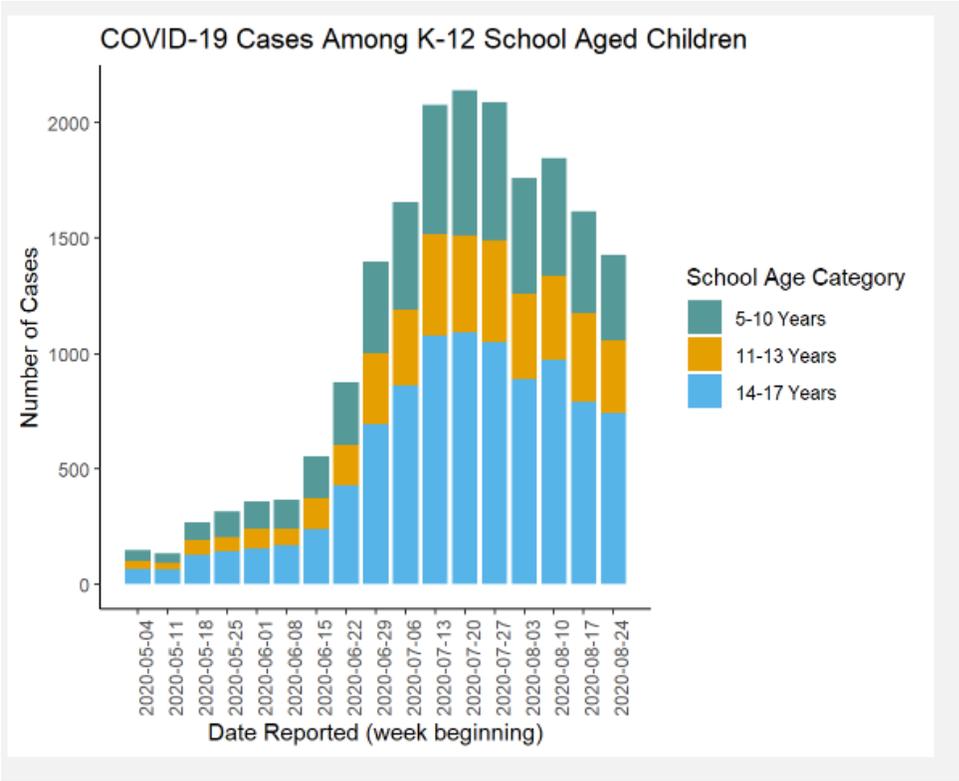
Emergency Department (ED) Visits with ILI Syndrome
Percent Change 08/22-08/28, 08/29-09/04



Emergency Department (ED) Visits with COVID-19 Syndrome
Percent Change 08/22-08/28, 08/29-09/04



COVID-19 Cases Among K-12 School Aged Children*



*Report reflects week of Aug. 24 – Aug. 28.

Areas of Concern

Outbreaks

Aug. 30 - Sept. 5: **82**

These outbreaks are occurring in settings where people are physically congregating and underscore the need for physical distancing and source control.

Setting	8/30-9/5/20	Cumulative Total
LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY/NURSING HOME	17	686
PRISON/JAIL	4	190
WORKPLACE	11	184
SCHOOL	23	183
MANUFACTURING FACILITY	2	149
RESTAURANT OR DELI	2	77
DAY CARE CENTER	4	71
CHURCH/TEMPLE	6	64
OTHER CONGREGATE SETTING	1	64
OTHER	5	55
FOOD PRODUCTION FACILITY		52
HOSPITAL	2	43
OUTPATIENT (NON-DIALYSIS)	1	39
SHELTER		37
OFFICE SETTING	1	32
GROCERY STORE		26
INPATIENT FACILITY/DETOX FACILITY	1	24
FARM		19
CONSTRUCTION SITE	1	17
MENTAL HOSPITAL		17
BAR/ENTERTAINMENT VENUE		13
FUNERAL		10
CAMP		9
HOTEL		8
MILITARY FACILITY		7
DIALYSIS CENTER		5
COMMUNITY		4
PRIVATE HOME		3
RESORT		3
PICNIC/COOKOUT/POTLUCK	1	2
WEDDING RECEPTION		2
CONVENTION CENTER		1
SWIMMING POOL		1
UNKNOWN		1
WATER PARK		1
WORKPLACE CAFETERIA		1

