

# Fulton County COVID-19 Response Update

May 19, 2021 BOC Meeting

# OVERVIEW

## Incident Response Update

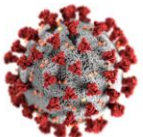
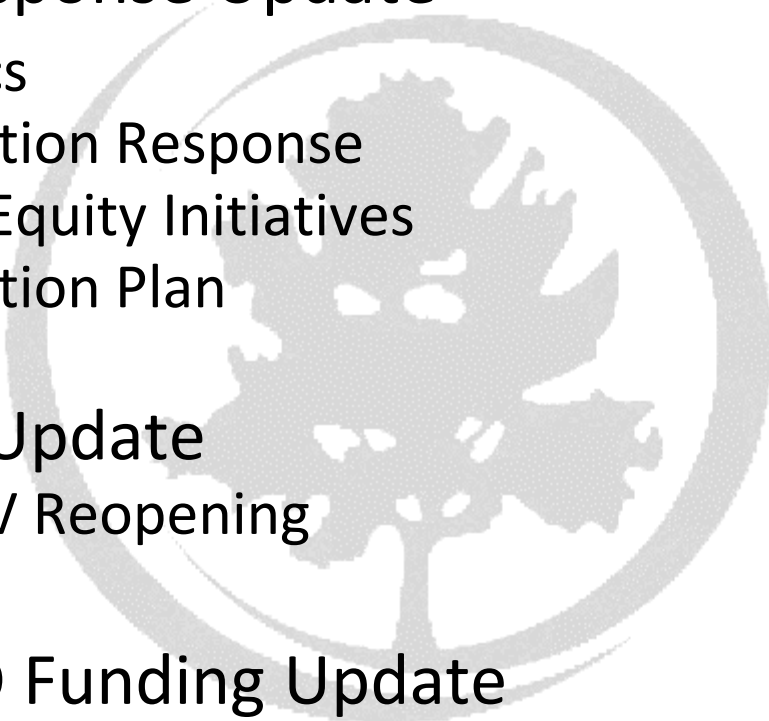
- Statistics
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# INCIDENT RESPONSE REVIEW

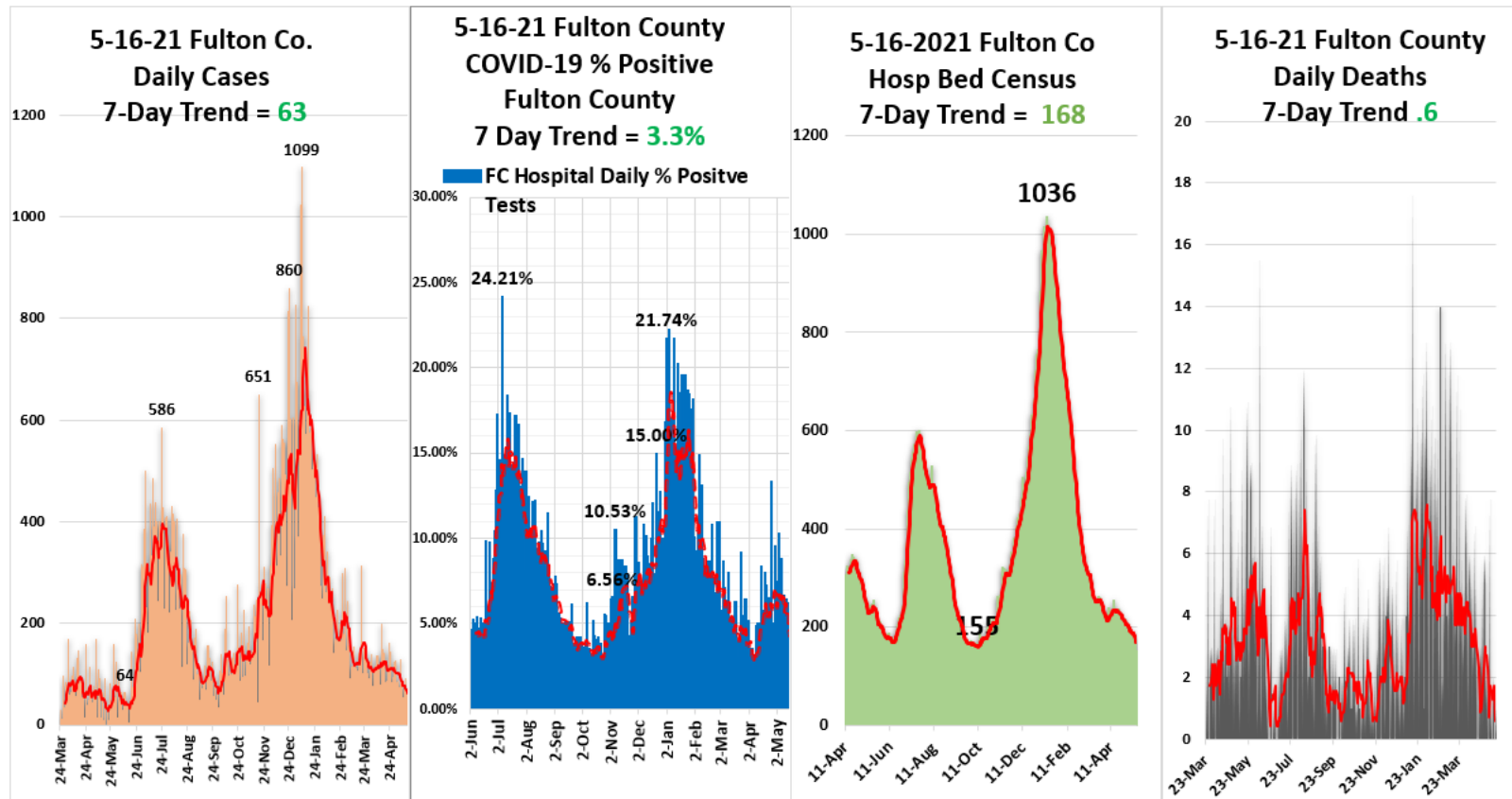
- 7-Day average for cases, percent positives, hospitalizations & COVID deaths have continued to slowly decline
- All 4 major indicators on the Fulton County scorecard are now green
- CDC issued new mask guidance for those vaccinated.
- While all tracked metrics continue to improve, COVID is still present in the county.  
The prevalence for the highest cases & hospitalizations are now in the demographics with the lowest vaccination rates

# Incident Response Update



- **Fulton County COVID-19**

- 7-day average for cases is **63** (the lowest since 19 May 2020)
- 7-day average for % positive is **3.5** (the lowest since 12 October 2020)
- 7-day average, Hospitalizations is **168** (the lowest since 11 October 2020)
- 7 day average, for deaths is **.7** (the lowest since 1 July 2020)



# Incident Response Update



## 5/16/21 Fulton County COVID-19 Scorecard

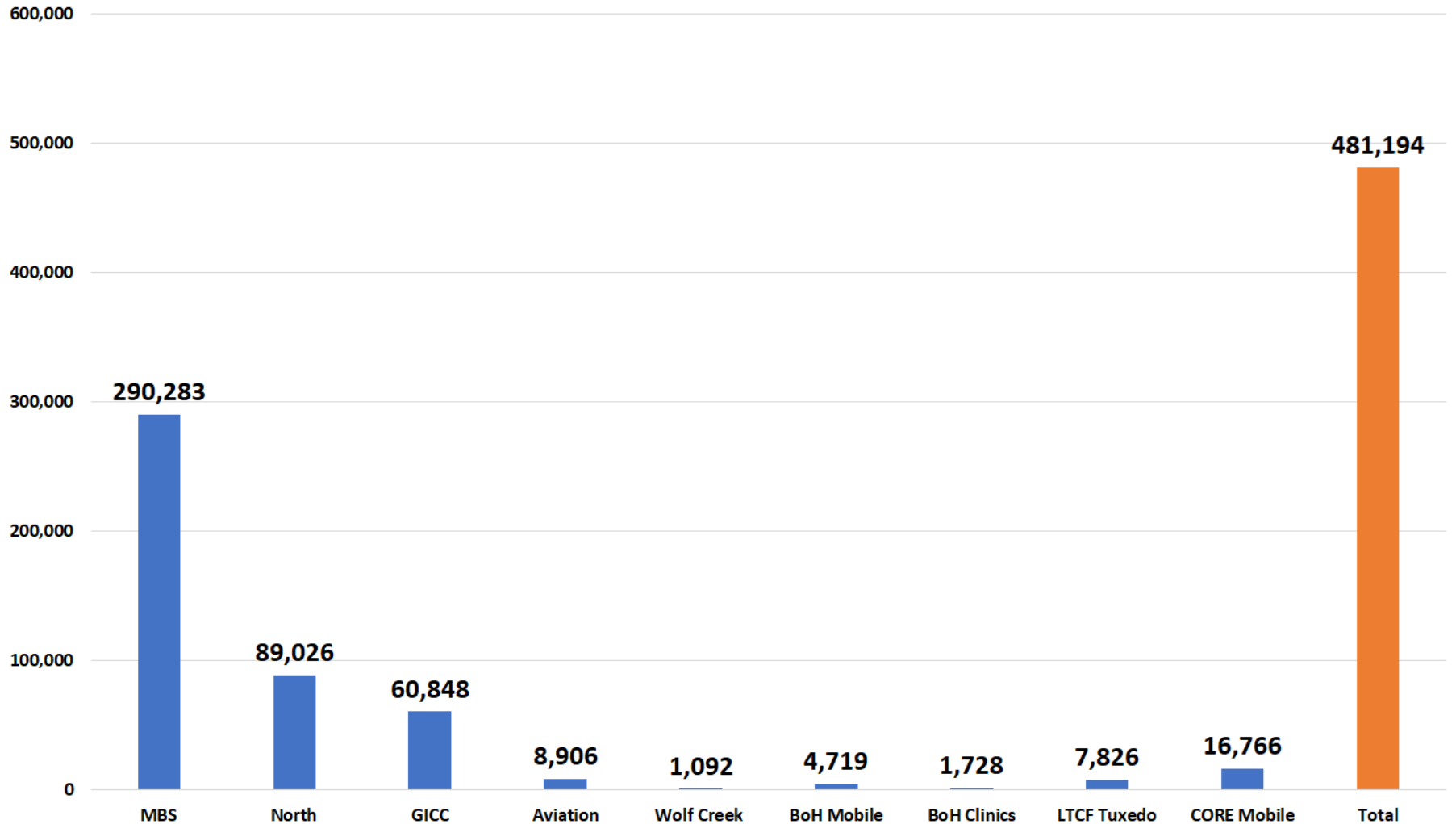
Metric	Status (7-day average) =*	Metric
Testing (Demand & Capacity)	*3,278 ⬇️	Current capability is 13,000 / day Daily Testing: <b>over 2857</b> , <b>1428 - 2857</b> , <b>less than 1428</b>
Testing (Results)	24-48 hrs ⬇️	Time to receive results: <b>0 - 48</b> , <b>49 - 96</b> , <b>over 96</b>
Cases	*63 ⬇️	<b>Less than 20</b> , <b>20 – 74 a day</b> , <b>75 to 249</b> , <b>over 250</b>
Fulton positivity rate % +	3.3% ⬇️	<b>Less than 1%</b> , <b>1% - 5%</b> , <b>5% - 10%</b> , <b>over 10%</b>
Hospitalizations COVID census	*168 ⬇️	<b>Less than 50</b> , <b>50 – 200</b> , <b>201 - 349</b> , <b>over 350</b>
Hospital Bed Availability	14.8% ⬆️ 13.2% Adult	Open Beds: <b>over 25%</b> , <b>15% - 25%</b> , <b>Less 15%</b>
Hospital CCU Bed Availability	19.6% ⬆️ 18.6% Adult	Open CCU Beds: <b>over 25%</b> , <b>15% - 25%</b> , <b>less 15%</b>
Hospital Vent Availability	62.6% ⬆️	Open Vents: <b>over 25%</b> , <b>15% - 25%</b> , <b>less 15%</b>
COVID Deaths	*.6 ⬇️	<b>Less than .25</b> , <b>.25 – 2.5</b> , <b>2.5 – 5</b> , <b>over 5</b>
Morgue census	*77 ⬆️	<b>Less Than 75</b> , <b>76 – 90</b> , <b>over 90</b>
COVID Vaccine Administered	479,309 96% ⬆️	<b>More than 75%</b> , <b>50% - 75%</b> , <b>less than 50%</b>

# VACCINATION RESPONSE

- Monday, our fixed & mobile vaccination sites reached the 480K vaccines administered milestone
- Last week the EUA for 12-15 year olds was approved, all sites started vaccinating this group last Wednesday.
- Fulton county mobile vaccination units have administered 30K doses of vaccine
- Eleven mobile units will be at 38 unique locations this week

# Vaccination Response

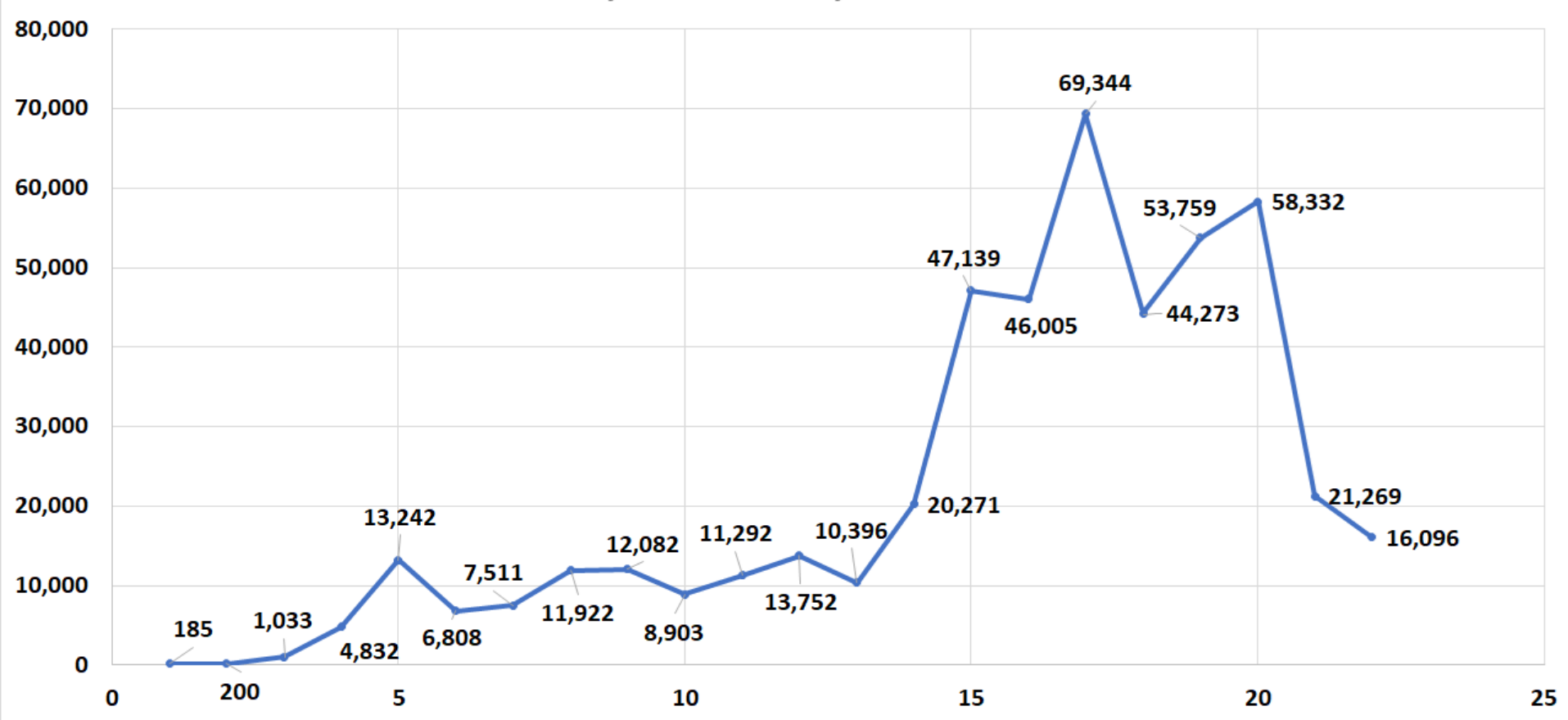
## 5-17-2021 Vaccines by Location



# Vaccination Response

- Vaccine demand is on the decline. Will continue to pivot from our Mega fixed sites to more mobile opportunities

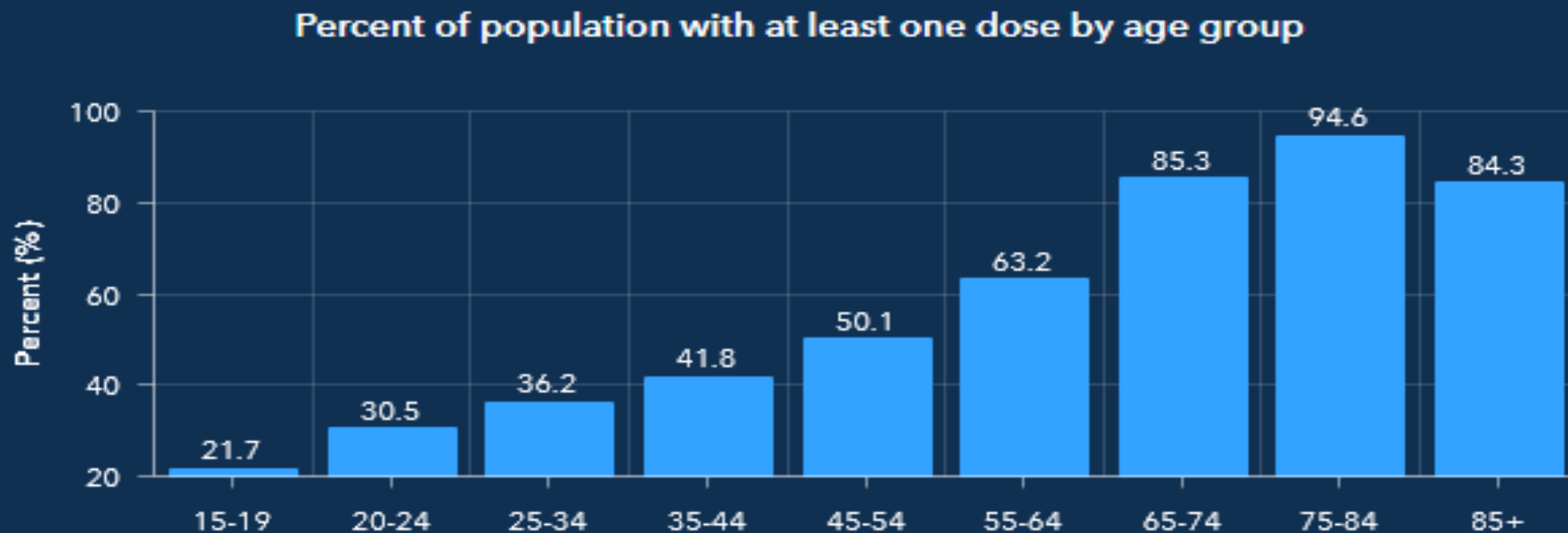
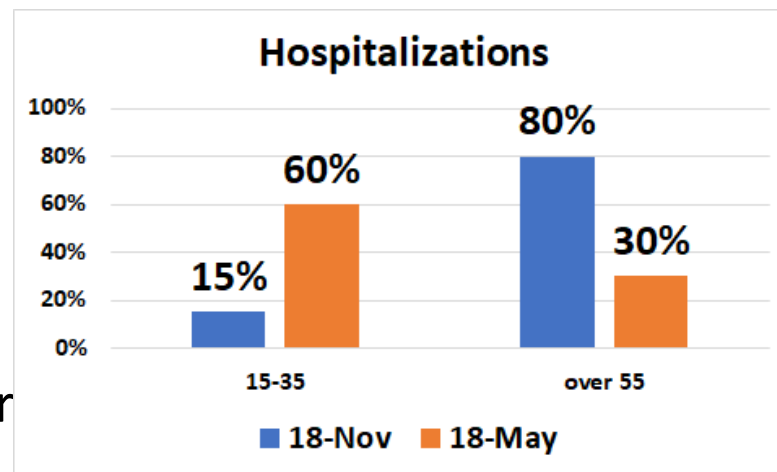
Fulton County PODs Weekly doses Administered





# Vaccination Response

- Cases, Hospitalizations for Fulton County Residents over 55 are dramatically lower (Vaccination rate for that group is 82%) less than 30% of new hospital admissions
- Cases, Hospitalizations for Fulton County Residents 15 to 35 are dramatically higher (Vaccination rate for that group is 29%) greater than 60% of new hospital admissions



# Vaccination Response (CVC)

- Mercedes-Benz Stadium Community Vaccination Center has administered 290,000 vaccines
- Mercedes-Benz CVC is still accepting walk-ups at Gate 2
- Mercedes Benz offered Vaccination during the Atlanta United Home game on Saturday (136 Vaccinated)
- 30,026 walk-ups have been accommodated at the Mercedes-Benz Community Vaccination Center

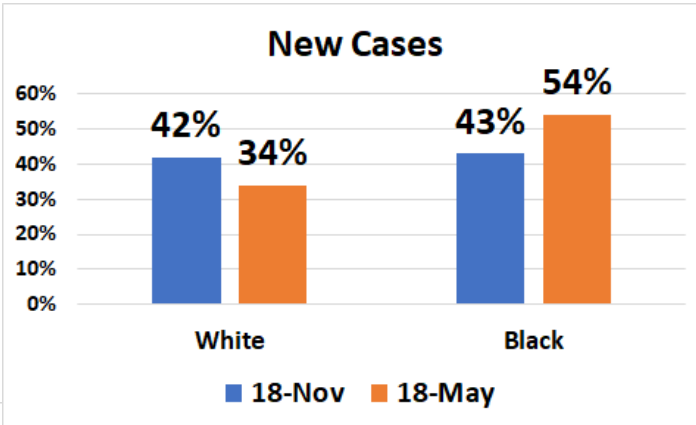


# HEALTH EQUITY RESPONSE

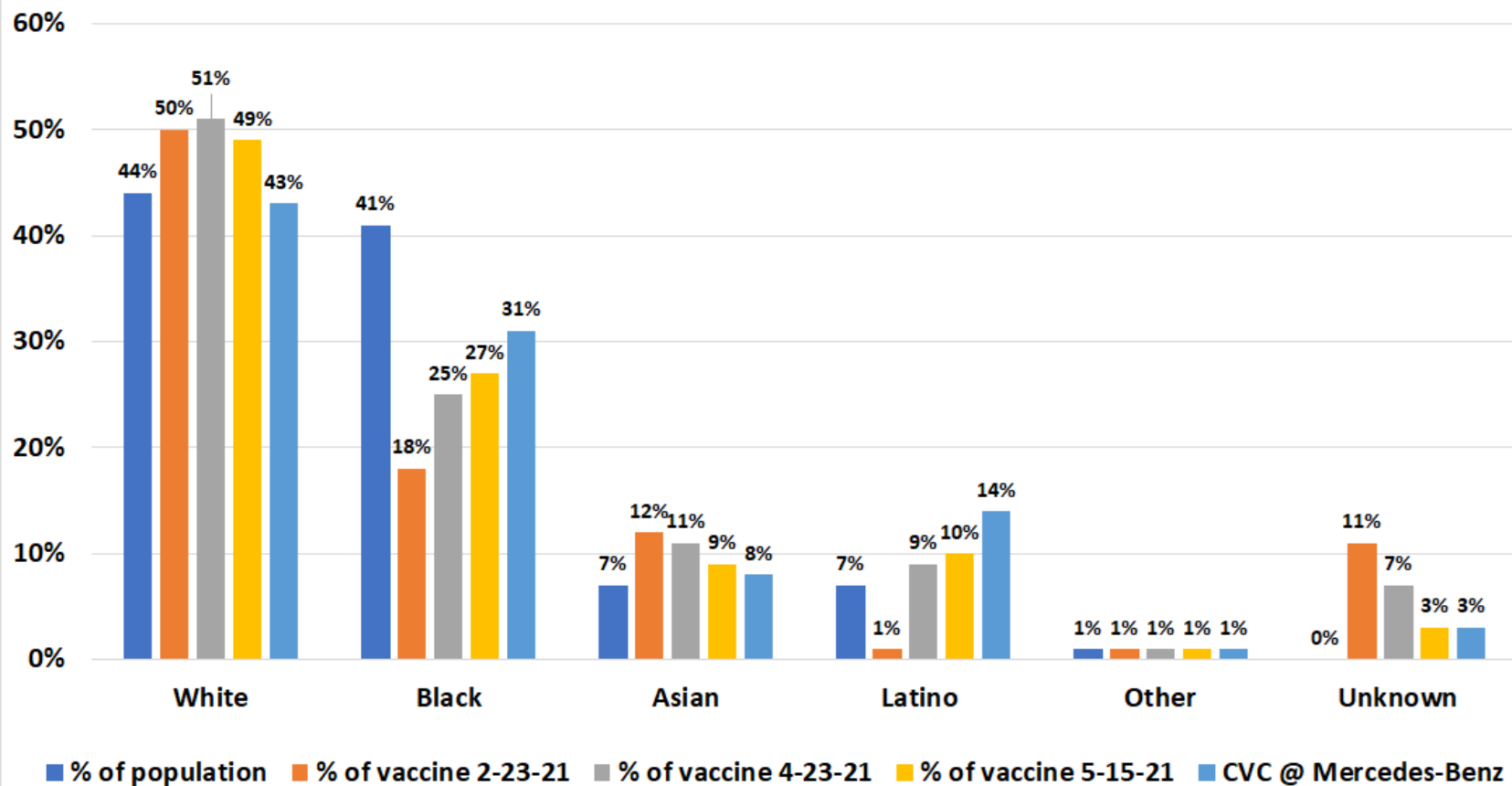
- Continuing to work with the state to access demographic information from GRITS
- Use GIS Vaccine hesitancy and vaccine administered by zip code maps to determine mobile locations
- Increased County's mobile units from 8 to 11
- Vaccines are now being offered at 2 health clinics
- Targeted communication plan emphasizing hesitancy and misinformation

# Health Equity Response

Demographic Data shows groups with lower vaccination rates have higher new case rates



## Fulton County Vaccine Administered by Race



# Health Equity Response

## Health Equity Strategy



**SHOTS TO DATE**

4,686

5,300

19,600

7,826

3636

**TARGET**

55+ and IDD, clients, caregivers, senior high-rise partners, and elected official referrals.

Large congregations in low-access, at-risk communities.

Partner with Mexican Consulate and Latin X, to schedule hispanic population at locations of familiarity

Partner with Tuxedo Pharmacy to deliver vaccine to LTCF not registered with the state.

Beginning with the community surrounding MBS, develop capacity to deploy street teams with ipads to book appointments Also leverage library and other online courses

**ENROLL**

Referral

On-Site

Referral &  
On-Site

On-Site

On-Site

**MODEL**

Fixed Site /  
Mobile

Mobile

Fixed Site /  
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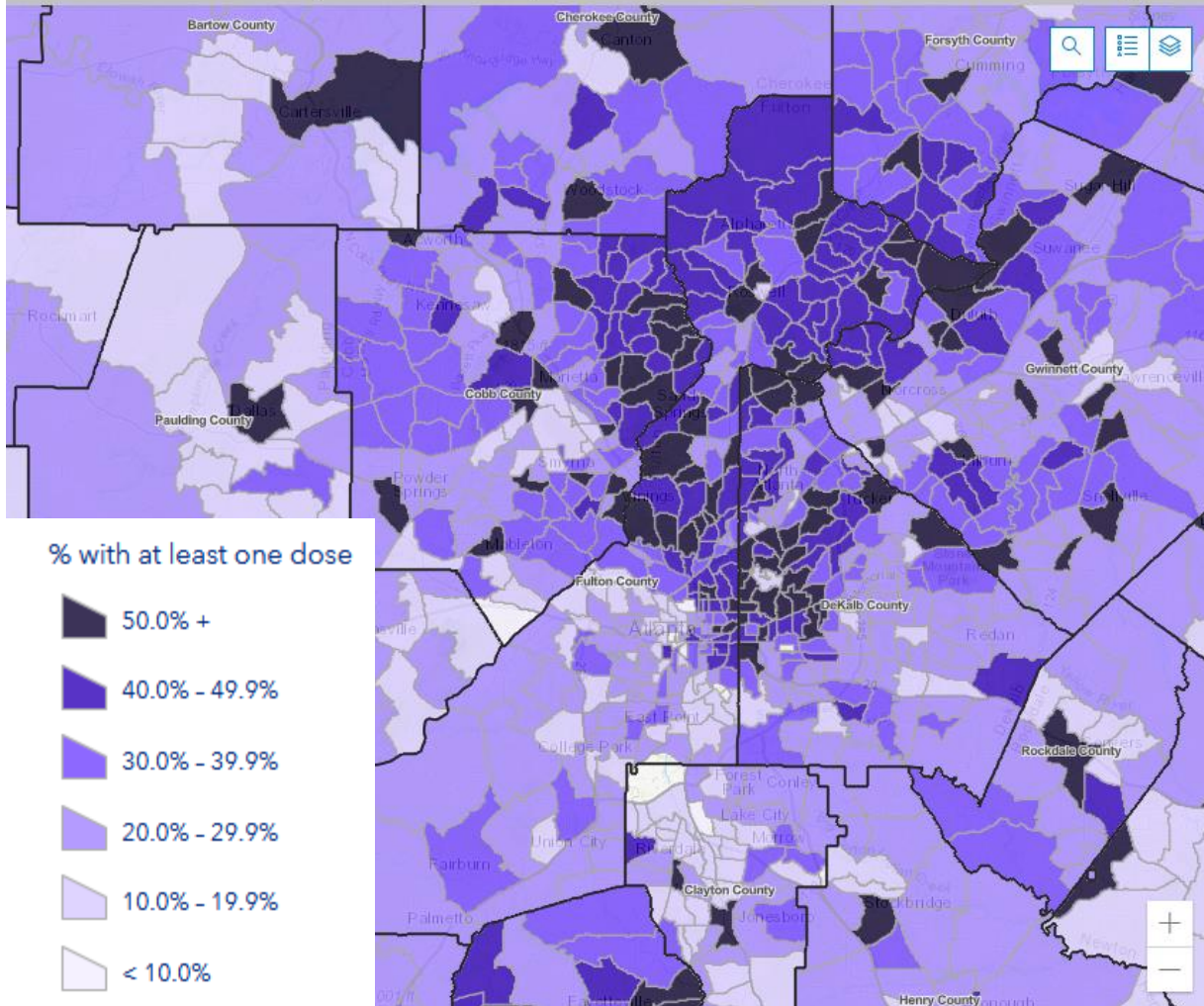
# Health Equity Response

## Outreach For Vaccine Information

[fultoncountyga.gov/covidvaccine](https://fultoncountyga.gov/covidvaccine)

Residents with at least one dose by Census Tract (see About Data tab below)

PERCENT of residents with at least one dose is the default map. To view the COUNT of residents with at least one dose data, please use button in top right corner of map to select the respective layer. To view census tract-specific information, zoom in and click on the census tract within the map.



### COMMUNITY BASED

- Tag Offices
- Community-based Events
- Zip Code Data

### LIBRARIES

- Residents can now schedule appointments through LibAnswers
- At 20 libraries in target zip codes
- NEW: First library mobile opportunity is Wed. May 19 at East Point Library

### OTHER OUTREACH

- Coming Soon: Vaccines at MARTA stations
- Vaccination Super Sunday at MBS - June 6



# FULTON COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE

*TIME PERIOD (Q3/Q4 2021 AND 2022)*

MAY 2021

# Vaccine Plan

- ❖ To achieve herd immunity 80% of the eligible population should be vaccinated
- ❖ 748,000 vaccine eligible residents in Fulton County
- ❖ \*323,098 Fulton County residents have been fully vaccinated to date. (Data source – DPH State of GA vaccine dashboard)
- ❖ Estimated that 423,724 Fulton County residents are yet to be vaccinated

*\*Margin of error = up to -15%*





# Objectives

Of those eligible for a vaccine, 423,724 have yet to be vaccinated.



- I. Leverage a media and outreach campaign along with mobile units and smaller fixed locations to vaccinate as many persuadable Fulton County residents as possible (est. 199,150 people)**
- II. Utilize factual data, media, and community leadership testimonials to motivate Fulton County residents that do not want the vaccine to get vaccinated. (est. 211,857 people)**

**Which of the following best describes your position on the COVID-19 vaccine? (Asked of those who indicated they had not been vaccinated.)**

- I am going to get vaccinated as soon as possible — 13%
- I am going to let others get vaccinated first and see how things go — 34%
- I do not plan on getting vaccinated — 50%
- Don't know; refused to answer — 3%

*(AJC Poll - April 20-May 3 for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution by the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs.)*

# Objectives (cont.)

**III. Develop a contact tracing program that can successfully identify and isolate or quarantine COVID-19 patients and their contacts.**

**IV. Develop a capacity and capability to successfully respond to COVID-19 or future infectious diseases.**





# Key Assumptions

- ❖ 3 main sectors will work together to achieve this goal:
  - ❖ Private Sector - Pharmacies
  - ❖ Healthcare - Hospitals, Medical Offices, Urgent Care Centers, etc.
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# Key Assumptions

- ❖ COVID-19 will have a resurgence during the Winter of 2022
- ❖ A mRNA vaccine will obtain full approval by the FDA and the CDC in 2022
- ❖ Employers will mandate vaccinations upon approval of a vaccine in 2022
- ❖ Vaccinations will be necessary for international travel.
- ❖ Fulton Board of Health serves as the vaccination safety net for underserved and underrepresented populations in our AOR.
- ❖ Fulton Board of Health is responsible for providing testing services as well as contact tracing and investigation.
- ❖ We will pivot from mass vaccination locations to mobile vaccination solutions.
- ❖ All Board of Health clinics (except the northern clinic) will offer vaccinations.
- ❖ A strong vaccination presence will be maintained in underserved and underrepresented areas.

# Key Assumptions

- ❖ 4700 NP will remain open as a vaccination and testing location as well as a presence at the South Annex.
- ❖ Mobile vaccination solutions will "right size" as needs evolve
- ❖ Board of Health will offer vaccinations at 10 libraries in underserved areas
- ❖ A 3 months supply of PPE and response equipment will be maintained for Fulton County and Fulton Board of Health essential operations.
- ❖ The joint Emergency Management and Board of Health team will be responsible for booster vaccines for healthcare workers, public safety employees, critical infrastructure partners and essential employees.
- ❖ A relationship will be maintained with CORE and EMSI during this protracted response.
- ❖ Emergency Management will continue to provide response support in the following categories
  - ❖ Operations
  - ❖ Planning
  - ❖ Logistics
  - ❖ Finance
  - ❖ Common Operational Picture and Situational Awareness
  - ❖ Liaison
  - ❖ Area Command



# Key Assumptions

- ❖ The Federal emergency declaration for the COVID-19 response ends on 9/30/21
- ❖ The County will maintain an Emergency Declaration until 9/30/21
- ❖ The FEMA reimbursement and recovery process for 100% reimbursement of eligible COVID-19 vaccination and testing costs will end on 9/30/21
- ❖ It is unknown if any COVID-19 vaccination and testing costs will be eligible to FEMA reimbursement after 9/30/21
- ❖ American Rescue Plan grant funds will be leveraged to cover the costs associated with this response and recovery
  - ❖ American Rescue Plan grant funds will cover any ineligible COVID-19 vaccination and testing costs.
  - ❖ American Rescue Plan grant funds will be leveraged to cover any COVID-19 response cost after the FEMA reimbursement and recovery process ends on 9/30/21

# Total Budget

Q 3/4 2021 = \$ 9,069,103.50

Q 1/2 2022 = \$ 5,487,396.00

Q 3/4 2022 = \$ 848,159.00

Overall Total = \$15,404,658.50





# Questions?



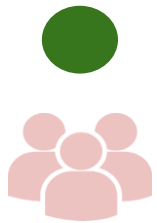


# **Fulton County Government Reopening Plan**

# Gating Criteria

## Reopening Indicators

### CASES



Downward trajectory in the 7-day average of new positive tests within a 14-day period, and positivity rate below 5%

### TESTING

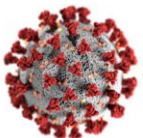


Ability to test 100% of county employees returning to work, & execute the BOH testing plan

### EQUIPMENT



PPE and supplies for all employees interacting with public, & temperature screen to enter Fulton facilities



*\*Satisfy Before Proceeding to Phased Comeback*

# COVID POSITIVE EMPLOYEES

LAST 2 WEEKS	
DEPARTMENT	POSITIVE
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	2
DREAM	2
EMERGENCY SERVICES	1
FINANCE	1
LIBRARY	1
GRAND TOTAL	7

# COVID POSITIVE EMPLOYEES

## CUMULATIVE

DEPARTMENT	POSITIVE	DEPARTMENT	POSITIVE
Arts/Cooperative Extension	1	Library	22
BHDD, Central	2	Magistrate Court	2
Board of Commissioners	2	Medical Examiner	2
Board of Health	27	Police	6
Clerk of Superior Court	46	Probate Court	5
County Attorney	3	Public Defender Office	4
County Manager	2	Public Works	22
County Marshal	10	Purchasing	1
Community Development	1	Registration And Elections	3
District Attorney	16	Senior Services	7
DREAM	20	Sheriff	4
Emergency Management	2	Solicitor General	4
Emergency Services	36	State Court All Judges	1
External Affairs	2	State Court-general	6
Finance	4	Superior Court General	20
Human Resources	2	Superior Court All Judges	3
Information Technology	5	Tax Assessors	20
Juvenile Court	16	Tax Commissioner	33
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>362</b>



Fulton County Government

## Employee Vaccination Wellness Incentive Report

As of May 17, 2021

### Applications



### Approved



### Vaccination %



1,256 employees received their \$150.00 incentive payment on May 14, 2021.  
451 employees are in the queue to receive their incentive payment on May 28, 2021.

# Return to Office Plan

## Phased Reopening Timeline

### Current

#### Phase 1

##### ***Essential Services***

Clerk; Courts; DA; PD;  
Solicitor; Marshal; Police;  
Sheriff; Public Works; IT; ME;  
DREAM; Tax; BOH;  
AFCEMA; E-911; Elections

### May 17

#### Phase 3

##### ***Staff Return***

Senior Services Adult-Day staff  
return; BH IDD staff onsite

### July 12

#### Phase 4

##### ***Modified Openings to Public***

Senior Services clients;  
Arts centers open to  
public

### May 1

#### Phase 2

##### ***Modified Openings***

Library (2 days); Internal  
Services; Assembly Hall; HIV  
Elim.; Community Dev.; Audit;  
Child Attorney; Comm. Clerk;  
BH Adol.

### June 1

#### Phase 4

##### ***Modified Openings***

Library all days; Senior  
Services other staff; BH IDD  
clients; Arts staff;



# QUESTIONS





# **Emergency Response Reserve Update & Recovery Funds Plan**

# Emergency Response Reserve Update and COVID-19: Recovery Funds Plan

Economic Recovery and  
Operational Resiliency Plan

May 19, 2021



# Emergency Response Reserve Budget vs Commitments

in Millions \$		4.30.2021		5.15.2021		Commi.	Unoblig.	Paid
		Budget		Budget				
Health Response	Testing	\$ 4.2		\$ 4.2		\$ 1.5	\$ 2.7	0.3
	Vaccination	\$ 7.3		\$ 7.3		6.6	\$ 0.7	0.8
	SPOC / Mobile Site Oper.	\$ 6.1		\$ 6.1		6.1	\$ -	0.5
	Comm. Testing/ Vaccine	\$ 2.0		\$ 2.0		2.0	\$ -	0.4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19.6</b>		<b>19.6</b>		<b>16.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Operational Stability	PPE	4.0	(0.11) A	3.9		3.9	-	1.3
	Infrastructure	3.2		3.2		3.2	-	0.2
	Prof. Serv	1.5	0.06 A	1.5		1.5	-	1.2
	Warehouse	1.2		1.2		1.2	-	0.1
	Day Porters	2.8		2.8		2.4	0.4	0.0
	Janitorial	1.3		1.3		0.6	0.7	0.0
	Childcare	0.3		0.3		0.3	-	-
	Health Care Costs	1.0		1.0		1.0	-	0.2
	2020 Oblig / Reserve	5.0	0.05 A	5.0		5.0	-	2.6
	Hardware and Software	5.4		5.4		3.5	1.9	0.3
	Hazard Pay	0.5		0.5		-	0.5	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>26.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26.1</b>		<b>22.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 45.7</b>		<b>\$ 45.7</b>		<b>\$ 38.9</b>	<b>\$ 6.8</b>	<b>\$ 7.81</b>

A Reduction in PPE budget to address additional testing costs for security and testing kits form 2020

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# Emergency Rental Assistance Program

## Status Update

*in millions \$*

	Budget		Exp.		Bal.	
<b>Rental Assistance</b>	\$	<b>15.2</b>	\$	<b>0.9</b>	\$	<b>14.3</b>
<b>Utilities Assistance</b>		<b>1.0</b>		<b>0.06</b>		<b>0.94</b>
<b>Admin. Cost</b>		<b>1.8</b>		<b>0.3</b>		<b>1.5</b>
- 10% of Funds						
	\$	<b>18.0</b>	\$	<b>1.4</b>	\$	<b>16.6</b>

# Emergency Rental Assistance Statistics

Information current as of 5/18/21

## 15,850

Total # Calls Taken

Answered	11,217
Abandoned	4,010

## 17,800

Total # Landlord & Tenant Applications

In Progress	7,217
Submitted	10,583
Under Review	2,827
Pending Information	207
Awaiting Review	2,038

## \$1.01M

Total amount expended

Phone Apps 4,444

Withdrawn	44
Denied	5,268
Approved	199
Pending Payment	15
Paid	184

Reducing the current adjudication rate from 12 months to 60 days will require an additional \$2 million in professional services and will add an additional 72 adjudicators/approvers to the current staffing levels.



# Emergency Rental Assistance Transparency Website

<https://sharefulton.fultoncountyga.gov/stories/s/Emergency-Rental/22ag-mzc6>

# American Rescue Plan Updates

## **ERAP 2**

- Received 40% allocation of funds \$5.9 million

## **SLFRF – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

- Application submitted
- Guidance released from treasury
- Outside counsel review in progress
- Awaiting receipt of funds



# Preliminary Review of Use Recommendations Compliance with Treasury Guidance

## **Non Compliant Use Recommendations**

- Premium pay non compliant as presented.
- Artists Grants – Cover where possible in small business grants.
- Summer Youth Job Training – Wages cannot be paid.

## **Partially Compliant Recommendations**

- Court Backlog Project - Staffing above pre pandemic levels not allowed. Seek pre clearance from Treasury.
- 2020 Obligations – Qualified Expenses incurred after March 3
- Job Training – General workforce training not allowed. Use must target impacted industries/sectors. Wages cannot be paid.

## **Compliant Recommendations with Caveats**

- Rental Assistance/Mortgage Assistance – Model after CARES, award proportionate to loss resulting from COVID 19 impacts.
- Assistance to non profits – Limited/targeted to economically disadvantaged, very specific uses.
- Loans/Grant programs – Applicant must be directly impacted by Covid 19 impacts. Awards/Loans proportionate to loss. Impacted industry or business sectors are high priority.





# Next Steps

- Continue response effort within available resources while awaiting receipt of Federal Funds
- Complete use case review with outside counsel
- Prepare required statistical and economic analysis
- Execute with CSP non profits and other partners as soon as required impact analysis is complete
- Continue to build out operational plans for major programs
- Seek preclearance with Treasury of Court Backlog plan
- Continue to work with AFCEMA and FEMA/GEMA partners on reimbursement application/process
- Continue to provide updates at each BOC meeting.





# QUESTIONS