

# Fulton County COVID-19 Response Update

March 2, 2022

Board of Commissioners

# OVERVIEW

## Incident Response Update

- Vaccination Response
- COVID 19 Variant - Omicron

## Reopening Update

- Vax or Test Initiative
- Reopening Status

## ERAP Phase II Update

## 2022 COVID Funding Update

- Update - COVID 19 Reserve & ARPA Spend

# INCIDENT RESPONSE REVIEW

## Major Take Away

Boosters are the most effective way to defend against COVID-19 severe health impacts and death

Unvaccinated population makes up...

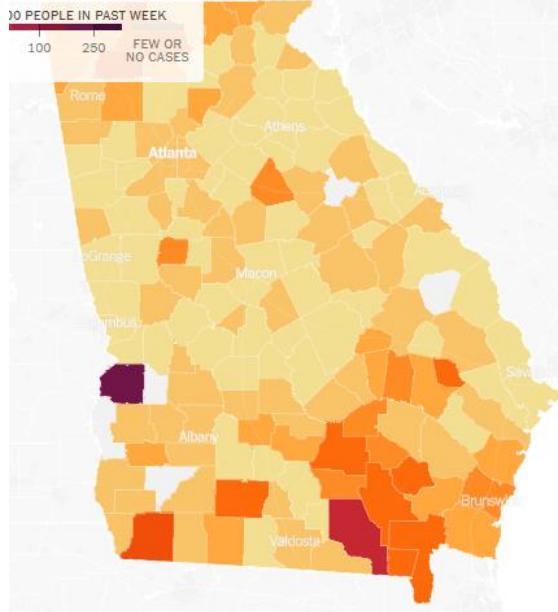
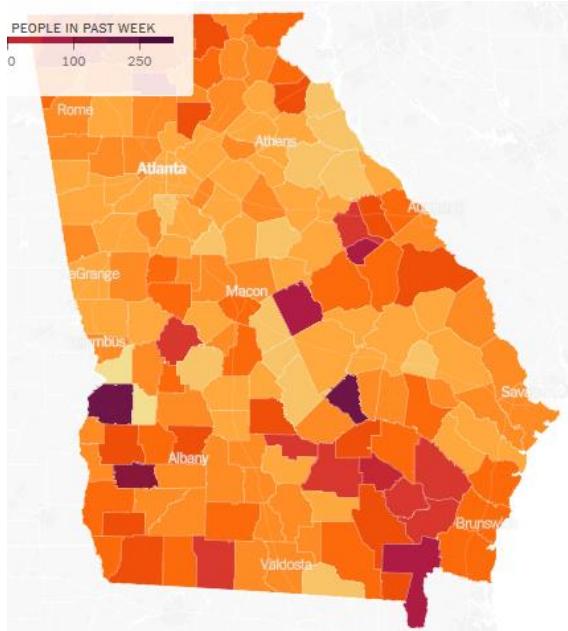
- 49% of all new cases
- 91% of all new hospitalizations
- 96% of all new deaths

- The 7-day average for cases, hospitalizations, % positives are trending downward
- Updated CDC Masking Guidance has Fulton County in a green (low risk) level.
- 95.5% of all new cases are from the OMICRON variant
- February 2022 was the deadliest COVID month ever in Fulton County, with **159** Covid Deaths)
- Fulton County Covid hospital bed availability continues to be in a severe shortage situation

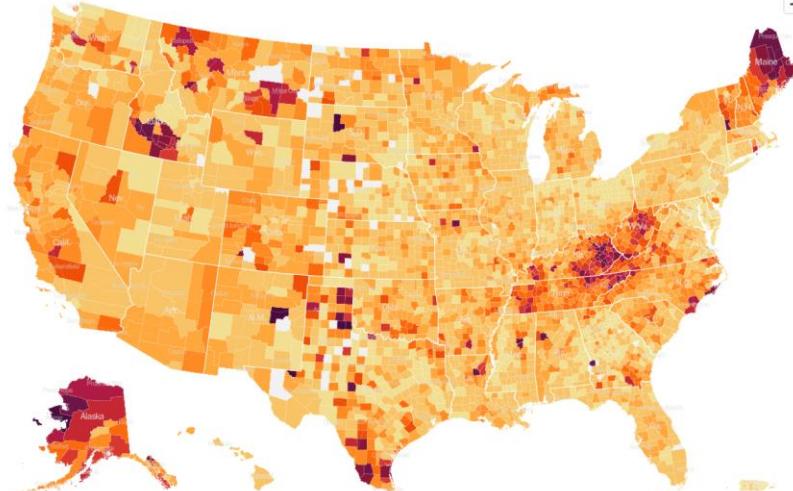
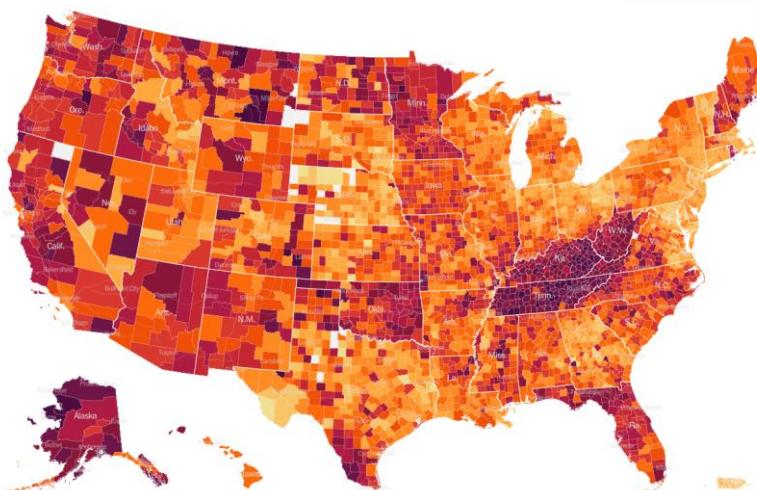


# Incident Response Update (Heat Maps)

## February 16th vs March 2nd



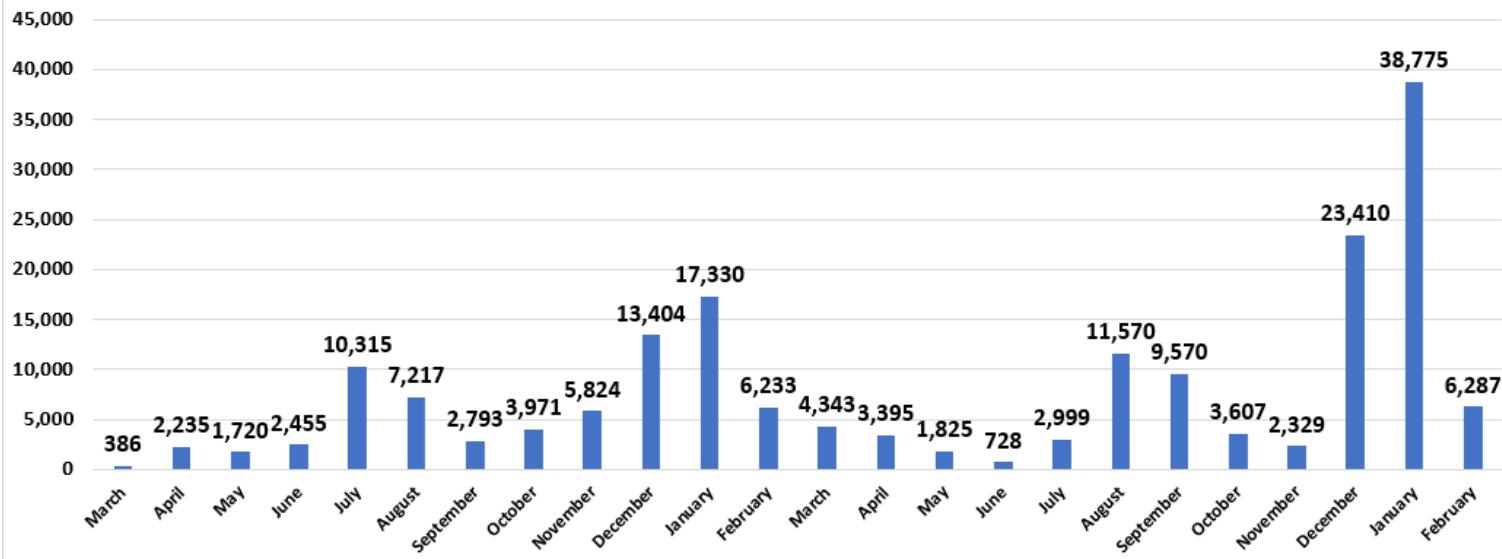
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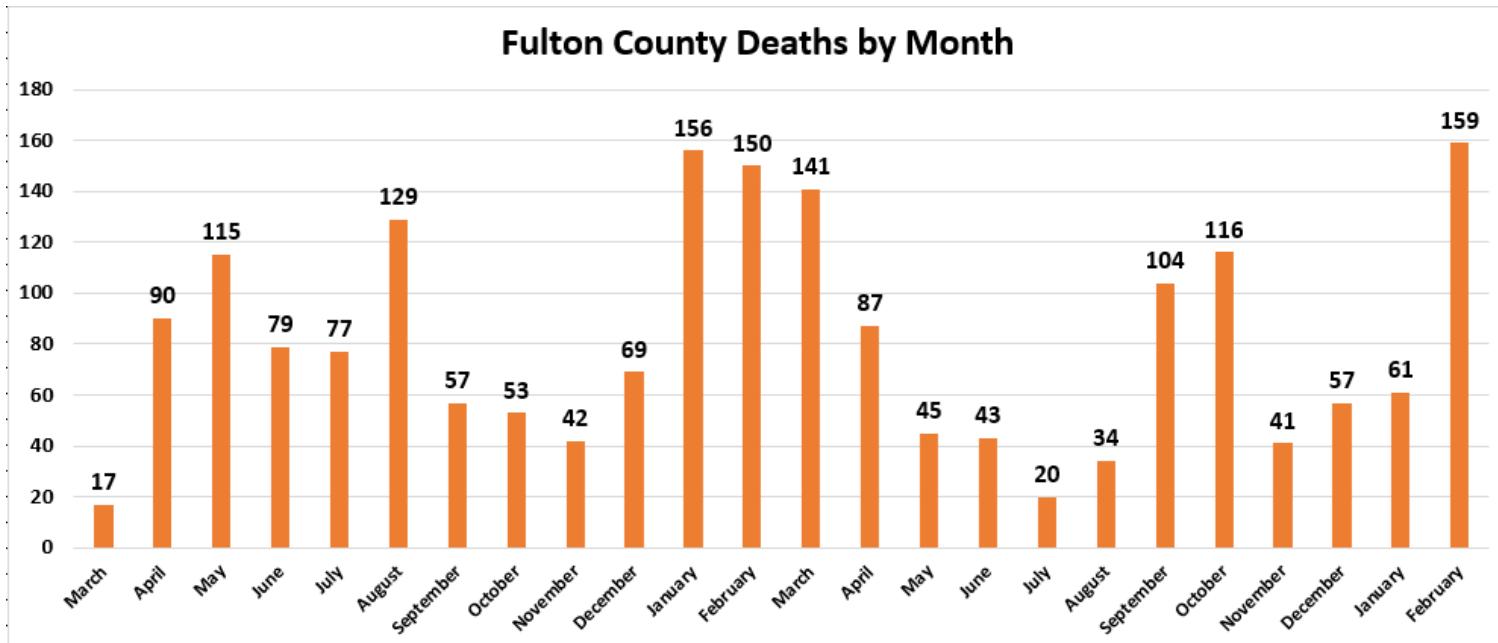


# Incident Response Update

## Fulton County Cases by Month



## Fulton County Deaths by Month



# Incident Response Update Risk Level (New)



Fulton County Cases per 100K = 85.06%  
COVID Hospital Admissions per 100K = 8.26%

*People may choose to mask at any time.*

*People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.*

Low

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

Medium

- If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

High

- Wear a [mask](#) indoors in public
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms
- Additional precautions may be needed for people [at high risk for severe illness](#)

## CDC's previous Risk Matrix

- 7 day average
- < 50 cases per 100K
- < 7.5 % positive per 100 K

## CDC's CURRENT Risk Matrix

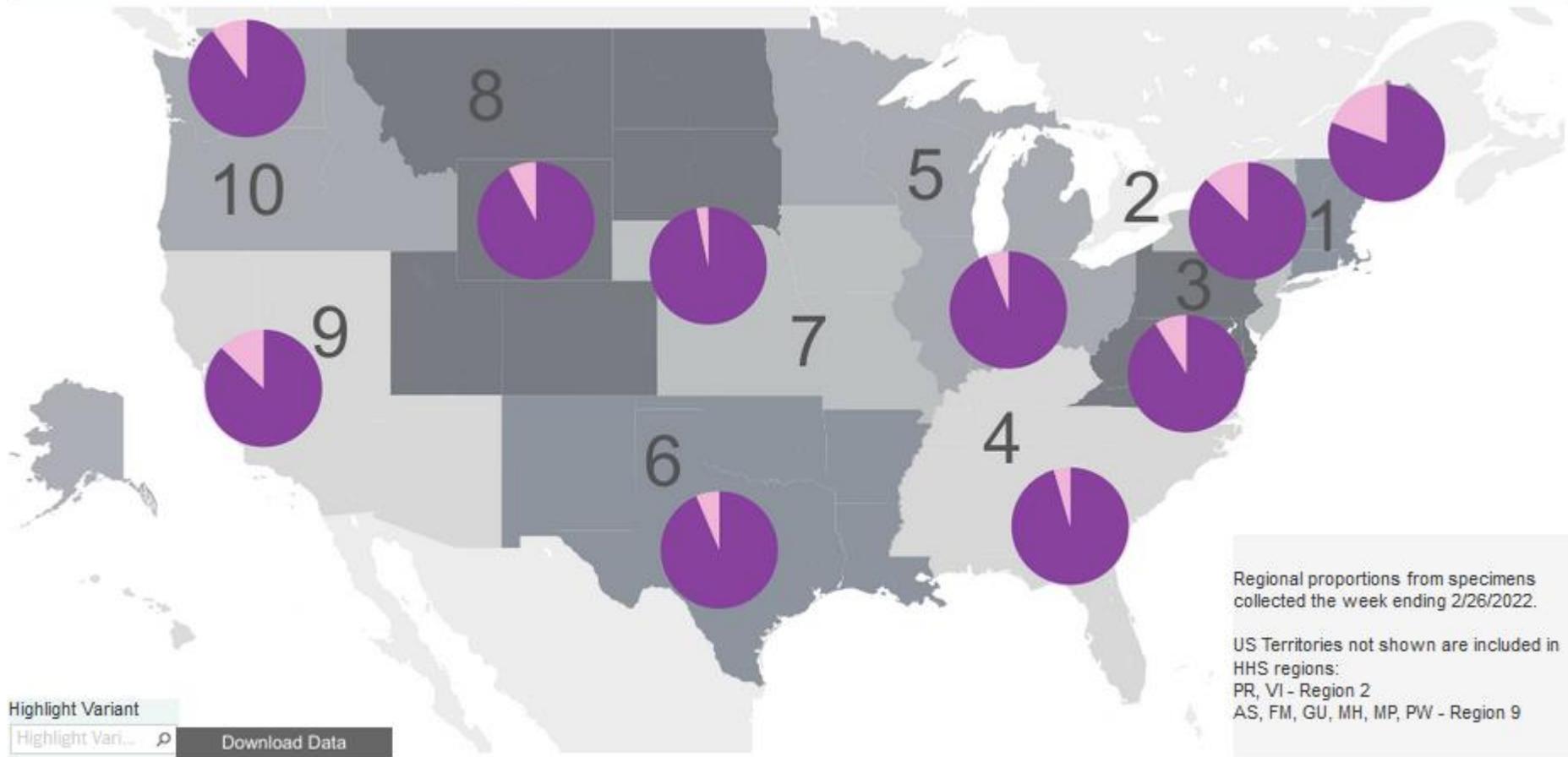
- 7 day average
- < 200 cases per 100K
- < 10 New COVID Hospital Admissions

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community					
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High	
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0	
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%	
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0	
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%	

# Incident Response Update



United States: 2/20/2022 – 2/26/2022 NOWCAST



Lineages called using pango-designation (PANGO)-v1.2.124, pangolin v3.1.20, pangoLEARN version 02/02/22 and Scorpio v0.3.16.  
Lineage BA.1.1 is aggregated with B.1.1.529 at the regional level as it currently cannot be reliably called in each region.

Updated March 1, 2022

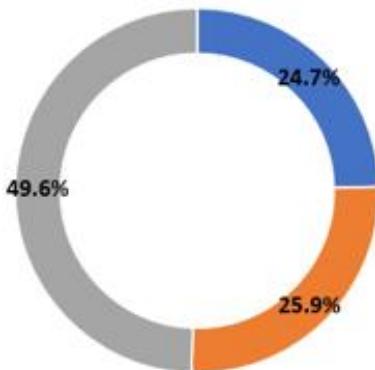
**Omicron now accounts for 95.5% of all new cases in Georgia**

# Incident Response Update



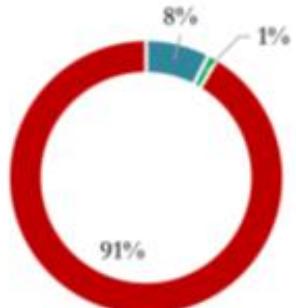
## Breakthrough Cases Fulton County (last 14 Days)

2/23/22



- Up to date 3 doses New Cases
- Fully Vaccinated New cases
- Un-Vaccinated New cases

Fig. 32. Confirmed Cases Hospitalized for Any Reason by Vaccination Status



■ Fully Vaccinated Without Booster

■ Fully Vaccinated With Booster

■ Unvaccinated

Fig. 33. Confirmed Covid-19 Deaths by Vaccination Status



■ Fully Vaccinated

■ Fully Vaccinated With Booster

■ Unvaccinated

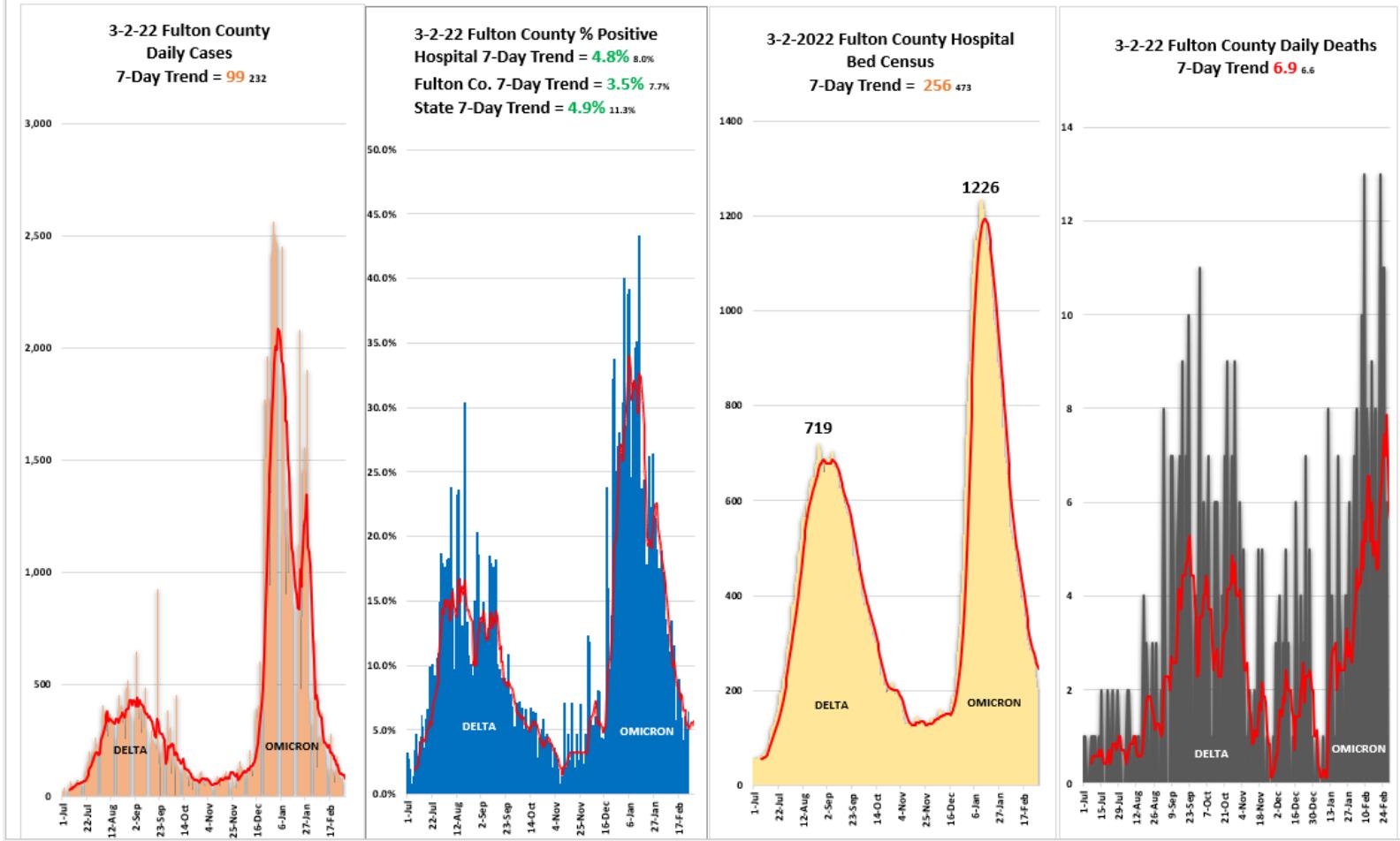
# Incident Response Update



## • Fulton County COVID-19

- 7-day average for cases is **99**, down **136%** since the last BoC mtg.
- 7-day average for % positive is **3.5%**, down **120%** since the last BoC mtg.
- 7-day average, hospitalizations is **256**, down **79%** since the last BoC mtg.
- 7 day average, for deaths is **6.9**, up **20%** since the last BoC mtg.

Fulton County Dashboard totals for 3-2-2022: Tests = 3,340 / Cases = 38 / % Positive = 3.5% / Hosp COVID19 Census = 205 / Deaths = 6



# Incident Response Update



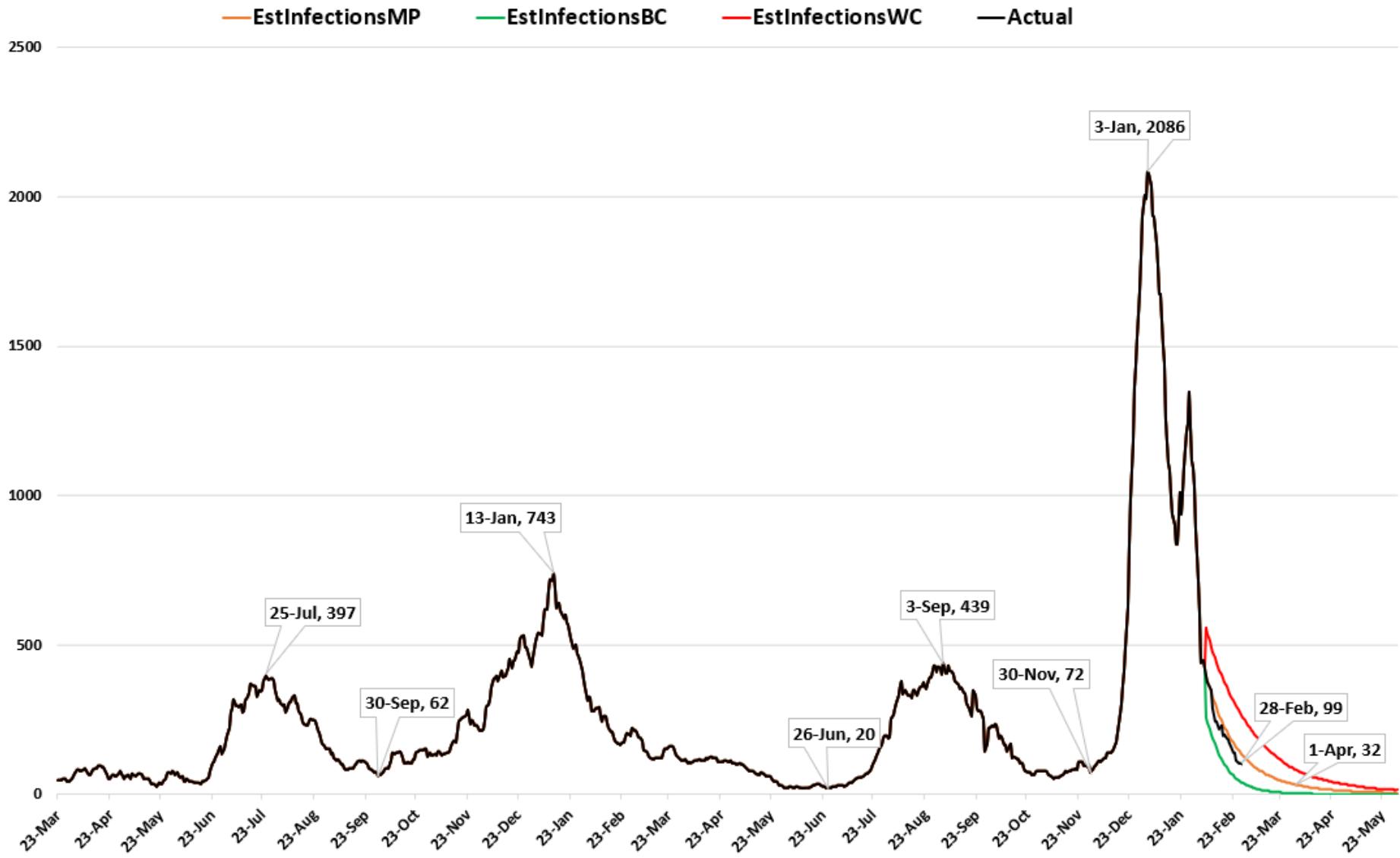
## Fulton County SCORECARD 3/2/2022

Metric	Status (7-day average) =*	Metric
Testing (Demand & Capacity)	*3282	Current capability is 8,000 / day Daily Testing: over 2857, 1428 -2857, less than 1428
Testing (Results)	12-36 hrs	Time to receive results: 0 - 48, 49 - 96, over 96
Cases	*99	Less than 20, 20 – 74 a day, 75 to 249, over 250
Fulton positivity rate % +	*3.5%	Less than 1%, 1% - 5%, 5% - 10%, over 10%
Hospitalizations COVID census	*256	Less than 50, 50 – 200, 201 - 349, over 350
Hospital Bed Availability	*9.1% *7.6% Adult	Open Beds: over 20%, 15% - 20%, Less 15%
Hospital CCU Bed Availability	*23.2% *21.6% Adult	Open CCU Beds: over 20%, 15% - 20%, less 15%
Hospital Vent Availability	*64.3%	Open Vents: over 25%, 15% - 25%, less 15%
COVID Deaths	*6.9	Less than .25, .25 – 2.5, 2.5 – 5, over 5
Morgue census	*90	Less Than 75, 75 – 90, over 90
COVID Vaccine Administered Booster	536,745 92% 13,968 boosters	More than 75%, 50% - 75%, less than 50%

# Incident Response Update



## Fulton County Daily Case Rate Projection 2-28-22



# VACCINATION RESPONSE

Vaccines administered at Fulton County fixed & mobile sites to date

- **536,745** 1st / 2nd fixed site doses
- **13,968** boosters
- **41,623** mobile doses



## INCENTIVES

**Offered for 1st & 2nd doses at all BoH / FC fixed and mobile locations**

Providing vaccination opportunities at major construction sites

Continued partnership with Fulton County Schools, as well as Atlanta Public Schools

- APS - 3 events in low vaccination uptake areas
- FCS - 1 event in a low vaccination uptake area

Providing vaccination opportunities at Atlanta Hawks games





# Vaccination Response

## GEORGIA

[Download Published Data](#)

### VACCINES ADMINISTERED

# ADMINISTERED

**14,356,041**

# ADMINISTERED PER 100K

**137,987**

### RESIDENTS VACCINATED

# At Least One Dose

**6,532,686**

% At Least One Dose

**63%**

# Fully Vaccinated

**5,740,965**

% Fully Vaccinated

**55%**

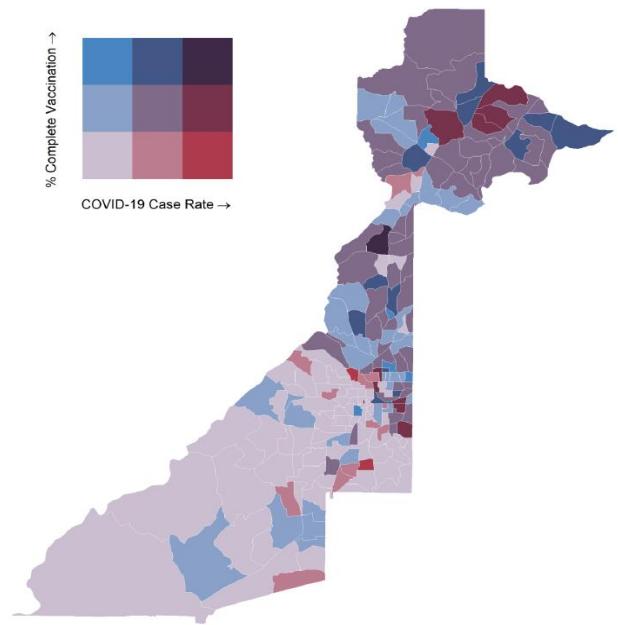
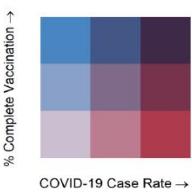
# Additional Dose

**2,256,825**

% Additional Dose

**39%**

**21%**



## Fulton County

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### VACCINES ADMINISTERED

# ADMINISTERED

**1,563,582**

# ADMINISTERED PER 100K

**150,895**

### RESIDENTS VACCINATED

# At Least One Dose

**669,773**

% At Least One Dose

**65%**

# Fully Vaccinated

**612,659**

% Fully Vaccinated

**59%**

# Additional Dose

**286,956**

% Fully Vax with Additional Dose

**46%**

% Additional Dose

**27%**

- Fulton County totals for those eligible for vaccination is: 69% one dose & 64% fully vaccinated
- Boosters - 46% of the eligible population is “up to date” (286,956 citizens)

# Mobile Vaccine Response Update



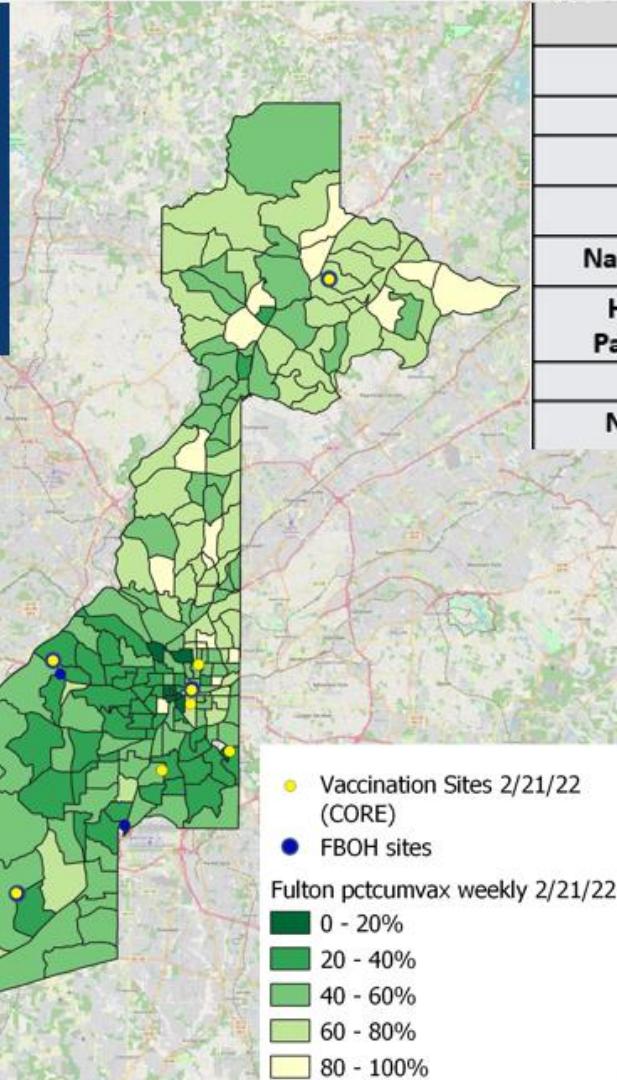
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## Fulton County Map of Mobile Vaccination Sites (06/01/21- 02/28/22)

### Static/Roving HQ

#### Addresses:

- 141 Pryor St
- 4700 North Point Pkwy
- 5710 Stonewall Tell
- 3900 Aviation Cir NW



Race	Number	Percentage
Black	10,410	61.15%
White	3139	18.44%
Asian	723	4.25%
Native American	91	0.53%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	25	0.01%
Hispanic	2126	12.49%
No Response	509	2.99%

Number of vaccines administered = 17,023

Number of events supported = 830

Number of unique sites visited = 852

Vaccine event at Parklane elementary netted 107 vaccines administered

# At-Home COVID Test Kits

## Four Key Assumptions:

1. **Public demand for testing has waned, walkup appointments now available**
2. **Covid-19 positivity rate is trending downward**
3. **Health equity issues persist, cost and access challenges**
4. **Federal home test kits are available to be ordered by Fulton County residents**

Variables	Board of Health	Federal Government	Fulton County
<b>Projected Inventory</b>	62,000	1,000,000,000 (phased delivery)	53,000 ( Fulton County) 48,495 (Ryan White) 9,700 ( ESG) <b>Total Kit Order : 111,195</b>
<b>Kit Type</b>	Flow Flex/Quidel	iHealth	Quidel
<b>Cost/Funding</b>	\$16.00 per unit/Equity grant (\$750,000)	\$4 billion-Coronavirus Relief Bill	\$10.31 per unit \$546,430- ARPA \$500,000- Ryan White \$100,000-ESG
<b>Consumer Access Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Homeless Shelters</li> <li>• CORE/CBOs</li> <li>• Health Clinics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct to consumer-government website launch 1/19/2022-COVIDtests.gov</li> <li>• School support</li> <li>• Quantity 4 per household</li> <li>• Private insurance reimbursement 8 kits per month</li> <li>• Medicare, Spring 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 Library pickup sites</li> <li>• Senior Centers</li> <li>• CSP Partners for Health Equity Goals</li> <li>• Faith Partners for Health Equity Goals</li> <li>• HIV Care Providers</li> <li>• Homeless Services Providers</li> <li>• County Employees</li> </ul>
<b>Target Population</b>	Fulton County residents with emphasis on southern part of county, health equity goals	U.S. households	Fulton County residents with emphasis on equity targets



# Questions?





# **Fulton County Government Reopening Plan**

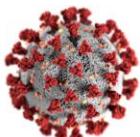
# Gating Criteria

## Reopening Indicators

### CASES



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



*\*Satisfy Before Proceeding to Phased Comeback*

### VAX OR TEST



Ability to vaccinate employees to 80% goal and to test employees who choose alternative with results within 48-72 hours

### EQUIPMENT



PPE and supplies for all employees interacting with public.

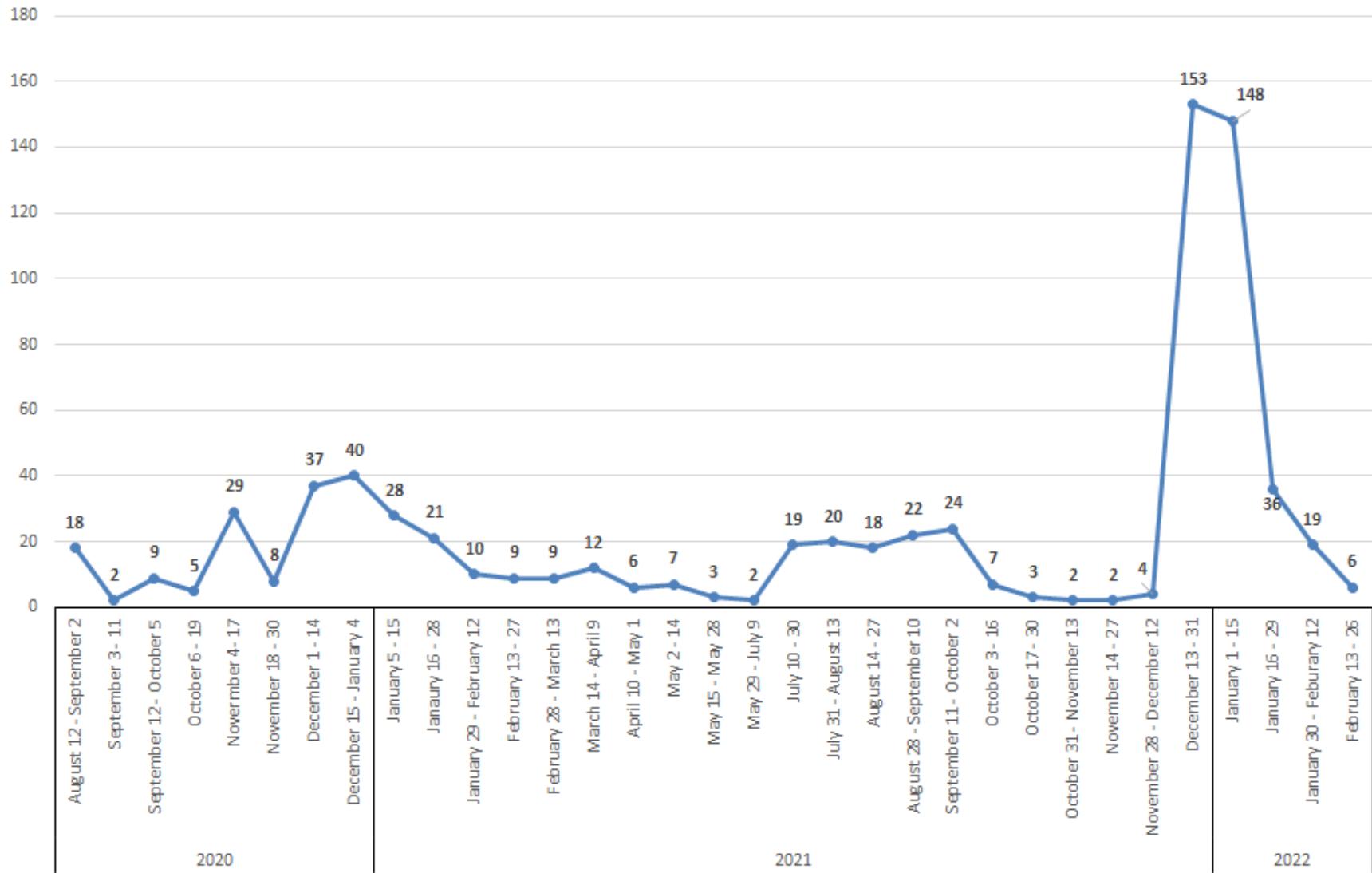
# COVID POSITIVE EMPLOYEES

February 13, 2022 - February 26, 2022

Department	Positive	Grand Total
MAGISTRATE COURT	3	3
STATE COURT-ALL JUDGES	1	1
STATE COURT-GENERAL	2	2
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>



Fulton County  
Reported Employee COVID Positive Tracker  
as of February 26, 2022



# COVID POSITIVE EMPLOYEES

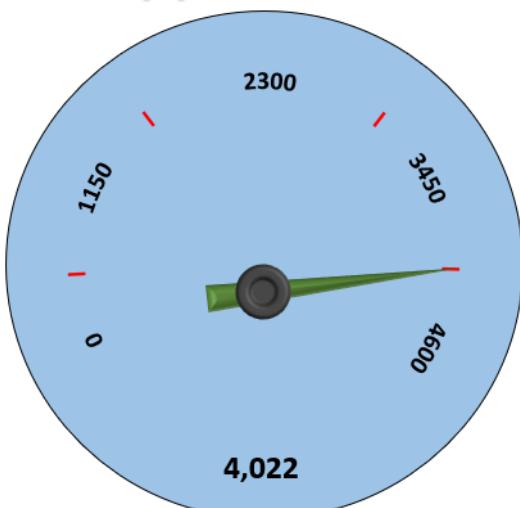
## CUMULATIVE

DEPARTMENT	POSITIVE	DEPARTMENT	POSITIVE
ARTS/COOPERATIVE EXT	1	MAGISTRATE COURT	6
BHDD	8	MEDICAL EXAMINER	8
BOARD OF HEALTH	28	POLICE	17
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	5	PROBATE COURT	10
COUNTY ATTORNEY	4	PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE	32
COUNTY MANAGER	7	PUBLIC WORKS	71
COUNTY MARSHAL	27	PURCHASING	7
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	3	REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS	11
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	17	SENIOR SERVICES	33
DCRC	1	SHERIFF	8
DREAM	43	SOLICITOR GENERAL	19
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	2	STATE COURT-ALL JUDGES	3
EMERGENCY SERVICES	54	STATE COURT-GENERAL	9
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS	9	SUPERIOR COURT-ALL JUDGES	5
FINANCE	27	SUPERIOR COURT-CLERK	84
HUMAN RESOURCES	3	SUPERIOR COURT-GENERAL	49
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	12	TAX ASSESSOR	60
JUVENILE COURT	32	TAX COMMISSIONER	80
LIBRARY	51	GRAND TOTAL	847

# Employee Compliance

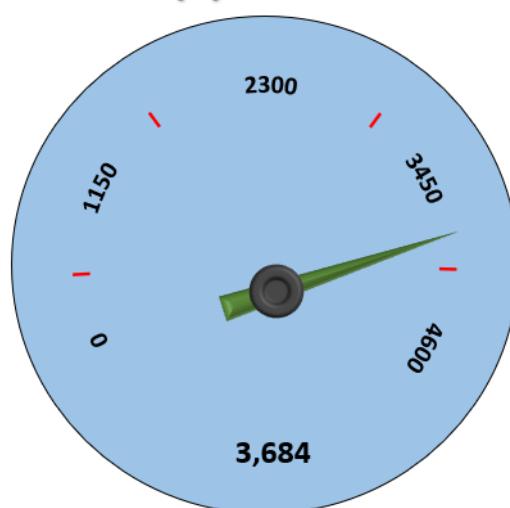
## Vaccination & Testing Policy

Applications



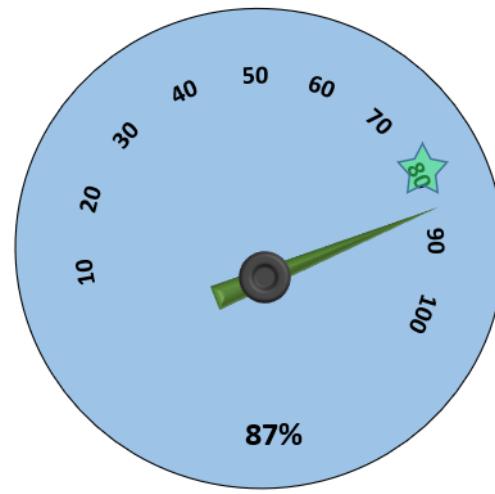
February 16 – 3,996  
February 2 – 3,968  
January 19 – 3,802  
January 5 – 3,762  
December 15 – 3,702  
December 1 – 3,672  
November 15 – 3,643  
November 1 – 3,469

Approved



3,673  
3,651  
3,563  
3,536  
3,486  
3,438  
3,418  
3,236

Vaccination %



87%  
86%  
84%  
82%  
81%  
79.5%  
79%  
75%



# Return to Office Plan

## Employee Vaccination Incentive Program

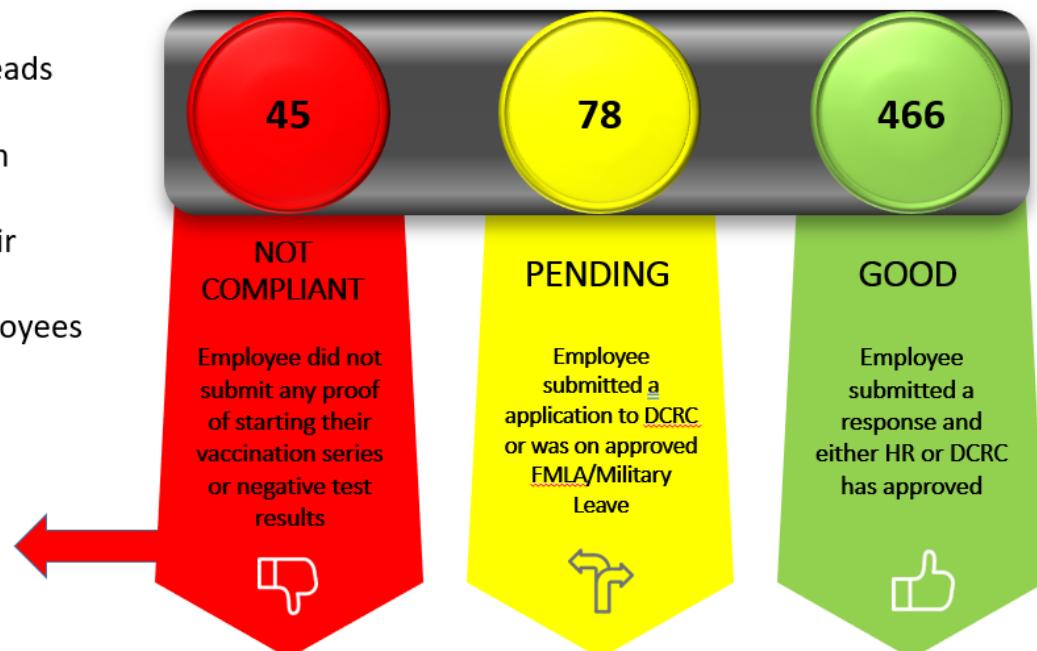
How have we educated the  
workforce about the policy?

- Distributed policy to Department Heads
- Educated via FulcoNews
- Educational session led by Dr. Paxton
- Created information portal
- Held meeting with managers on their responsibility.
- Emails weekly to unvaccinated employees with policy & link

Suspension Status	# of Employees
1 Day	7
5 Day	8
10 Day	4
Dismissal	26*

\* Still working with employees and Department Heads to ensure accuracy

**589 Unvaccinated Employees**



As of February 12, 2022



# Updates on Service Delivery Models

- **Senior Services:**
  - Congregate dining, To Go meals, on-site classes. Virtual programming and wellness checks continue.
- **Library Operations:**
  - These services will continue as currently being delivered
- **Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services:**
  - Mental Health Services will continue in person services
  - Developmental Disabilities in person services, transportation, meals
- **Administrative Services:**
  - Encourage the utilization of teleworking when possible
- **Tax Commissioner Offices:**
  - All Locations Open



# Recommended Next Steps:

## Facilities:

- Return to mask policy strongly encouraging visitors and employees except in tax offices, courts, jail and clinical settings.
- By March 3rd:
  - Update signage
  - Release communications
  - Revise security protocols at entrances

**STAY HEALTHY FULTON!**



**Masks and Social Distancing Encouraged**



**FULTON  
COUNTY**

Continue to monitor community and employee transmission and modify recommendations as needed.

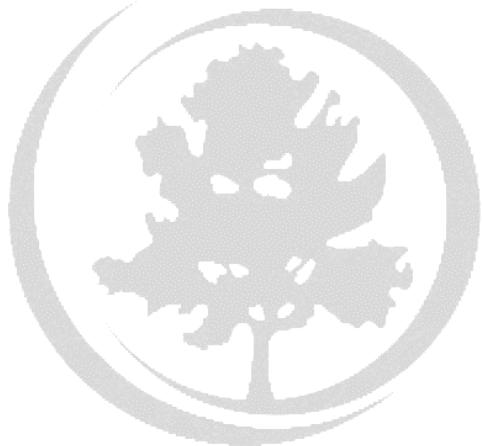
# COVID Vaccination and Testing modification

- Unvaccinated employees will no longer be required to test weekly
- Employees and customers will no longer be required to wear mask within County facilities
  - Tax Offices and Courts will maintain separate mask mandates.
  - Sheriff will maintain mask policy at the jail
- New employees will be required to provide proof of vaccination or seek a medical/religious exemption via DCRC
- County's COVID Isolation & Quarantine Protocol will remain in place and updated to match CDC guidance
- Employees who have not provided proof of vaccination or updated vaccination (booster), by health insurance open enrollment deadline, will lose \$250 wellness credit.
- Disciplinary actions for non-compliance will be satisfied by July 1st





# QUESTIONS



# **Fulton County Government**

## Emergency Rental & Mortgage Assistance Updates

# Emergency Rental Assistance

Phase III

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### REALLOCATION - STATE OF GEORGIA

- Notification from Treasury, approval of additional **\$25MM Voluntary Reallocation of funds**
- 1st \$25MM received
- **Total Reallocation from DCA \$50MM**



# Emergency Rental Assistance

Phase III

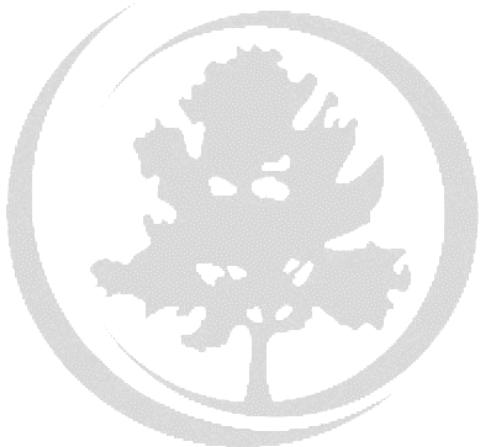
## PROGRAM UPDATES

**\$25MM REALLOCATION FUNDING**

**1085 Households have received assistance**

**\$8.06MM Reallocation assistance disbursed**





# QUESTIONS



# **Emergency Response Reserve & American Rescue Plan Act Funds Update**

# COVID-19: Recovery Funds Plan

Economic Recovery and  
Operational Resiliency Plan

March 2, 2022



# Consolidated Covid Response Plan

In Millions \$	2.25.2022		2.25.2022		2.25.2022		Change in Budget	Change in Expenses
	Budget	Commitments	Expenses					
<b>EERF - General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 10.5</b>	<b>\$ 10.5</b>	<b>\$ 10.5</b>				<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Communications	1.7	1.7	1.6				-	-
Child Care / Healthcare / Other	0.5	0.5	0.5				-	-
Payment to Employees	6.6	6.6	6.6				-	-
2020 Obligation	1.7	1.7	1.9				-	-
<b>American Rescue Act</b>	<b>221.9</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>61.5</b>				<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Health Infrastructure	15.6	-	-				-	-
Pandemic Proof County Facilities	28.0	1.7	0.5				-	-
Day Porters / Cleaning	2.6	2.5	1.1				-	0.0
Child Care	0.7	0.3	0.3				-	(0.0)
Other Emergencies	0.8	0.2	0.1				-	0.0
Premium Pay for Employees	3.4	3.4	3.4				-	-
PPE- County Employees	5.0	3.1	1.9				-	0.0
Court Backlog Project	75.0	8.7	8.1				-	0.7
Information Tech - Virtual Support	8.0	0.8	0.7				-	0.1
Safety Net Services - CSP	8.1	7.0	7.0				-	-
Diversion Center	1.7	-	-				-	-
Employees Covid Healthcare	4.0	-	-				-	-
General Administration	1.0	-	-				-	-
Long Term Revolving Loan Program	3.9	-	-				-	-
Food Insecurity	6.0	1.7	1.2				-	0.1
Job Training	2.0	0.4	0.4				-	-
ERAP 2 & High Need	29.0	28.8	28.4				-	-
ERAP -1 and 2 Additional Operational Costs	8.6	7.1	7.1				-	-
Testing Vaccination	17.4	1.0	0.9				-	0.0
Vaccine Incentive Program	1.2	0.4	0.4				-	-
<b>Consolidated Appropriations Act</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.7</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
ERAP 1	18.0	17.8	17.7				-	-
<b>ERAP Reallocation</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>1.9</b>
ERAP 4	25.0	7.1	7.1				-	1.9
<b>FEMA Related Expenses</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>\$ 27.3</b>	<b>\$ 21.9</b>				<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 302.9</b>	<b>\$ 129.8</b>	<b>\$ 118.6</b>				<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 26.3</b>							

# Cash Flow Projections – COVID 19 Response

## Cash Flow Projection COVID-19 Response

In Millions \$

Uses of Funds	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
A EERF - General Fund	10.5	-	-	-	10.5
B American Rescue Act	51.8	106.2	61.4	2.6	221.9
C Consolidated Appropriations Act	17.4	0.6	-	-	18.0
D ERAP Reallocation	-	25.0	-	-	25.0
E FEMA Related Expenses	21.2	6.1	-	-	27.3
<b>Projected Annual Uses</b>	<b>\$ 100.9</b>	<b>\$ 137.9</b>	<b>\$ 61.4</b>	<b>\$ 2.6</b>	<b>\$ 302.7</b>
Sources of Funds	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
A EERF	10.5	16.4			26.9
B American Rescue Act	128.4	103.4			231.8
C Consolidated Appropriation Act	18.0				18.0
D ERAP Reallocation	-	25.0			25.0
E FEMA Reimbursement at 100% over 3 years	5.9	2.6	5.1	13.7	27.3
<b>Projected Annual Sources</b>	<b>\$ 162.8</b>	<b>\$ 147.4</b>	<b>\$ 5.1</b>	<b>\$ 13.7</b>	<b>\$ 329.0</b>
<b>Cash Balance EOY - 100% FEMA Reimbursement</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>26.3</b>
<b>Cash Balance EOY - 50% FEMA Reimbursement</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>17.1</b>



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