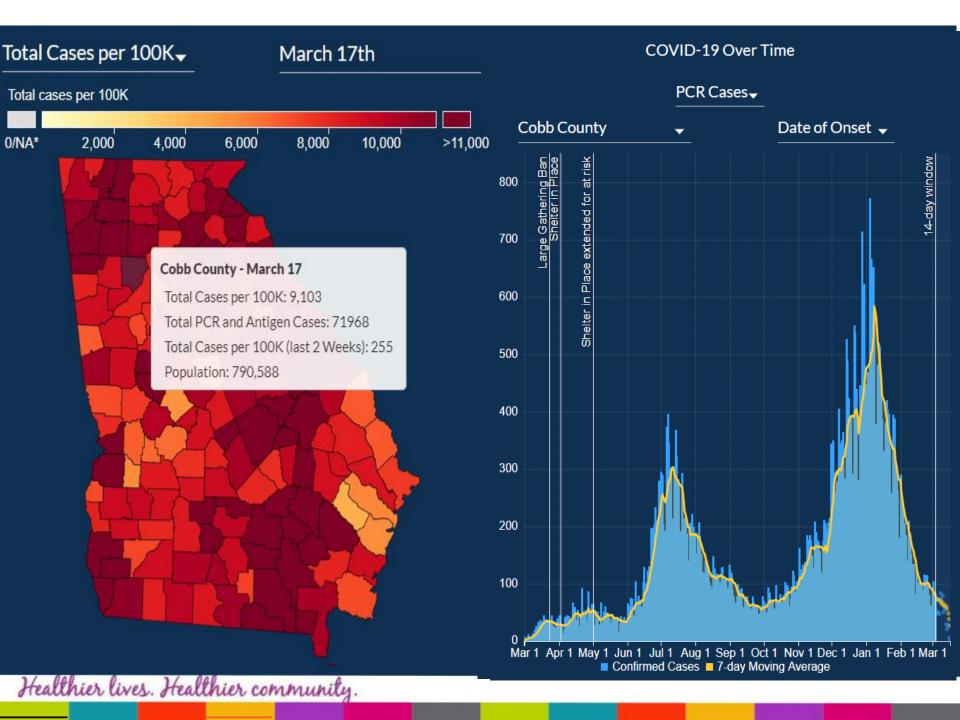
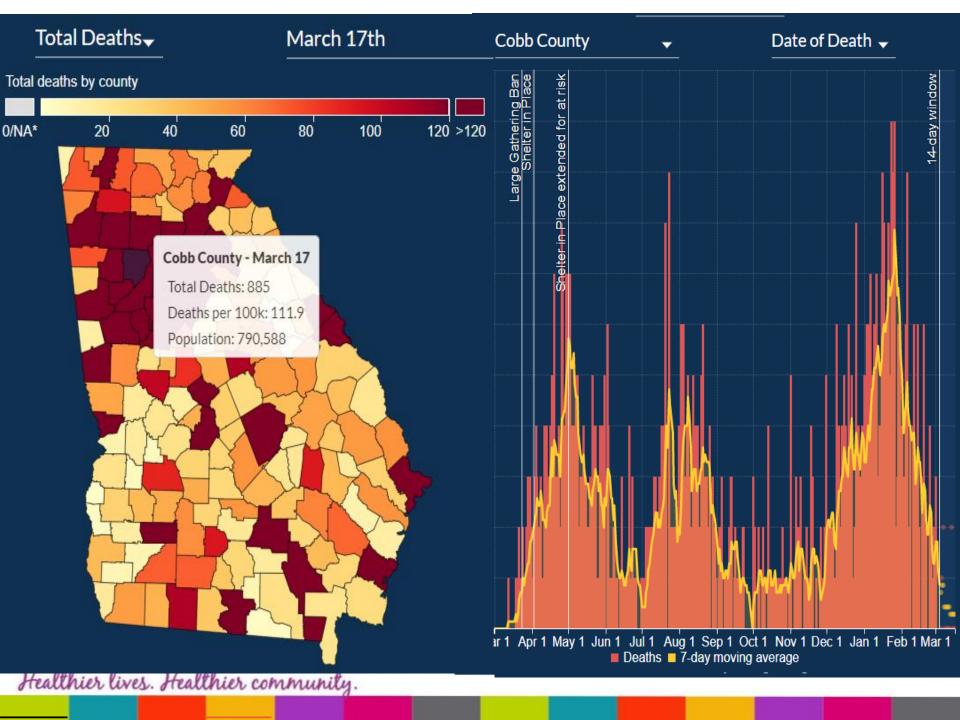


#### **COVID-19 Status Update**

March 18, 2021





# Stats (3/17/21)

- Cases to date:
  - Total 71,968

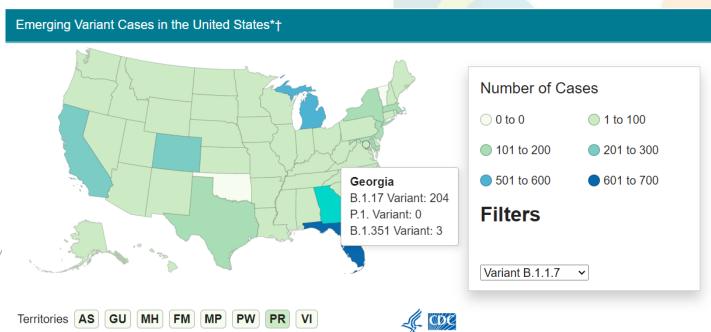
2-week case rate (PCR + Antigen) 255/100,000 (decrease)

- Deaths: 955 (confirmed and presumptive)
- Seeing additional improvement in hospital admissions, but acuity of patients is still a concern

#### **Variants Status**

 Additional Variant COVID cases continue to be found in county and statewide

 https://www.cdc.gov/ coronavirus/2019ncov/transmission/v ariant-cases.html



Cobb Variant Cases=32

#### **COVID Vaccines Given to Date**

VACCINES ADMINISTERED

Total

2,846,173

Dose 1

Dose 2

1,787,221 1,058,952

Cobb County: 166457 administered

CDPH (Cobb and Douglas) = 38,867(Cobb only) = 30,968

DPH Dashboard Data Delayed

### **COVID Vaccine Eligible...**

- Healthcare workers (physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, EMS personnel, environmental services, etc.)
- Residents and staff of long-term care facilities
- Adults aged 55 and over
- Law enforcement, firefighters, first responders
- Judicial staff
- Educators and staff (*Pre-K, K-12, DECAL licensed or exempt childcare programs*)
- Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers
- Parents of children with complex medical conditions who are at high risk for COVID complications
- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals aged 16 years and older with certain medical conditions that increase their risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Note: Pfizer is the only COVID vaccine currently approved for children aged 16 and older.

https://dph.georgia.gov/
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#### **School Vaccinations**

- Marietta City Schools w/Poole's Pharmacy
  - Successful Vaccination with >900 People
- Douglas County Schools w/CDPH
  - March 12-13 (1<sup>st</sup> dose)-Over 1200 People
- Cobb County School District w/ CDPH
  - March 19, 20, 26, 27 (1<sup>st</sup> dose)
  - April 16,17,23,24 (2<sup>nd</sup> dose)
- Child Care, PreK, Private K-12
  - CDPH, Metro Atlanta Ambulance, Poole's
     Pharmacy and many other providers are helping

#### Myvaccinega.com-state mass vaccination sites open today

**Delta Air Lines Museum** 

**LakePoint Sports Complex** 

**Habersham County Fairgrounds** 

**Macon Farmers Market** 

Sandersville Word of Life Church

**Columbus Civic Center** 

**Gulfstream Aerospace** 

**Albany Georgia Forestry Site** 

**Waycross Mall** 

<sup>\*</sup>DPH Vaccination Registration Website: <a href="https://gta-vras.powerappsportals.us/">https://gta-vras.powerappsportals.us/</a>

<sup>\*</sup>DPH Vaccine Locator: https://dph.georgia.gov/locations

## **Status Report**

- Cobb County approves COVID call center for vaccine information, assistance and appointments.
- Cobb and Douglas Public Health switching to Pfizer vaccines and using state scheduling system for new appts.
- Cobb School teachers to be vaccinated tomorrow and Saturday.
- Cobb and Douglas appointment system will open today to release next week's appointments

## New CDC Guidelines (March 8, 2021)

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html

#### Fully vaccinated people can:

- Visit with other fully-vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- \*For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥2 weeks after they
  have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥2 weeks after they have
  received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen )

## CDC Guidelines update, cont'd

#### For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing
- Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures
  when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at <u>increased risk for severe COVID-</u>
  19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease
- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households
- Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings
- Get tested if experiencing <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u>
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations
- \* https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html Healthier lives. Healthier community.

## **COVID–19 Testing in Cobb and Douglas**

- ➤ Still offering over 8,500 test options per week even with transition of Jim Miller Park (Cobb) and Douglas PH Center to vaccination sites!
  - KSU BrandSmart North Cobb
  - EpiCenter/Word of Faith South Cobb
  - Eastwood Baptist Marietta/East Cobb
  - Legion Field Austell
  - North Metro Church West Cobb
  - Woodie Fite Senior Center Douglas
  - Kingdom Builders Ministry Douglas
  - Additional pop-up sites across district with Air National Guard
- Still 24-48 hour turnaround on results with all sites above
- www.CDPHCovid19testing.org
- Launched MAKO Testing at JMP in February (added 2,500 tests/wk) \*insurance will be collected if present. There is no out of pocket charge. Non insured patrons will also receive test for free.

#### Takeaways...

- Hope for more vaccines on the horizon in the next few weeks
- Please take whichever brand of vaccine you have access to – all have excellent effectiveness
- Prevention must still be adhered to:
  - Wearing masks
  - Physical distancing
  - Washing hands
  - Limit gathering outside of households