



**COBB & DOUGLAS
PUBLIC HEALTH**

COVID-19 Status Update

March 22, 2021

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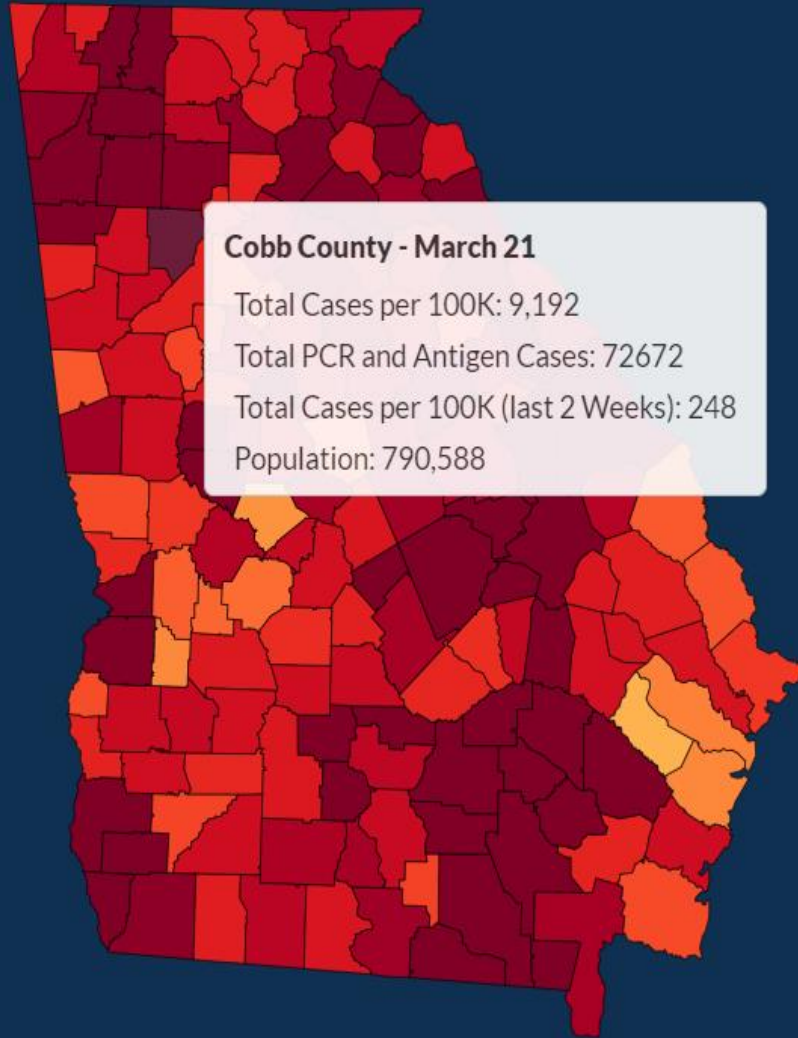
Total Cases per 100K ▾

March 21st

Georgia ▾

Date of Collection ▾

Total cases per 100K



Cobb County - March 21
 Total Cases per 100K: 9,192
 Total PCR and Antigen Cases: 72672
 Total Cases per 100K (last 2 Weeks): 248
 Population: 790,588

70000
60000
50000
40000
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Mar 1 Apr 1 May 1 Jun 1 Jul 1 Aug 1 Sep 1 Oct 1 Nov 1 Dec 1 Jan 1 Feb 1 Mar 1

■ Total PCR Tests

Large Gathering Ban
Shelter in Place

Shelter in Place extended for at risk

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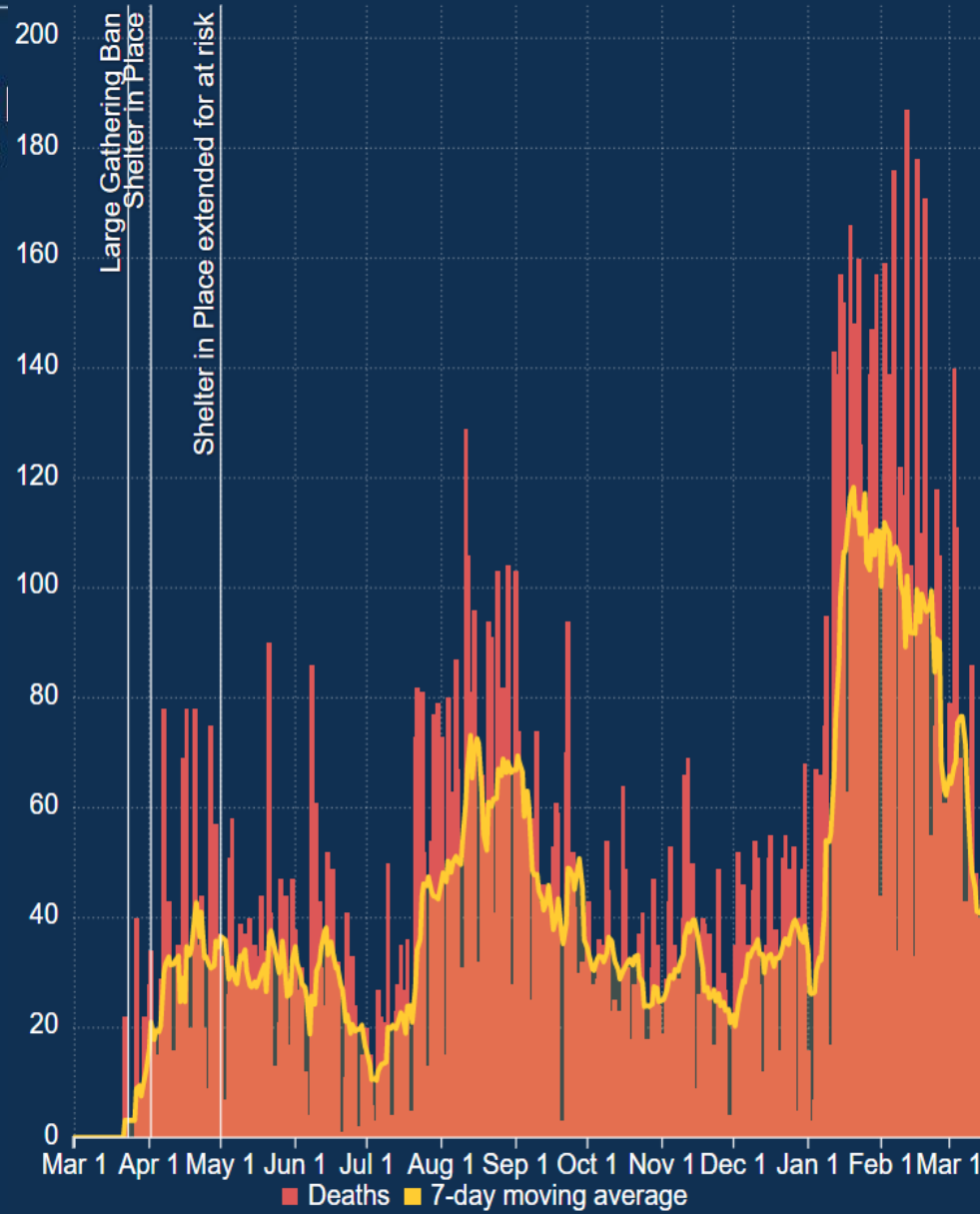
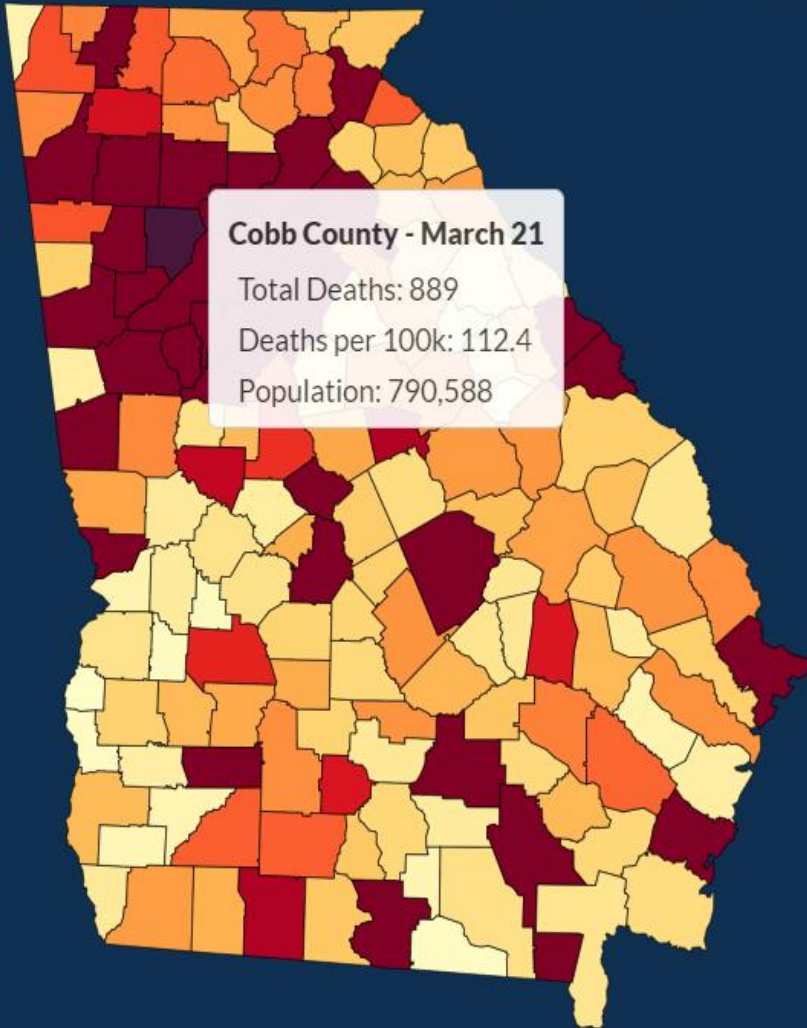
Total Deaths

March 21st

Georgia

Date of Report

Total deaths by county



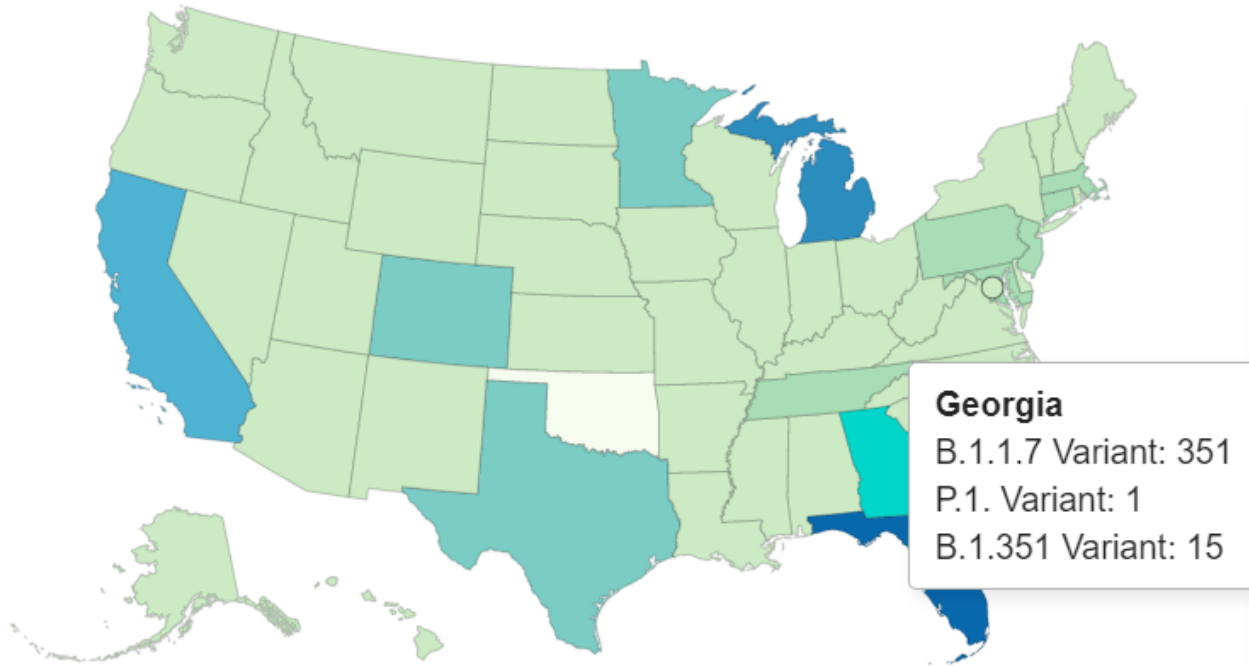
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Stats (3/21/21)

- Cases to date:
 - Total 72,672
 - 2-week case rate (PCR + Antigen) 248/100,000 (slight decrease)
- Deaths: 960 (confirmed and presumptive)
- Seeing additional improvement in hospital admissions, but acuity of patients is still a concern

Variants Status

Cases of Variants of Concern in the United States*†



Number of Cases

- 0 to 0
- 1 to 150
- 151 to 300
- 301 to 450
- 451 to 600
- 601 to 750
- 751+

Filters

Variant B.1.1.7

Territories **AS** **GU** **MH** **FM** **MP** **PW** **PR** **VI**



Cobb Variant Cases=49 *only 2 % of tests are sent for variant testing

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COVID Vaccines Given to Date

VACCINES ADMINISTERED

TOTAL

3,207,113

DOSE 1

2,062,790

DOSE 2

1,144,323

VACCINES ADMINISTERED

TOTAL

182,252

DOSE 1

112,374

DOSE 2

69,878

CDPH (Cobb and Douglas) = 42,475
(Cobb only) = 34,171

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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Myvaccinega.com-state mass vaccination sites open



Delta Air Lines Museum

LakePoint Sports Complex

Habersham County Fairgrounds

Macon Farmers Market

Sandersville Word of Life Church

Columbus Civic Center

Gulfstream Aerospace

Mercedes Benz Arena

Waycross Mall

***DPH Vaccination Registration Website:** <https://gta-vras.powerappsportals.us/>

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

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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.
- New appointments released weekly

CDC Guidelines 3/19/21



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is updating K=12 school guidance to reflect the latest science on physical distance between students in classrooms. CDC now recommends that, with universal masking, students should maintain a distance of at least 3 feet in classroom settings. CDC has updated its operational strategy to say:

- In elementary schools, CDC recommends all students remain at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal — regardless of whether community transmission is low, moderate, substantial, or high.
- In middle and high schools, CDC also recommends students should be at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal and in communities where transmission is low, moderate, or substantial.
- Middle school students and high school students should be at least 6 feet apart in communities where transmission is high, if cohorting is not possible. Cohorting is when groups of students are kept together with the same peers and staff throughout the school day to reduce the risk for spread throughout the school. This recommendation is because COVID-19 transmission dynamics are different in older students – that is, they are more likely to be exposed to SARS-CoV-2 and spread it than younger children.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0319-new-evidence-classroom-physical-distance.html>

CDC Guidelines Cont'd



CDC continues to recommend at least 6 feet of distance:

- Between adults in the school building and between adults and students.
- In common areas, such as school lobbies and auditoriums.
- When masks can't be worn, such as when eating.
- During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band practice, sports, or exercise. These activities should be moved outdoors or to large, well-ventilated spaces whenever possible.
- In community settings outside of the classroom.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0319-new-evidence-classroom-physical-distance.html>



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 increased risk for severe COVID-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 COVID-19 symptoms
- 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>

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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...

- More vaccines are rolling out quickly
- Please take whichever brand of vaccine you have access to – all have excellent effectiveness
- Please exercise caution over Spring Break. **This Pandemic is not over.**
- Prevention must still be adhered to:
 - Wearing masks
 - Physical distancing
 - Washing hands
 - Limit gathering outside of households

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