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## DPH Provides Update on COVID-19 in Georgia

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

### COVID-19 Vaccine

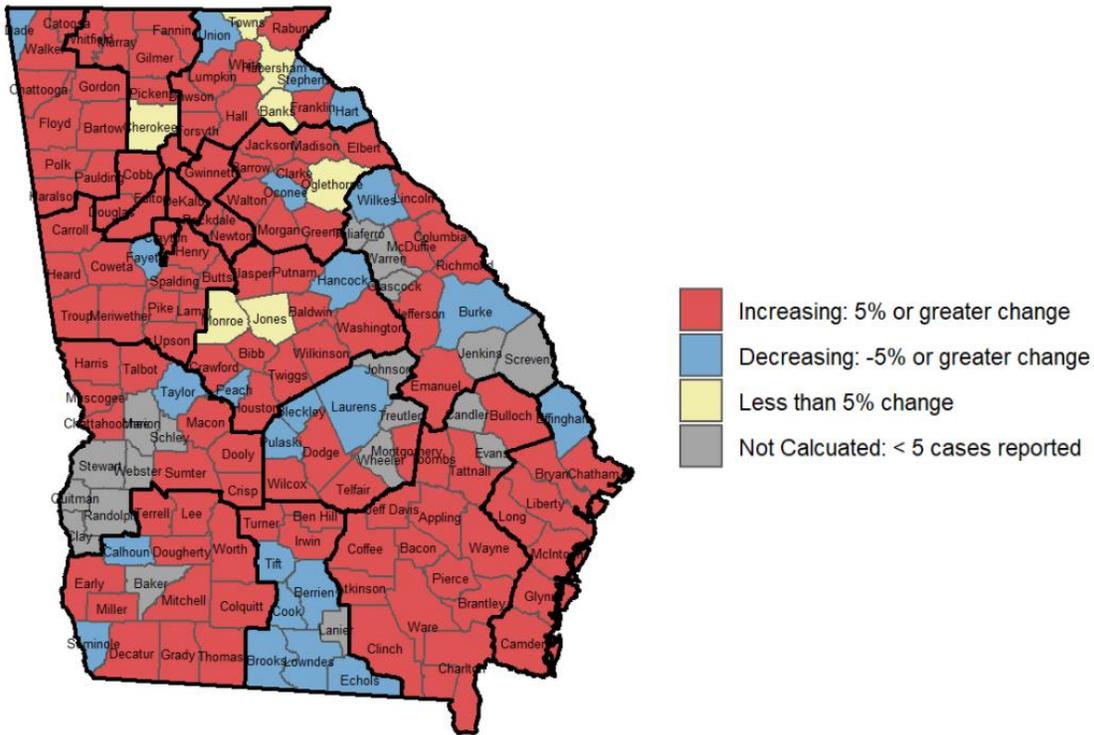
On December 11, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The first doses have already arrived and been administered in Georgia, and more doses are on the way. It is expected the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine will be given a similar EUA in the coming days. This is good news as we work to end the COVID-19 pandemic in our state.

- 84,825 Pfizer doses expected in Georgia for Phase I administration (number is subject to change)
- 5,850 doses arrived 12-14 in Coastal Georgia at two sites:
  - 1,950 doses to Glynn County
  - 3,900 doses to Chatham County
- Additional doses due to arrive 12-16 to two sites in metro Atlanta
- Remaining doses of first allocation (~60,000) will roll out to hospitals, health departments and other providers late this week
- Moderna vaccine anticipated to ship next week, pending EUA
  - Initial allocation ~174,000 doses

### COVID-19 Cases

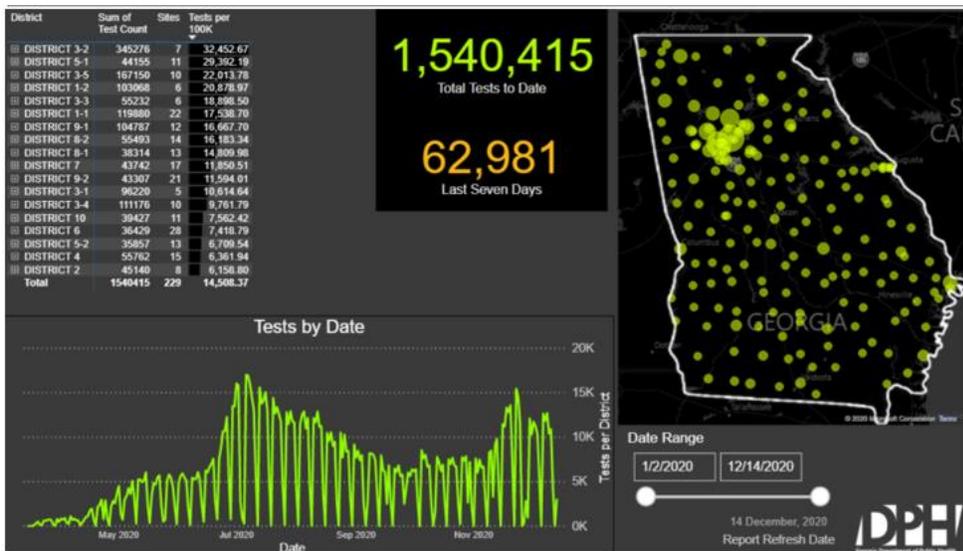
- As of Dec. 14, there are **479,340 PCR confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 67,218 antigen positive cases of COVID-19, cumulative in Georgia.**
- From **12/7 to 12/14**, the seven-day average of new cases reported **increased 13%** over the previous seven-day average of new cases.
- The seven-day average of new cases reported **increased 18%** from our previous peak July 24.
- These weekly increases may appear small, but they reflect our highest case numbers **ever, and are not decreasing or leveling off day to day.**

### Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Percent Change 11/28-12/04, 12/05-12/11



### COVID-19 Testing

#### Georgia SPOCs



- As of Dec. 14, the state reported 4,775,530 (cumulative) COVID-19 PCR tests reported to DPH through Electronic Laboratory Reports (ELR).
- The number of specimens collected at DPH SPOCs is **1,540,415**.

- From Dec. 7 - Dec.14, testing at SPOC locations **increased 43%** over the previous seven days.

**Positivity Rate**

The statewide percent positive (7-day moving average) for PCR tests **increased 10%** from 12% on Dec. 7 to 13.2% on Dec. 14.

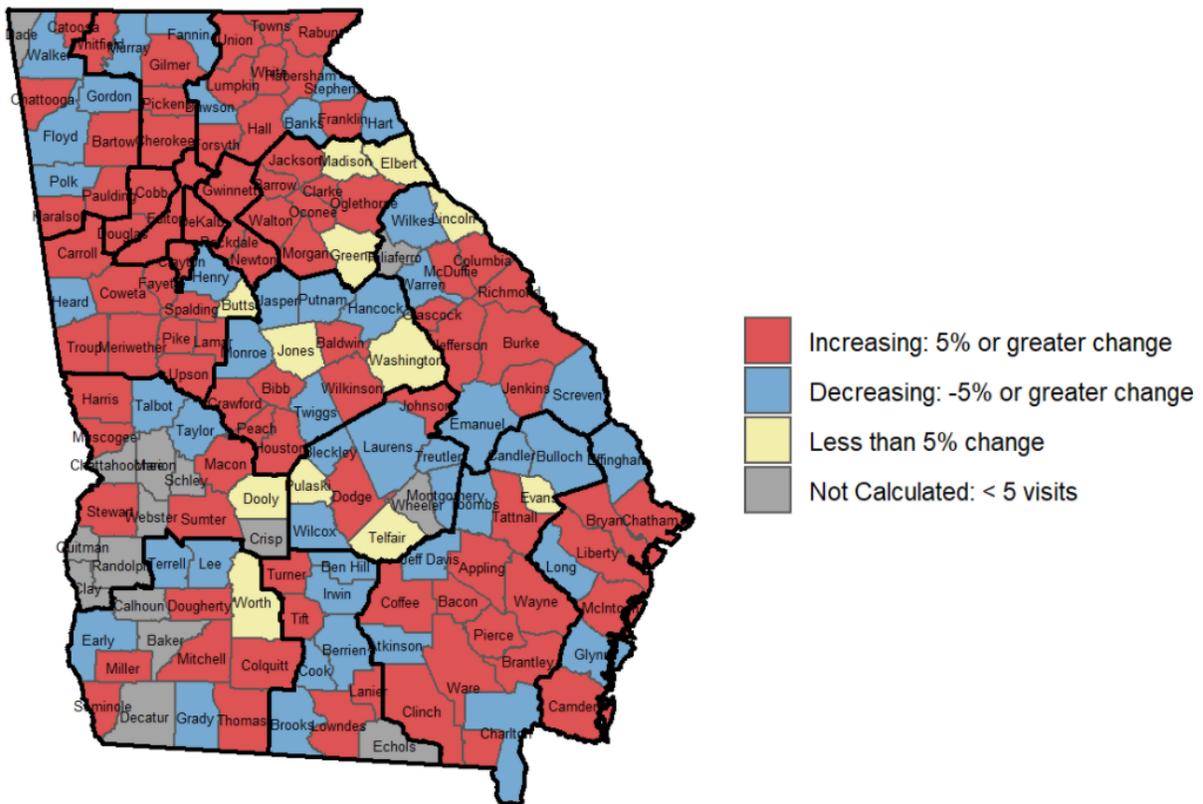
**Hospitalizations**

Daily hospitalizations for COVID-19 have **increased 18%** from 2,502 on Dec. 7 to 2,968 on Dec. 15.

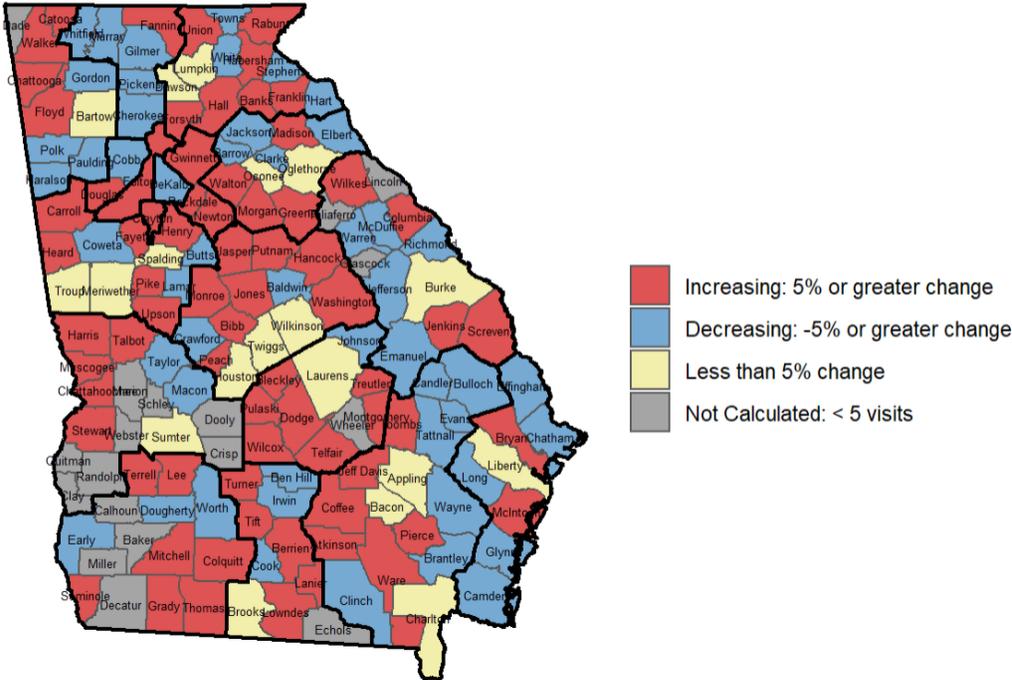
**Emergency Department Visits**

Emergency Department (ED) visits related to COVID-19 increased to 6% statewide and ILI (influenza-like illness) visits have remained flat at 2% statewide over the two week period Nov. 21 – Dec. 4.

**Emergency Department (ED) Visits with COVID-19 Syndrome**  
**Percent Change 11/28-12/04, 12/05-12/11**

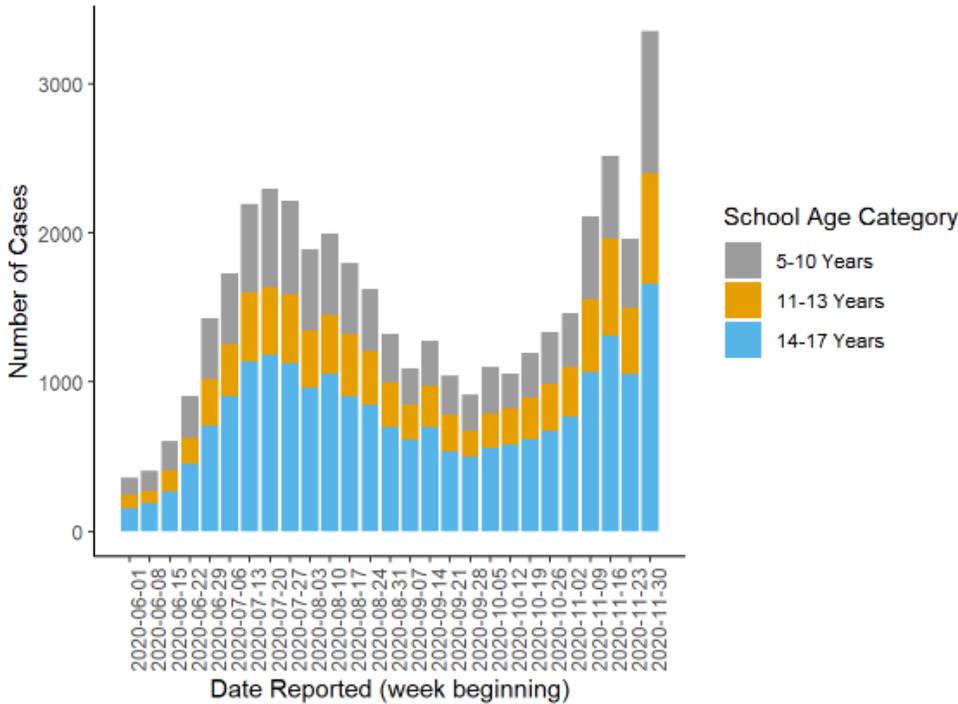


### Emergency Department (ED) Visits with ILI Syndrome Percent Change 11/28-12/04, 12/05-12/11



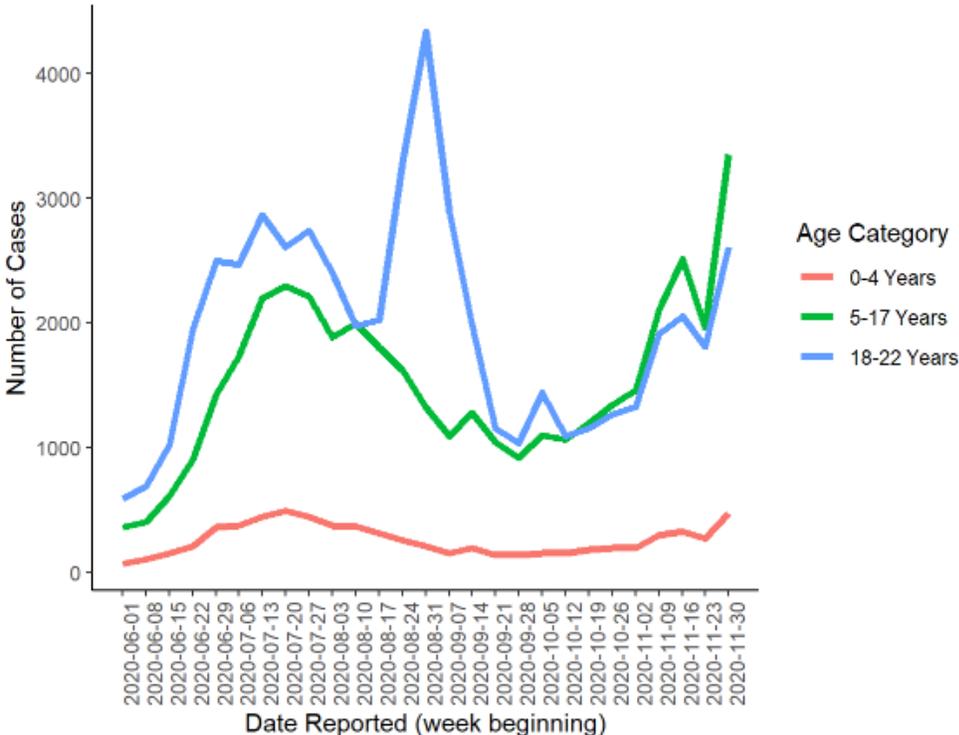
The Georgia Department of Public Health monitors influenza (flu) activity year-round throughout the state with the help of volunteer sentinel healthcare providers. Click on this link to see the [Weekly Flu Surveillance Report](#).

### All Lab Positive (PCR and Antigen) COVID-19 Cases Among K-12 School Aged Children\*



\*Report reflects week of Nov. 30 – Dec. 6

**All Lab Positive (PCR and Antigen) COVID-19 Cases by Age Category (Ages 0-22)\***



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**Outbreaks**

Dec. 6 - Dec. 12: **130 (increase of 16 from previous week)** These outbreaks are occurring in settings where people are physically congregating and underscore the need for physical distancing and source control.



\*By county of residence, report reflects Nov. 28- Dec.11

For updates on COVID-19, follow @GaDPH and @GovKemp on Twitter and @GaDPH and @GovKemp on Facebook.

For information about COVID-19, visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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