



# STATE OF COVID IN ATLANTA

October 7, 2020

# AGENDA

## Welcome and Introductions

**Dr. Sandra Ford, CEO DeKalb Board of Health**

**Lisa Goodin, Director Community Health Services Fulton Board of Health**

- County COVID Updates
- Moving Forward- Fall and Winter

## How communities can support

## Announcements & Adjourn



**WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**PLEASE COMPLETE OUR POLL:**

**ARE YOU ACTIVELY PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH  
MESSAGES (E.G. WEAR A MASK, SOCIAL DISTANCING,  
ETC.) TO THE COMMUNITIES YOU LIVE IN AND SERVE?**

# DeKalb County Board of Health COVID-19 Updates



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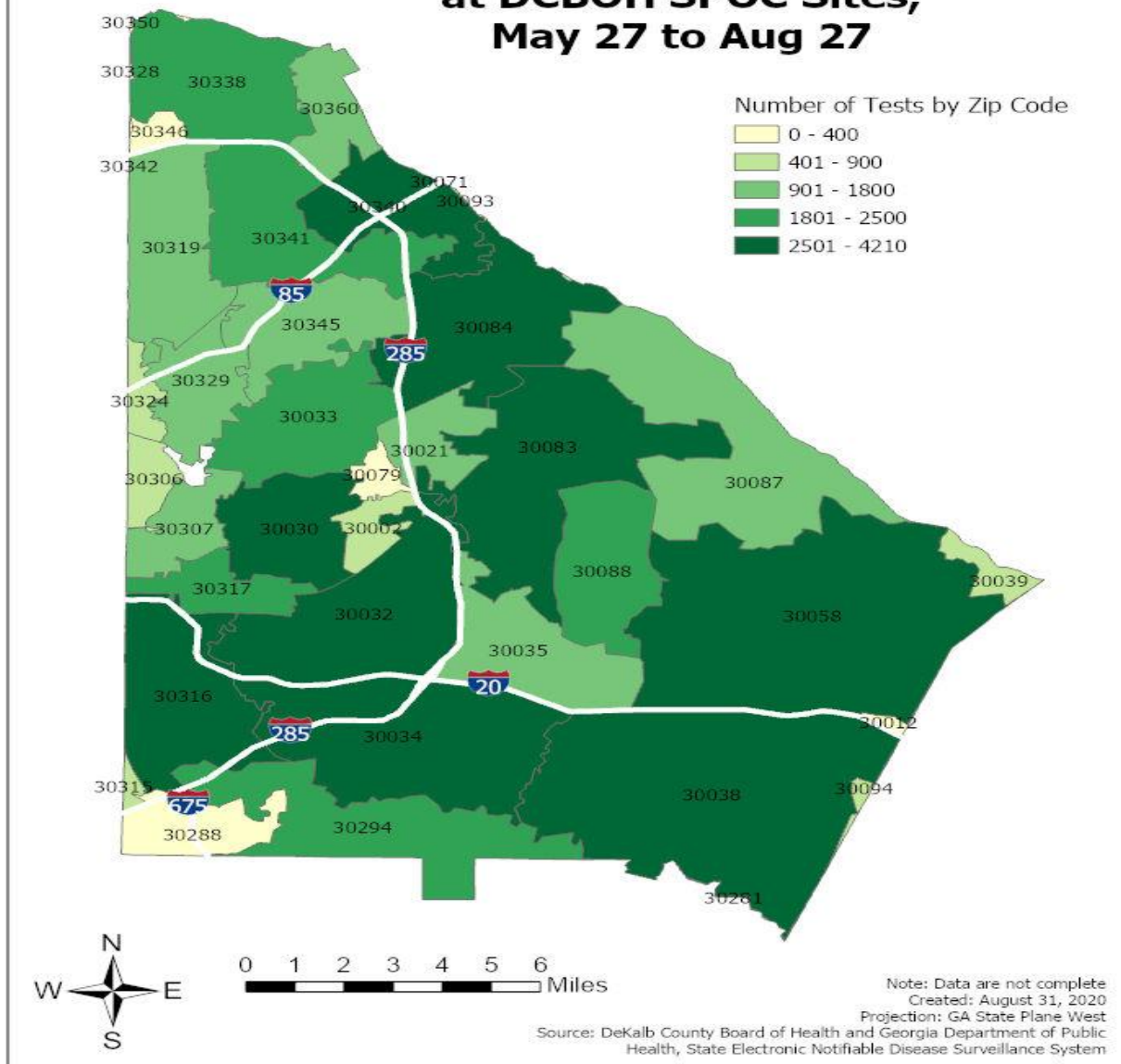
# Testing

- Sugar Creek Tennis & Golf
- Kingswood Church
- House of Hope
- City of Doraville
- Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church
- Rehoboth Baptist Church
- Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
- Greenforest Community Baptist Church
- Salem Bible Church
- City of Stonecrest
- Ethne Health\*
- CORE\*

# Testing, cont.

- Total specimens collected: **101,000**  
–9.3% of DPH total
- 11,000/100K population tested
- Maximum daily testing: **2400**
- Largest testing site: **16,917**

# DeKalb County, Georgia Number of Tests Performed at DCBOH SPOC Sites, May 27 to Aug 27



# Results

- As of 10/4, **19,180** positives
  - 9/27 **18,977** (approx. 200/wk)
    - 43.5% Black
    - 21% White
    - 15.2% Hispanic/Latino
    - 5% Asian
    - 21.9% Unknown



# Results, Cont.

- Doraville: highest rate of positives
  - 14% June/12% July/6% August
- 31.8% of cases less than age 29
- 60.4% < age 44
- Long Term Care Facilities:
  - 33 outbreaks
  - 1249 cases
  - 81 hospitalizations
  - 96 deaths

# Results, Cont.

## White House Report, 9/23/20

- Georgia: orange zone for cases; #23 in US
  - Previously #2
  - 92 cases/100k vs 93/100k US
  - Decreases in new cases & test positivity
- DeKalb: orange for cases/100k
  - Green zone for test positivity
  - Still among the top 12 for new cases (#4)

# Contact Tracing

- 21 contact tracers +10
- 11769 cases interviewed
- 4726 contacts identified
- many entities performing CT

# Next Steps

## CARES ACT FUNDING

- Telehealth
- Mobile Units
- Mobile Farmer's Markets
- Quarantine & Isolation Housing

# Thank You!!!

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# CVID-19 Update in Fulton County

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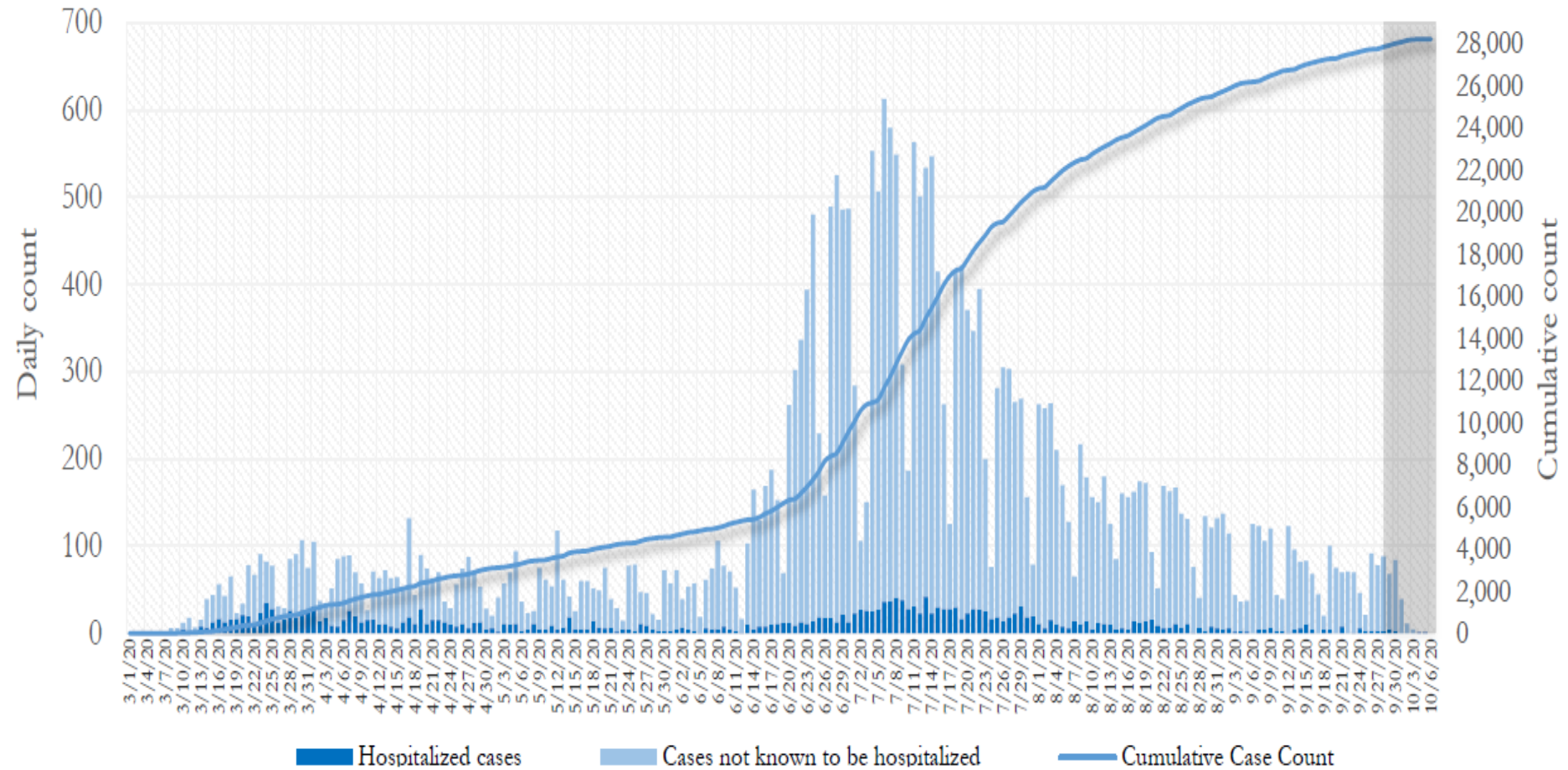
# Understanding COVID-19

- COVID-19 is spread by close person to person contact through respiratory droplets from speaking, coughing or sneezing
- Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. A person does not need to have symptoms to spread the virus.
- COVID-19 can only be diagnosed with a laboratory test.
- An antibody test can show if you were previously infected and if your body has created antibodies in an attempt to defend itself from COVID-19



Source: \*\*As of October 3, 2020. This information comes from the Johns Hopkins Center for Systems Science and Engineering.

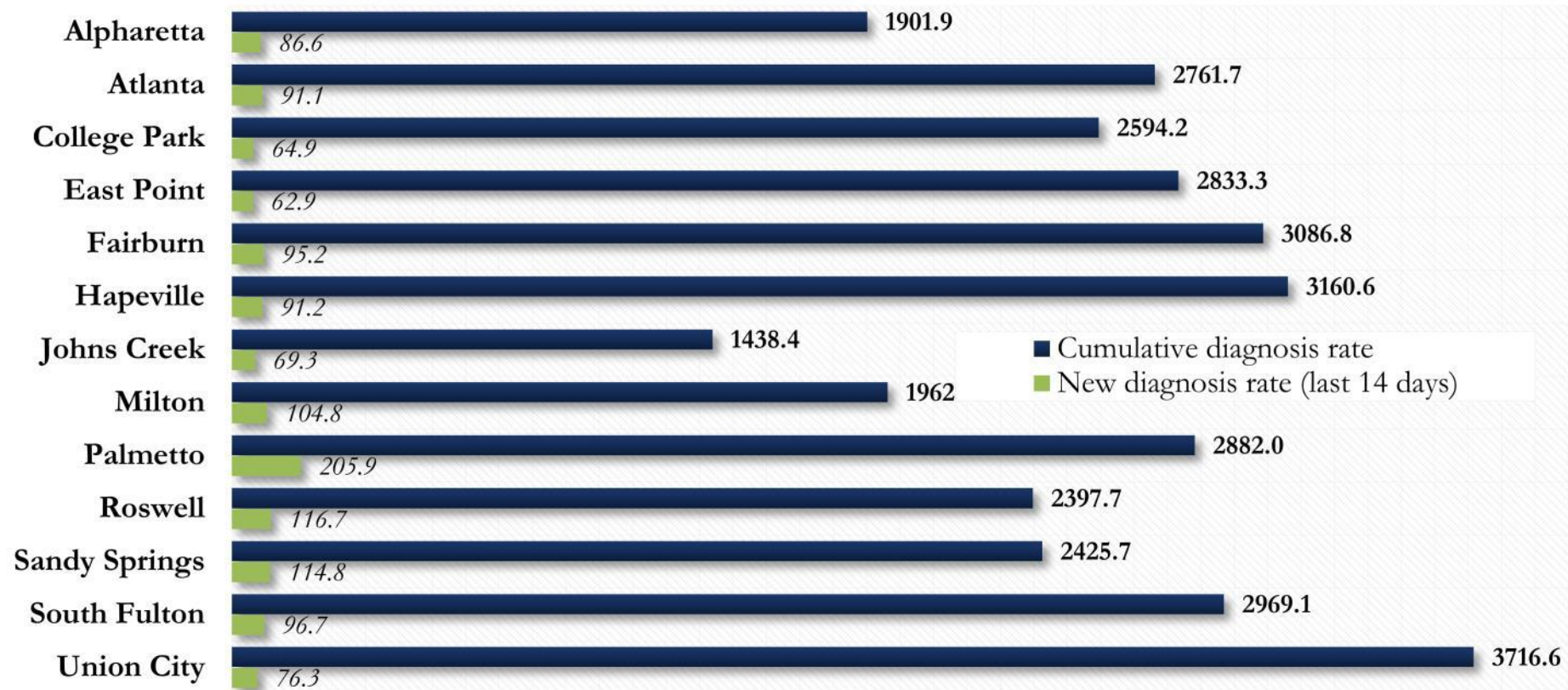
# Daily and Cumulative COVID-19 diagnoses in Fulton County, GA

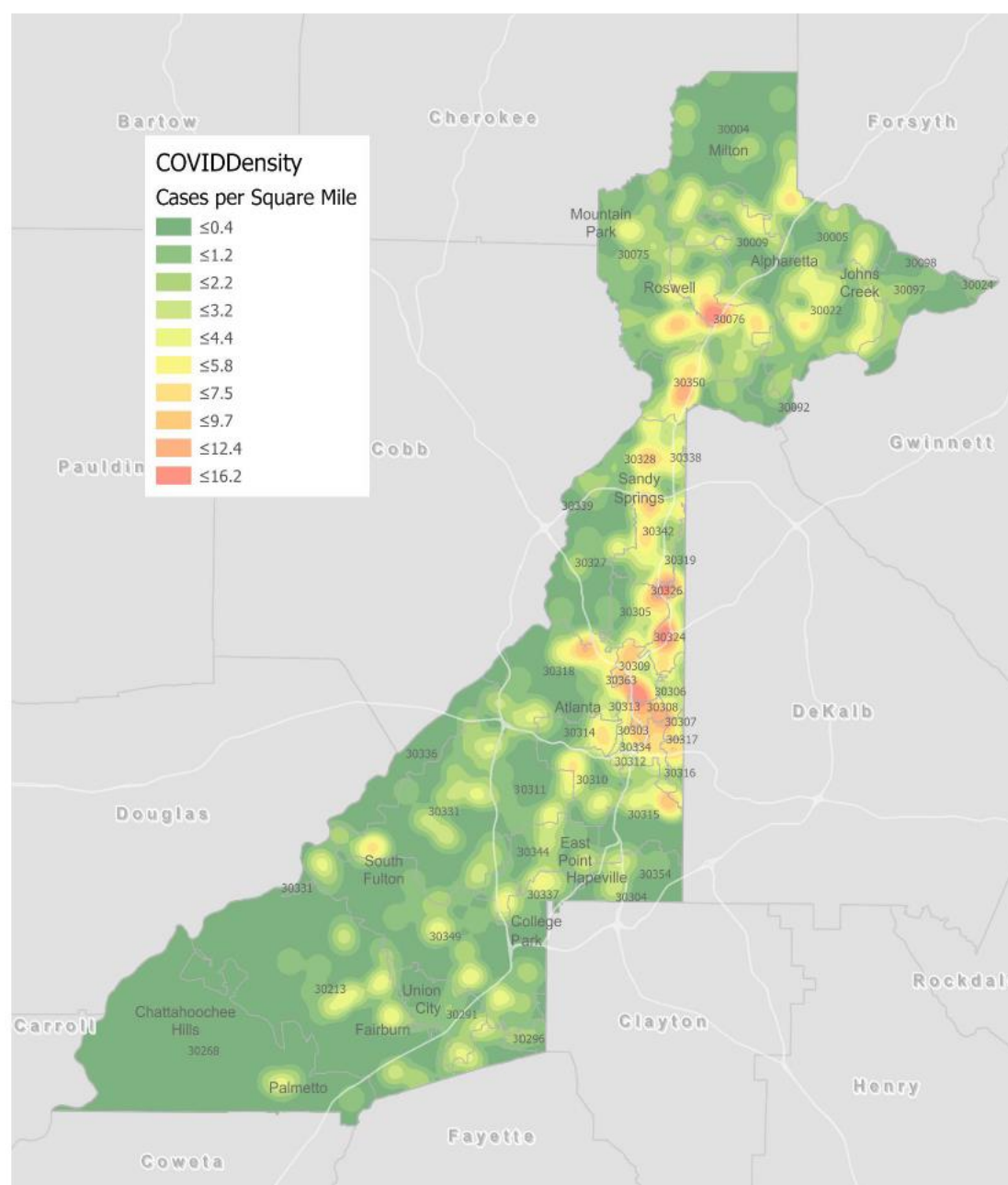




# COVID-19 Diagnoses Rates by City

Fig. 2. Incident & Cumulative Diagnoses Rates for COVID-19 by City





## Density Map – New COVID 19 Diagnoses (Sept 15 – Sept 29, 2020) in Fulton County

# Distribution of COVID-19 Diagnoses by Region

Fulton Region	% Cumulative count	% New cases*
Atlanta	43.1%	39.6%
North <sup>1</sup>	28.3%	38.0%
South <sup>2</sup>	20.3%	16.6%
Unincorporated/Unknown	8.2%	5.8%

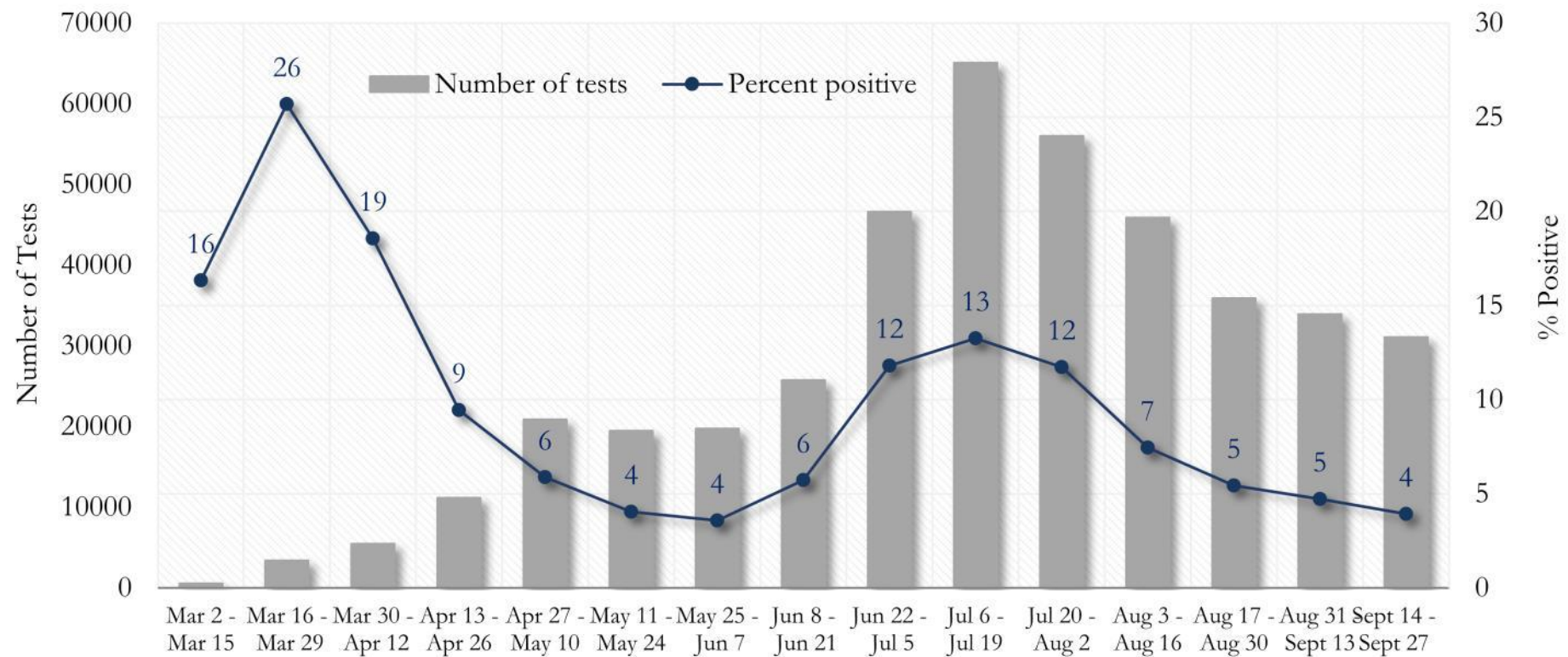
**In the past two weeks (9/15-9/29), there were fewer new cases of COVID-19 in Fulton County than the previous two weeks (9/1-9/14).**



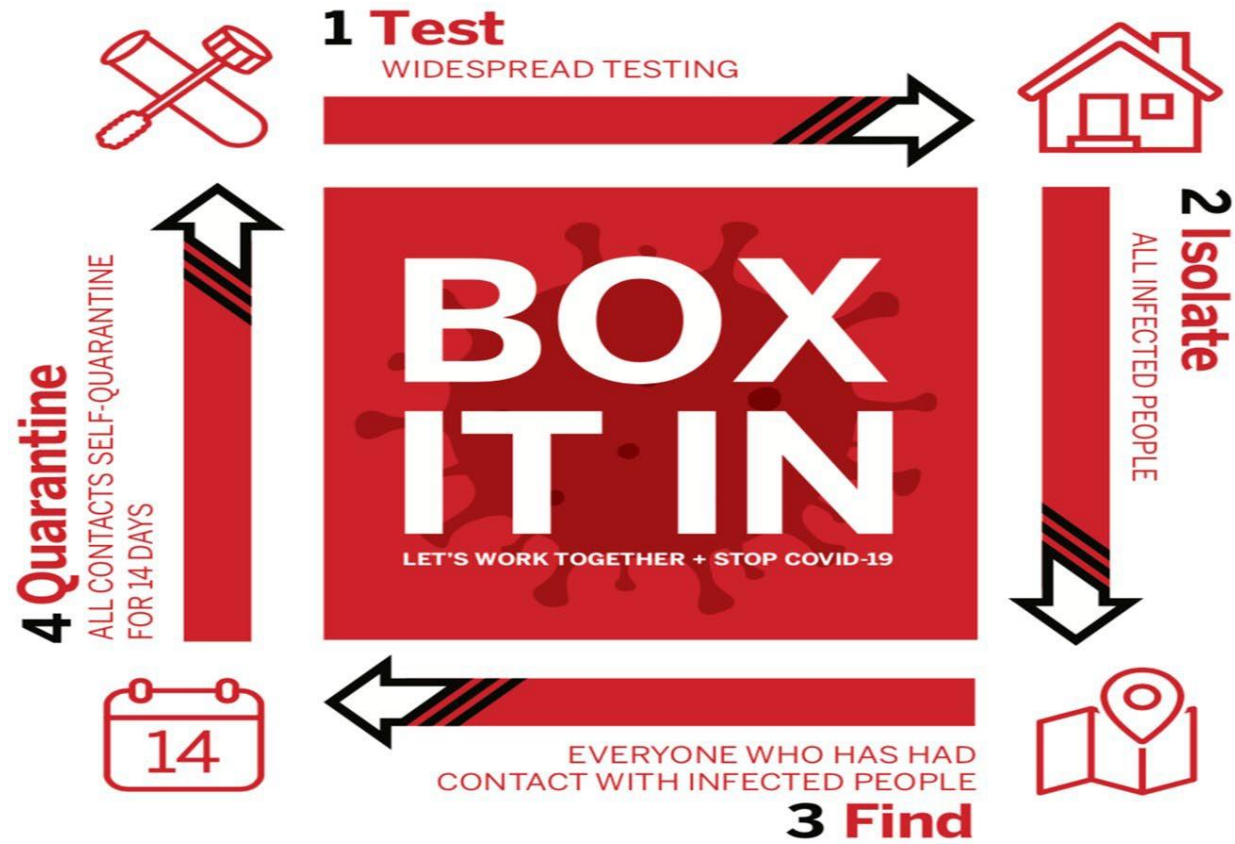
*\*Delayed a week to account for testing results turnaround time.*

# Trends in Positive COVID-19 Tests in Fulton County by 14-day Periods

Fig. 3. Trends in Positive COVID-19 Tests in Fulton County by 14-day Periods



# We Know How to Stop the Spread of COVID-19



\*Adapted from Resolve to Save Lives, an initiative of Vital Strategies.



## Board of Health COVID-19 Summary

- ❖ Testing has decreased over recent weeks but are widely available. Average lab results time is 24 – 48 hours.
- ❖ Our agency continues to immediately investigate COVID-19 cases individually and in clusters. Most recent ones have been in schools and long-term care facilities.
- ❖ Official agreements with City of Atlanta, Partners in Health and CORE are helping us expand: 1) testing; 2) case investigations and contact tracing and 3) resource coordination
- ❖ Campaigns include Seasonal Influenza vaccination; mask on and health promotion. Stop the Spread at top locations



# DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

*How can community organizations help?*

*What would you like to see changed about public health and the community as a result of this current crisis?*

*Anything about this experience changed your understanding of health inequities in Atlanta or the role of race and racism on health?*



# POLL 2

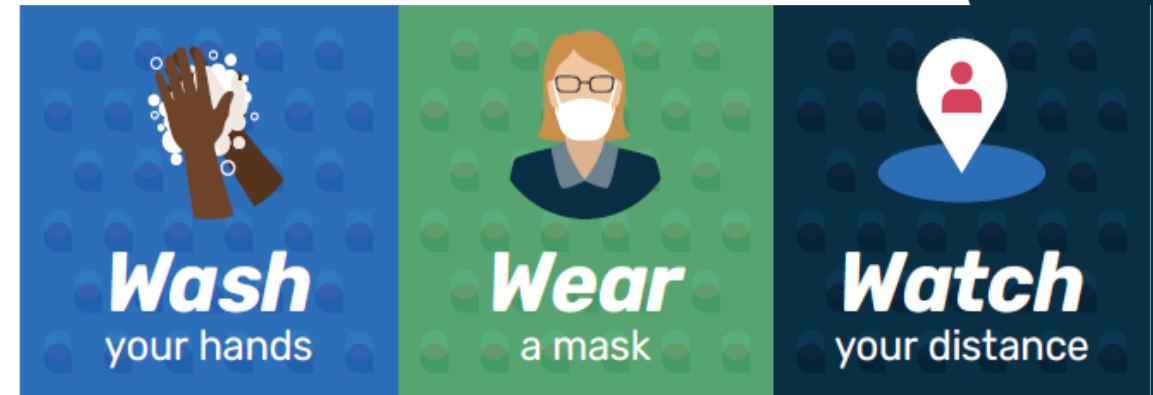
**What additional support do you/your organization need during this time?**



# SPREAD THE WORD

- Let us know what you are doing and who you can reach
- Download resources from DPH, Hospital Association and others
- Indicate additional languages or materials you need
- Keep up to date on vaccine availability

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting recording & slides will be available on our website; you'll be notified by email.

Wellstar & GHPC Health Equity Series  
More information & registration info [HERE](#).