



COVID-19 Status Update

March 11, 2021

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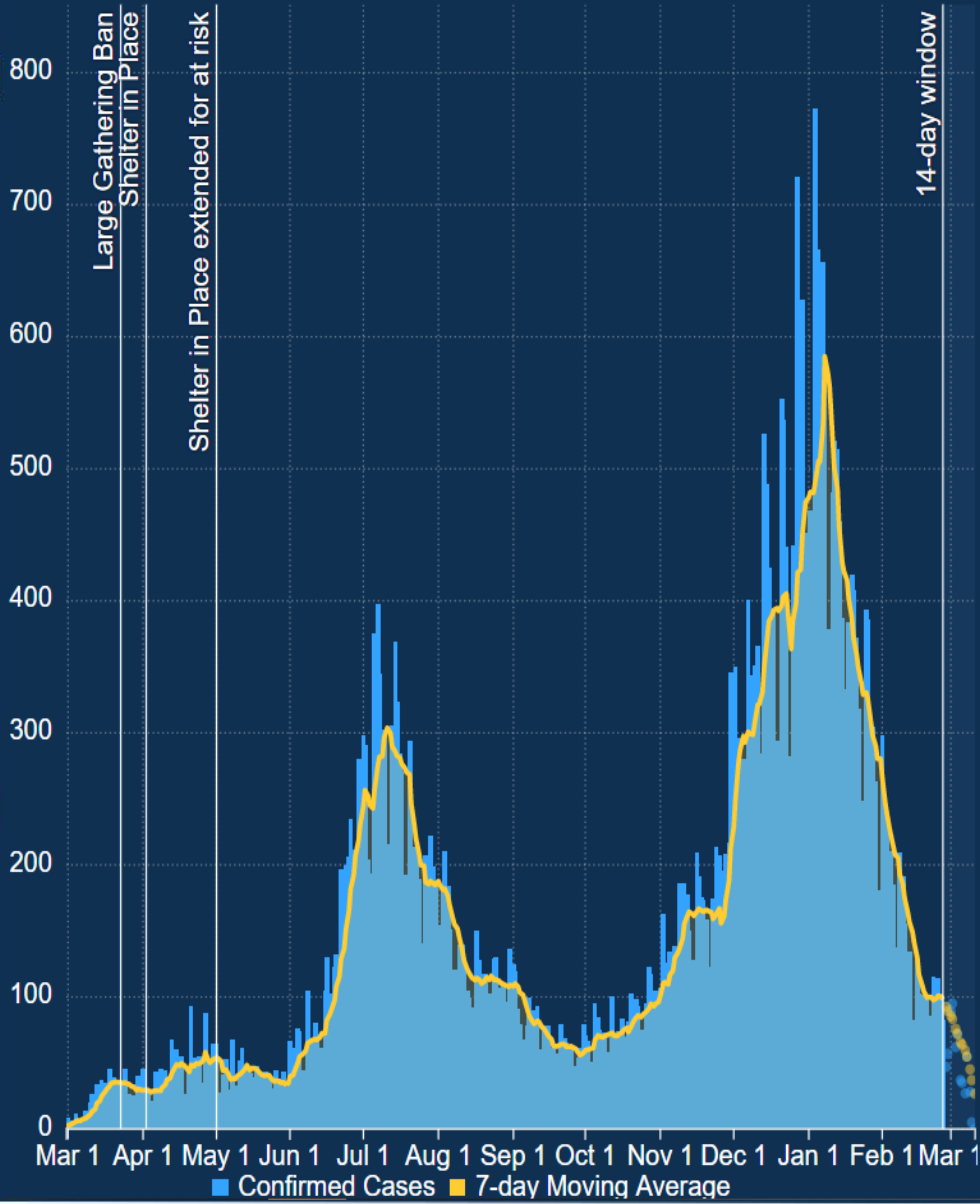
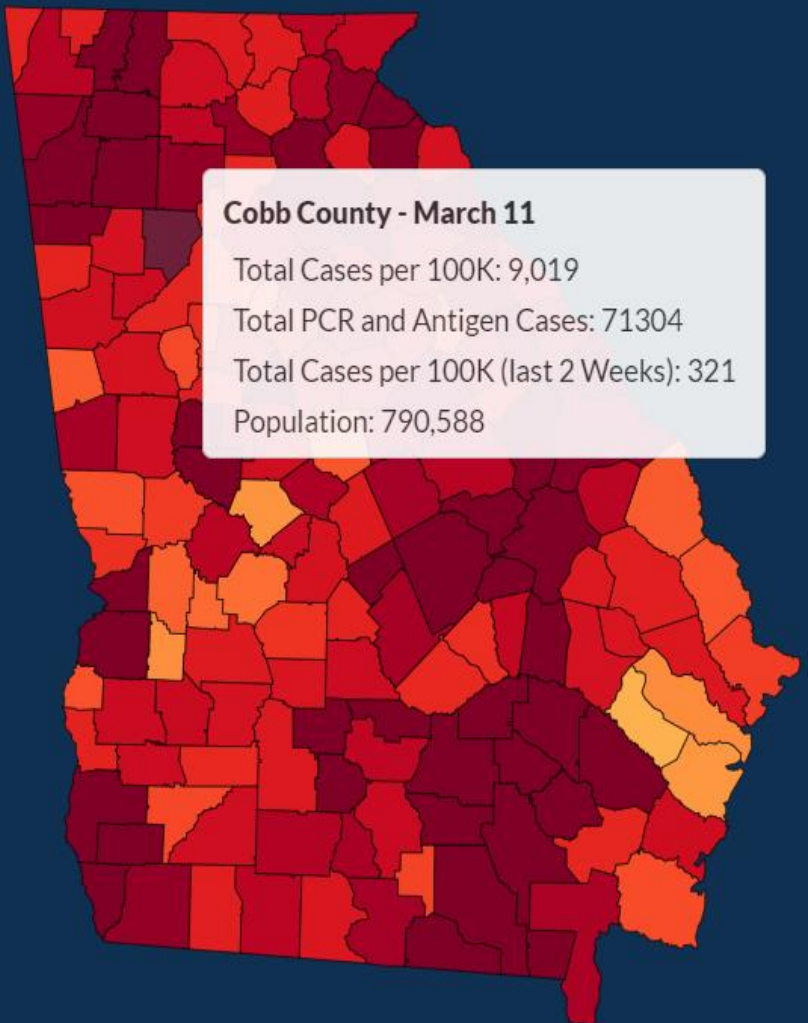
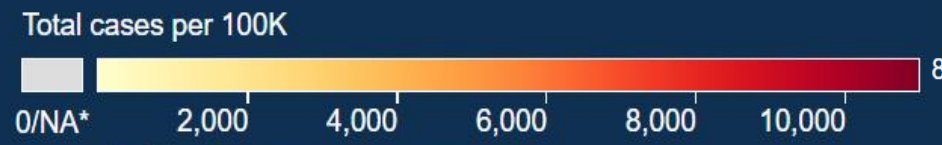
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Total Cases per 100K▼

March 11th

Cobb County ▼

Date of Onset ▼



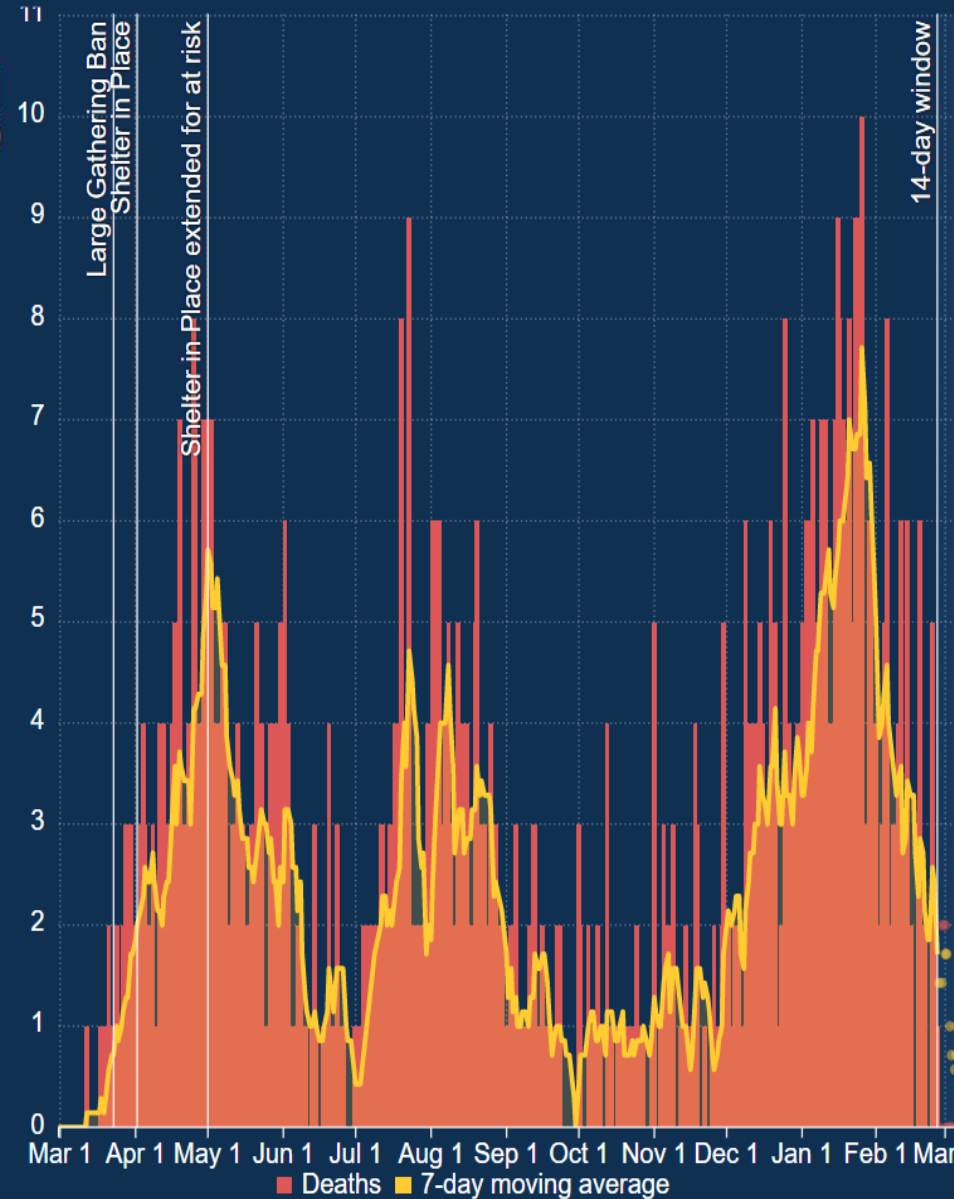
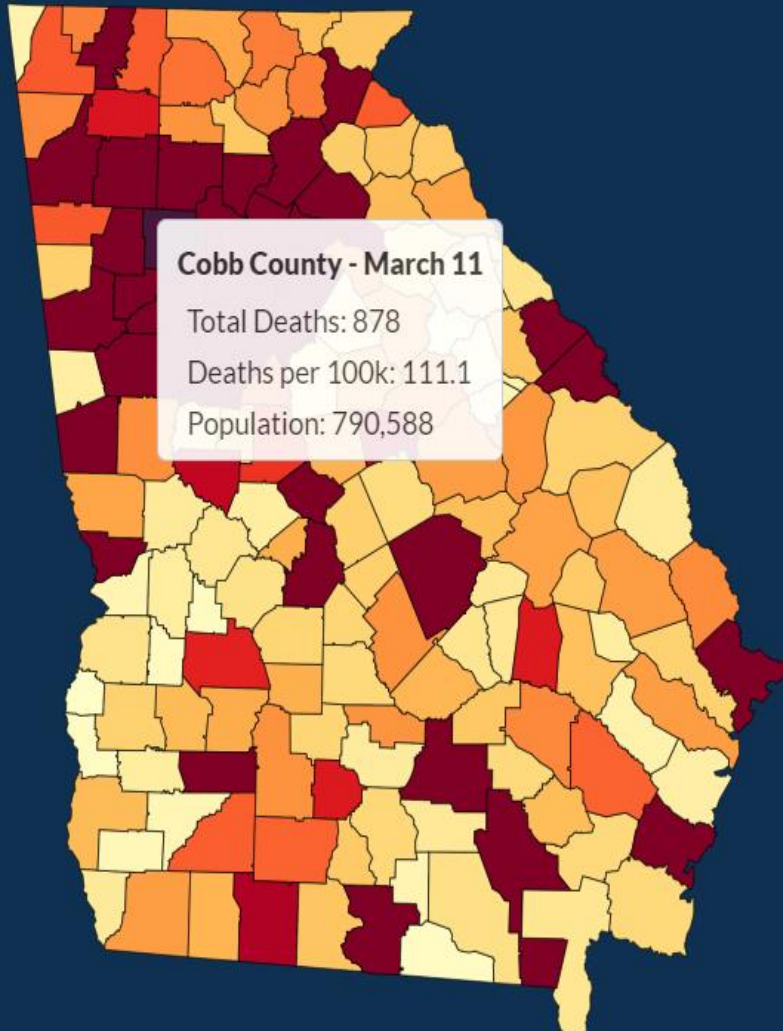
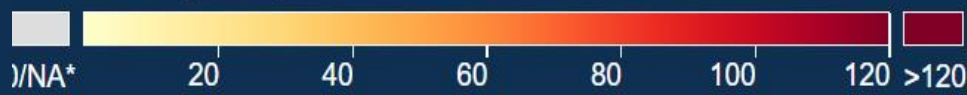
Total Deaths▼

March 11th

Cobb County▼

Date of Death▼

Total deaths by county



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Stats (3/11/21)

- Cases to date:
 - Total 71,304
- 2-week case rate (PCR + Antigen) 321/100,000 (decrease)

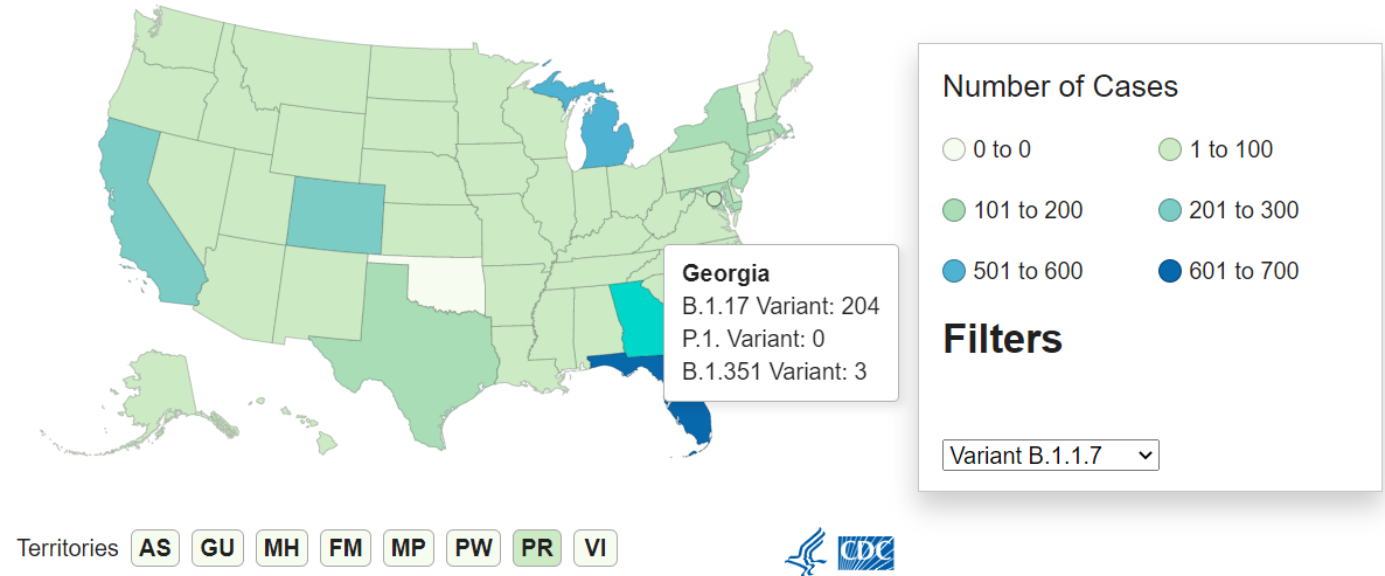
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- Deaths: 948 (confirmed and presumptive)
- Seeing additional improvement in hospital admissions, but acuity of patients is still a concern

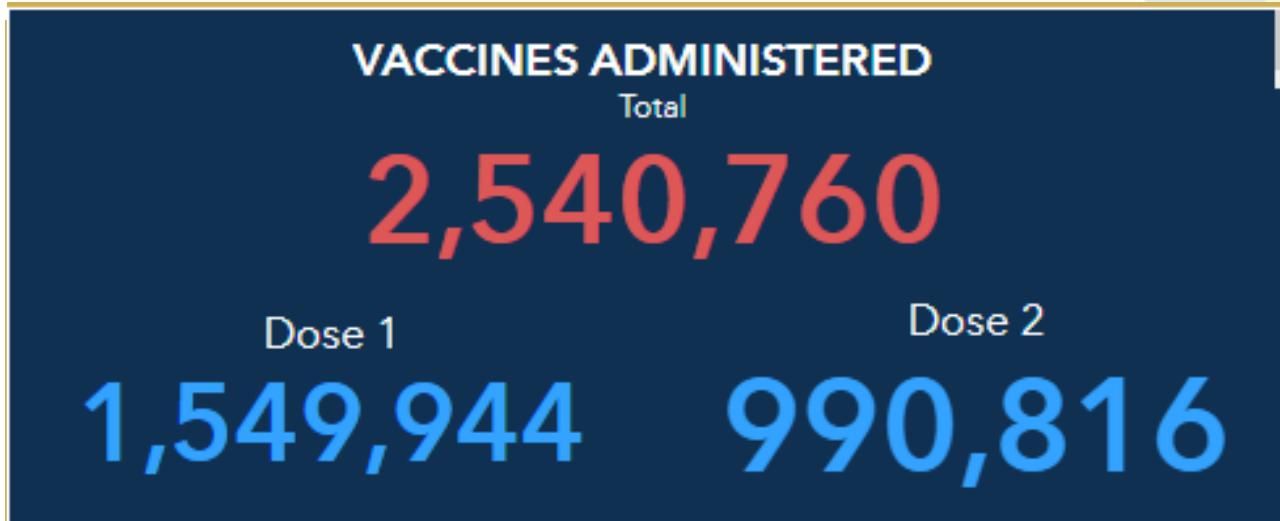
Variants Status

- Additional Variant COVID cases continue to be found in county and statewide
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/transmission/variant-cases.html>

Emerging Variant Cases in the United States*†



COVID Vaccines Given to Date



Cobb County: 153251 administered

CDPH (Cobb and Douglas) = 35,839
(Cobb only) = 29,809

FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines: Janssen vaccine



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Janssen vaccine considerations

- More convenient storage
- Single dose
- ≥ 18 years old
- 66.3% efficacy overall, 74.4% in US
- 90% efficacy for preventing hospitalization due to COVID-19
- 100% efficacy for preventing death due to COVID-19

Expanded Criteria for COVID-19 Vaccine (as of MARCH 8)

- Eligibility is now expanded to:
 - Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Caregivers of children with complex medical conditions
 - PreK, K-12, DECAL (licensed and exempt Early Childcare) staff and faculty

Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers.....

- An Intellectual Disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates before the age of 22.
- A Developmental Disability is a physical or mental impairment that happens before the age of 22, is expected to last a lifetime, and impacts at least three activities of daily living. Activities of daily living include self-care; receptive and expressive language; learning; mobility; self-direction; capacity for independent living; and economic self-sufficiency.
- <https://dph.georgia.gov/>

Parents of children with complex medical conditions who are at high risk for COVID complications:

- Malignancies requiring active treatment
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) including organ transplant (bone marrow or solid organ) within 2 years
- Critical congenital heart disease
- Asthma (moderate to severe)
- Sickle cell disease
- Diabetes
- Obesity (BMI >95th percentile compared to others of same age/gender)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Significant neurologic injury or condition (e.g. hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, traumatic brain injury, congenital anomaly, acute flaccid myelitis) with functional/developmental impairment (e.g. cerebral palsy, developmental disability, prematurity, mitochondrial disease)
- Technology dependence (e.g. BiPAP, trach)

*<https://dph.georgia.gov/>

New Criteria Added for March 15

- ❖ Adults aged 55 and over
- ❖ 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

Conditions include:

- Asthma
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular Disease
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- COPD
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Heart Conditions
- Immunocompromised State
- Liver Disease
- Neurologic Conditions
- Overweight and Obesity
- Pregnancy
- Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Thalassemia



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School Vaccinations

- Marietta City Schools w/Poole's Pharmacy
 - March 11-12 (1st dose); April 9, 16 (2nd dose)
- Douglas County Schools w/CDPH
 - March 12-13 (1st dose); April 16-17 (2nd dose)
- Cobb County School District w/ CDPH
 - March 19, 20, 26, 27 (1st dose)
 - April 16,17,23,24 (2nd dose)
- Child Care, PreK, Private K-12
 - CDPH, Metro Atlanta Ambulance, Poole's Pharmacy and many other providers are helping

Mobile Vaccination Efforts



- Have hosted several senior outreach events with Cobb and Douglas Senior Services in drive through and walk up settings
- Kudos to Cobb/Douglas Senior Services and local churches for helping to reach vulnerable seniors with little access to computers or transportation
- Plan is to deploy this team to Assisted Living Centers, Schools, Shelters and large businesses as eligibility expands

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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

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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...

- Hope for more vaccines on the horizon in the next few months
- 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