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PUBLIC HEALTH**

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# COVID-19 Status Update

March 15, 2021

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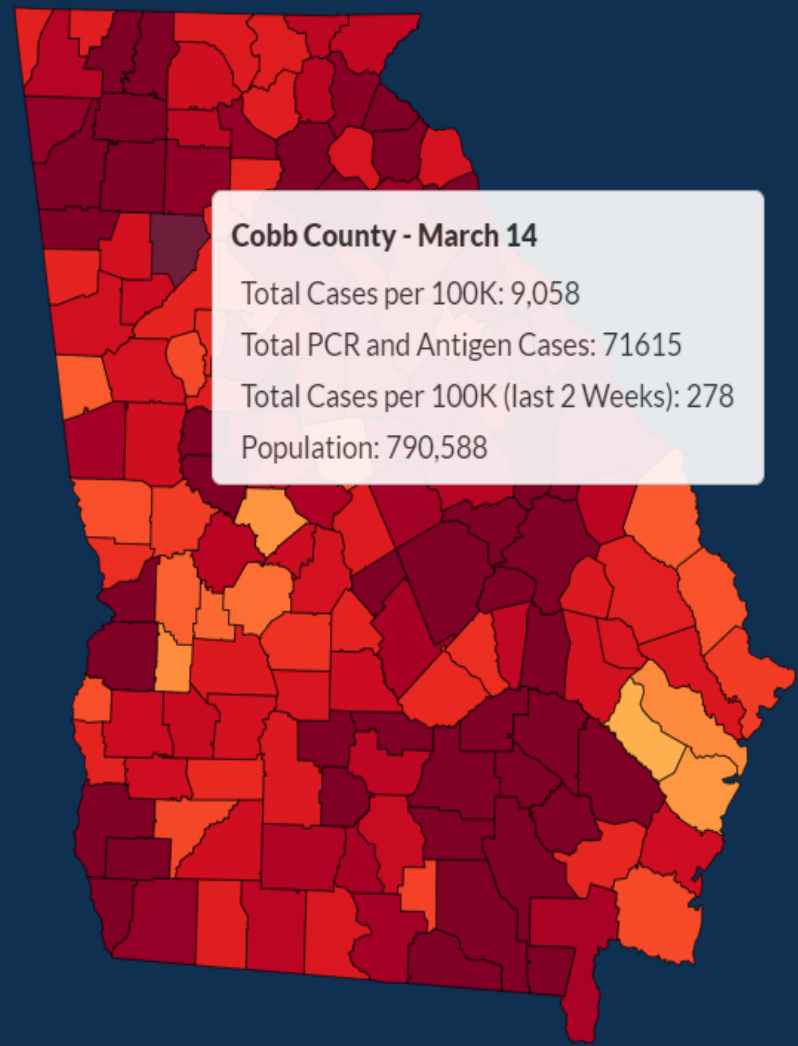
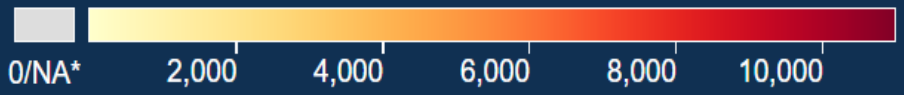
Total Cases per 100K ▾

March 14th

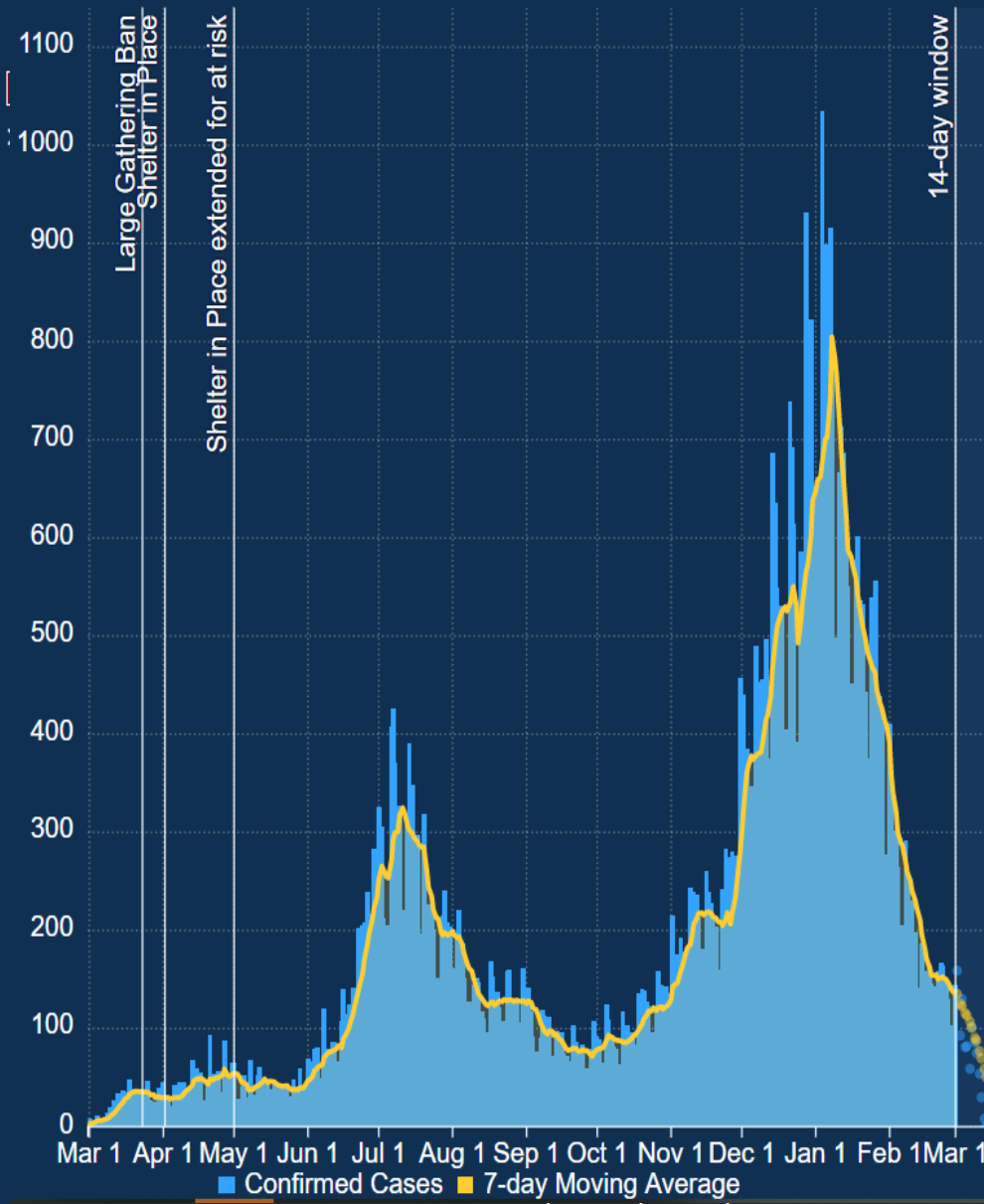
Cobb County ▾

Date of Onset ▾

Total cases per 100K



**Cobb County - March 14**  
 Total Cases per 100K: 9,058  
 Total PCR and Antigen Cases: 71615  
 Total Cases per 100K (last 2 Weeks): 278  
 Population: 790,588



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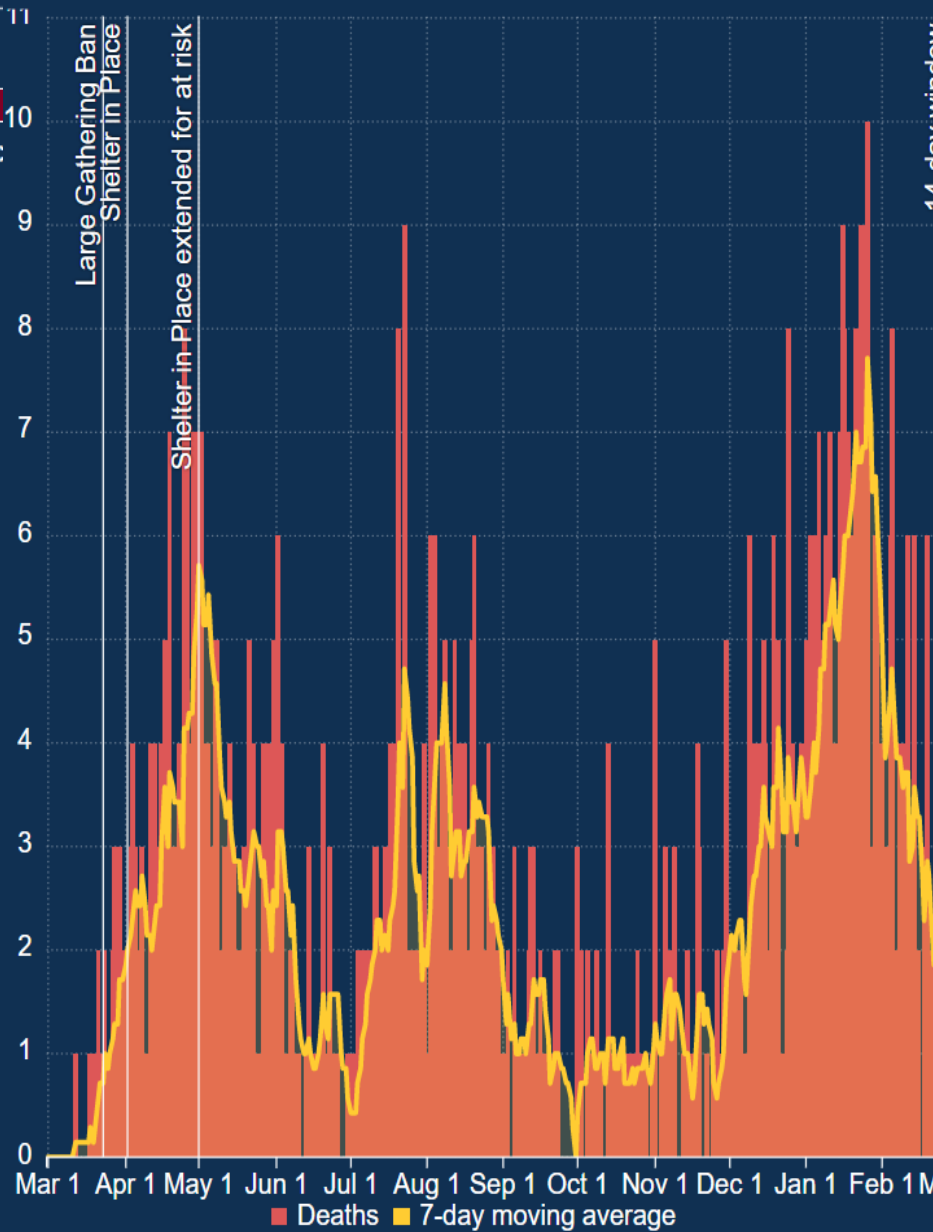
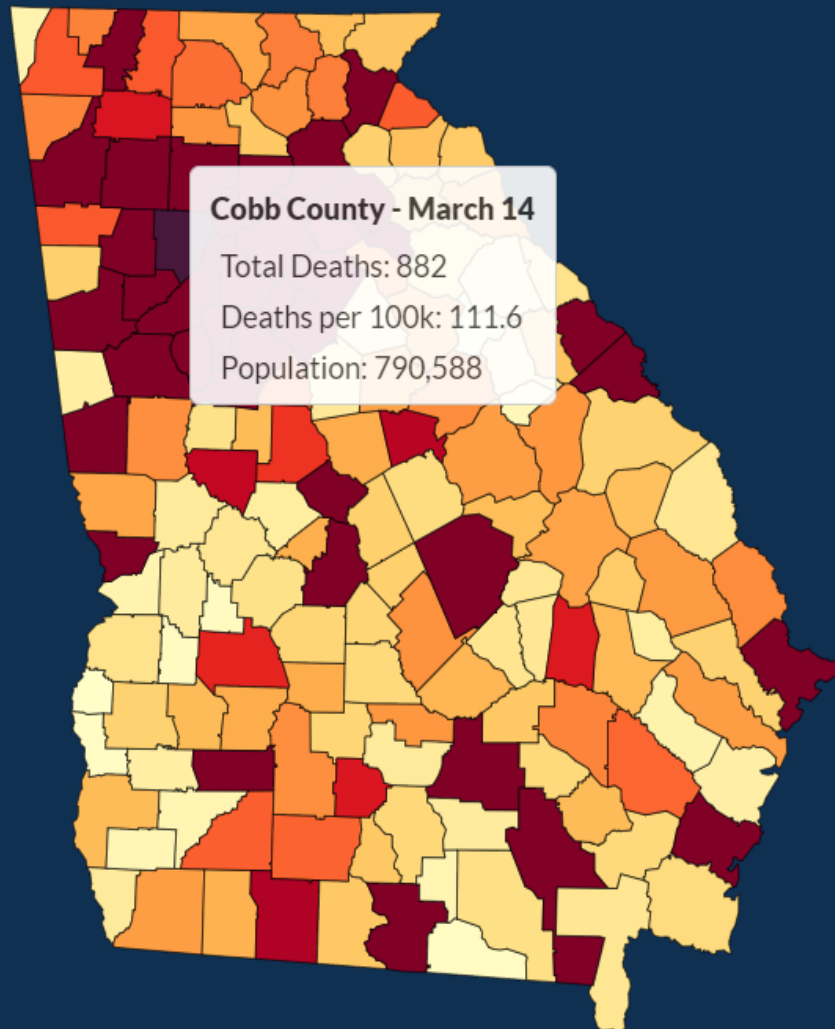
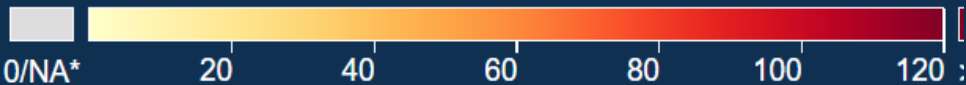
Total Deaths ▾

March 14th

Cobb County ▾

Date of Death ▾

Total deaths by county



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# Stats (3/14/21)

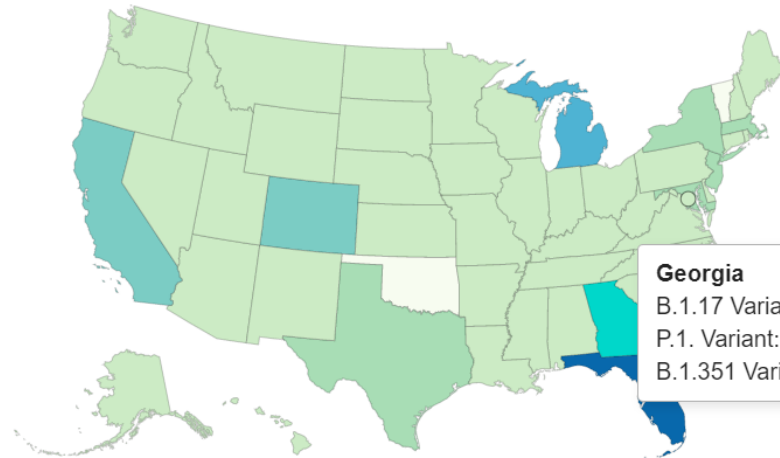
- Cases to date:
  - Total 71,615
  - 2-week case rate (PCR + Antigen) 278/100,000 (decrease)
  - \*
- Deaths: 952 (confirmed and presumptive)
- Seeing additional improvement in hospital admissions, but acuity of patients is still a concern

# Variants Status

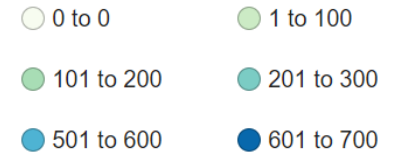
- Additional Variant COVID cases continue to be found in county and statewide

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/transmission/variant-cases.html>

## Emerging Variant Cases in the United States\*†



### Number of Cases



### Filters

Variant B.1.1.7

Territories AS GU MH FM MP PW PR VI



# COVID Vaccines Given to Date

## VACCINES ADMINISTERED

Total

**2,720,976**

Dose 1

**1,687,902**

Dose 2

**1,033,074**

**Cobb County: 161691 administered**

CDPH (Cobb and Douglas) = 37,303

(Cobb only) = 29,996

# 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 >95<sup>th</sup> 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

# 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

# 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.

# 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  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or  $\geq 2$  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](http://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