



District 2 Public Health

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Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White Counties

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Banks County	
COVID-19 Cases	
Total Positive Cases	4,301
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	95
Total Deaths	93
COVID-19 Vaccines	
Vaccines Administered	18,011
Vaccines Administered per 100K	96,274
One Dose (% of residents)	7,206 (39%)
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	6,564 (35%)

Banks County COVID-19 cases per 100k (1/6/2023-2/22/2024)

Banks County Percent Vaccinated by Age

Age Group	Percent Vaccinated
0-4	0.5%
5-9	4.9%
10-14	11.6%
15-19	23.3%
20-24	36.2%
25-34	33.0%
35-44	33.8%
45-54	39.1%
55-64	57.0%
65-74	71.2%
75-84	75.5%
85+	85.8%

Dawson County	
COVID-19 Cases	
Total Positive Cases	8,029
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	192
Total Deaths	104
COVID-19 Vaccines	
Vaccines Administered	34,017
Vaccines Administered per 100K	138,641
One Dose (% of residents)	12,792 (52%)
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	11,779 (48%)

Dawson County COVID-19 Positive per 100k (1/6/2023-2/22/2024)

Dawson County Percent Vaccinated by Age

Age Group	Percent Vaccinated
0-4	1.7%
5-9	10.7%
10-14	17.7%
15-19	32.6%
20-24	41.8%
25-34	51.6%
35-44	50.2%
45-54	54.2%
55-64	73.6%
65-74	75.9%
75-84	91.9%
85+	75.1%

COVID-19 Cases		Forsyth County COVID-19 cases per 100k (1/6/2023- 2/22/2024)
Total Positive Cases	56,452	
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	50	
Total Deaths	464	
COVID-19 Vaccines		Forsyth County Percent Vaccinated by Age
Vaccines Administered	437,031	
Vaccines Administered per 100K	191,358	
One Dose (% of residents)	159,485 (70%)	
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	148,537 (65%)	

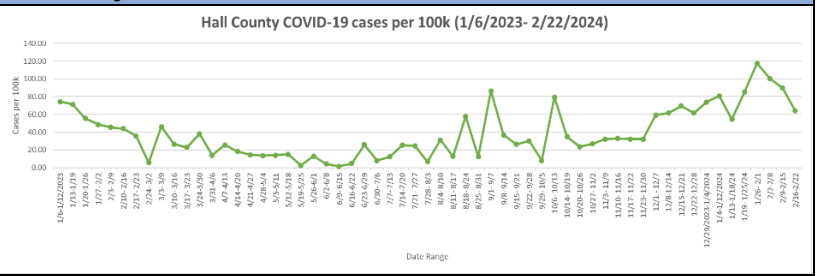
COVID-19 Cases		Franklin County COVID-19 cases per 100k (1/6/2023- 2/22/2024)
Total Positive Cases	5,449	
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	184	
Total Deaths	93	
COVID-19 Vaccines		Franklin County Percent Vaccinated by Age
Vaccines Administered	26,116	
Vaccines Administered per 100K	114,714	
One Dose (% of residents)	10,437 (46%)	
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	9,473 (42%)	

COVID-19 Cases		Habersham County COVID-19 cases per 100k (1/6/2023- 2/22/2024)
Total Positive Cases	10,438	
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	120	
Total Deaths	274	
COVID-19 Vaccines		Habersham County Percent Vaccinated by Age
Vaccines Administered	56,678	
Vaccines Administered per 100K	127,006	
One Dose (% of residents)	22,395 (50%)	
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	20,491 (46%)	

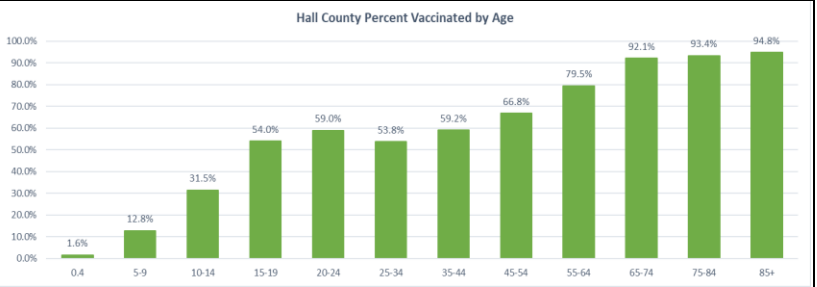
**We experienced a backlog report of cases for Habersham County on week 04/21/2023 – 04/27/2023.

Hall County

COVID-19 Cases	
Total Positive Cases	59,791
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	166
Total Deaths	899

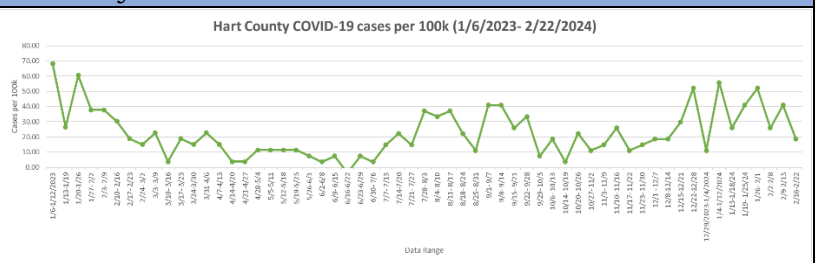


COVID-19 Vaccines	
Vaccines Administered	292,142
Vaccines Administered per 100K	147,051
One Dose (% of residents)	113,784 (57%)
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	103,906 (52%)

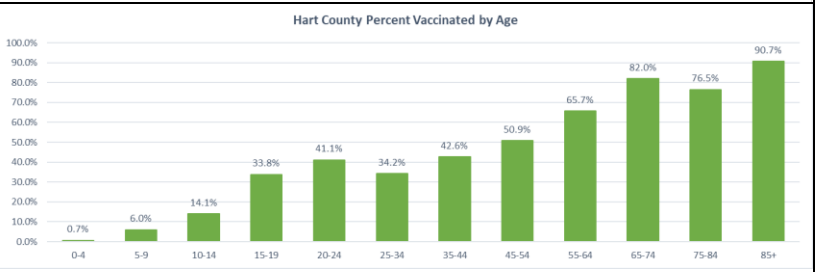


Hart County

COVID-19 Cases	
Total Positive Cases	3,993
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	61
Total Deaths	74

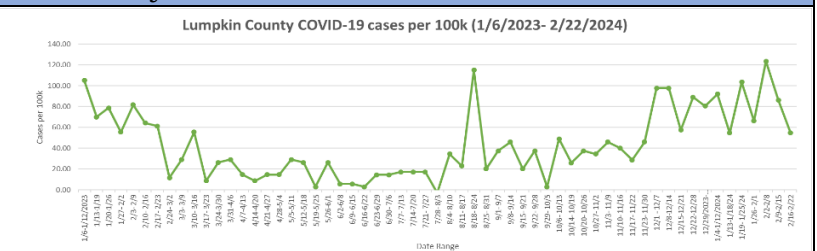


COVID-19 Vaccines	
Vaccines Administered	32,418
Vaccines Administered per 100K	125,782
One Dose (% of residents)	12,269 (48%)
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	11,217 (43%)

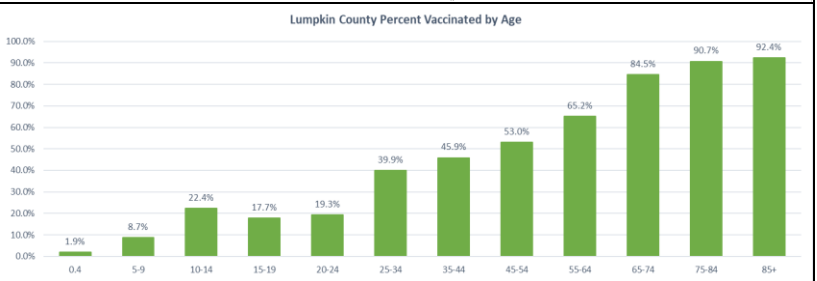


Lumpkin County

COVID-19 Cases	
Total Positive Cases	8,944
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	151
Total Deaths	121

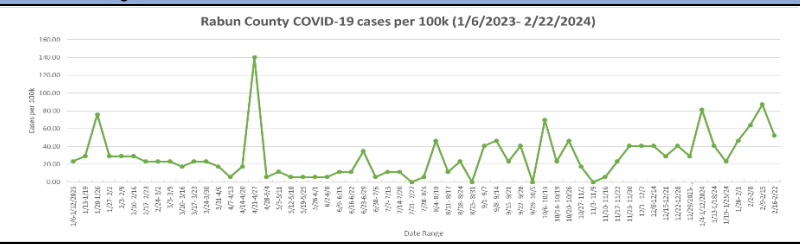


COVID-19 Vaccines	
Vaccines Administered	39,456
Vaccines Administered per 100K	121,770
One Dose (% of residents)	14,359 (44%)
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	13,173 (41%)

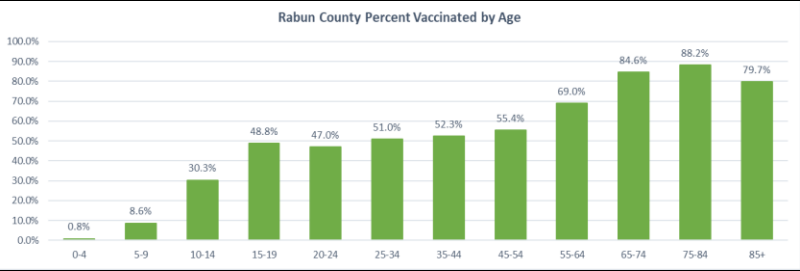


Rabun County

COVID-19 Cases	
Total Positive Cases	3,408
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	135
Total Deaths	87

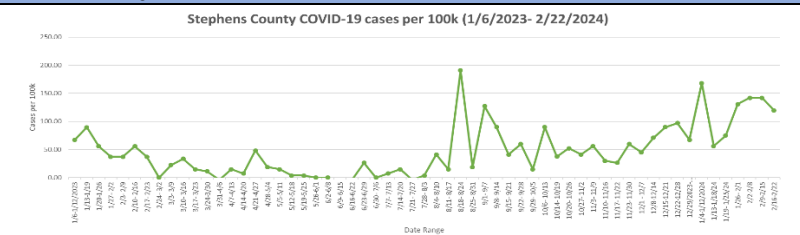


COVID-19 Vaccines	
Vaccines Administered	27,534
Vaccines Administered per 100K	165,419
One Dose (% of residents)	9,721 (58%)
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	8,924 (54%)

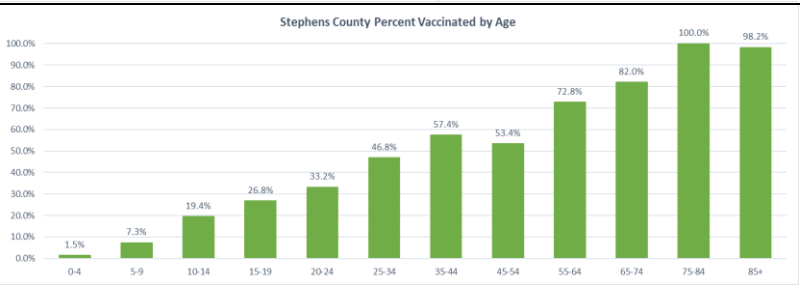


Stephens County

COVID-19 Cases	
Total Positive Cases	7,415
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	273
Total Deaths	153

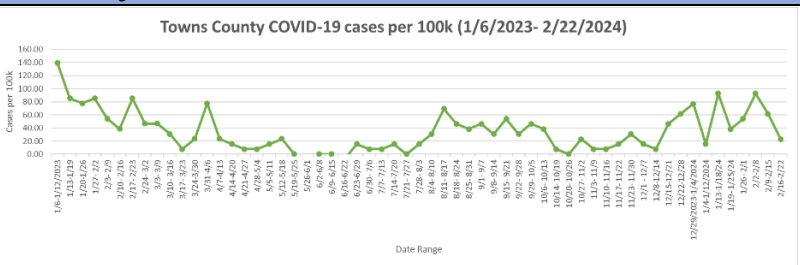


COVID-19 Vaccines	
Vaccines Administered	34,938
Vaccines Administered per 100K	135,681
One Dose (% of residents)	13,249 (51%)
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	12,123 (47%)

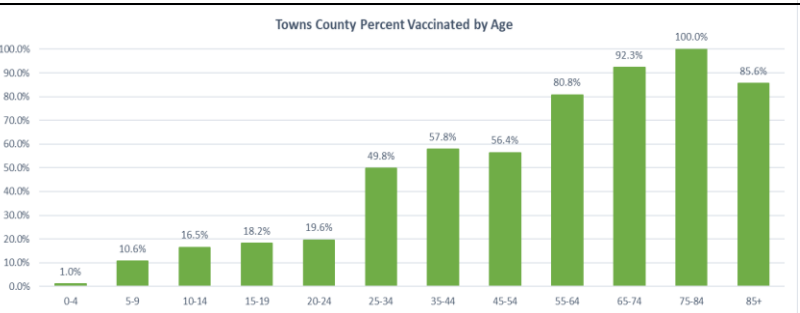


Towns County

COVID-19 Cases	
Total Positive Cases	2,879
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	166
Total Deaths	113



COVID-19 Vaccines	
Vaccines Administered	20,700
Vaccines Administered per 100K	178,187
One Dose (% of residents)	7,195 (62%)
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	6,695 (58%)



Union County		
COVID-19 Cases		
Total Positive Cases	5,687	
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	55	
Total Deaths	176	
COVID-19 Vaccines		
Vaccines Administered	39,774	
Vaccines Administered per 100K	170,791	
One Dose (% of residents)	13,784 (59%)	
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	12,776 (55%)	

White County		
COVID-19 Cases		
Total Positive Cases	8,697	
14 Day Case Rate per 100K	268	
Total Deaths	168	
COVID-19 Vaccines		
Vaccines Administered	37,496	
Vaccines Administered per 100K	127,152	
One Dose (% of residents)	13,574 (46%)	
Fully Vaccinated (% of residents)	12,552 (43%)	

EPI SUMMARY: Data sources were Georgia DPH and SendSS. Cases include all confirmed and probable cases. Population data source was OASIS, 2022. Time frame as of 11/06/2020 to 2/22/2024. Vaccines introduced 12/19/2020—decline noted in cases after vaccine implementation. Vaccine data includes number of vaccines administered in each county in District 2 and vaccines administered per 100,000 (of the total county population). Vaccine data also shows number of one dose received and percentage of residents as well as 2 doses received, and percentage of residents vaccinated.

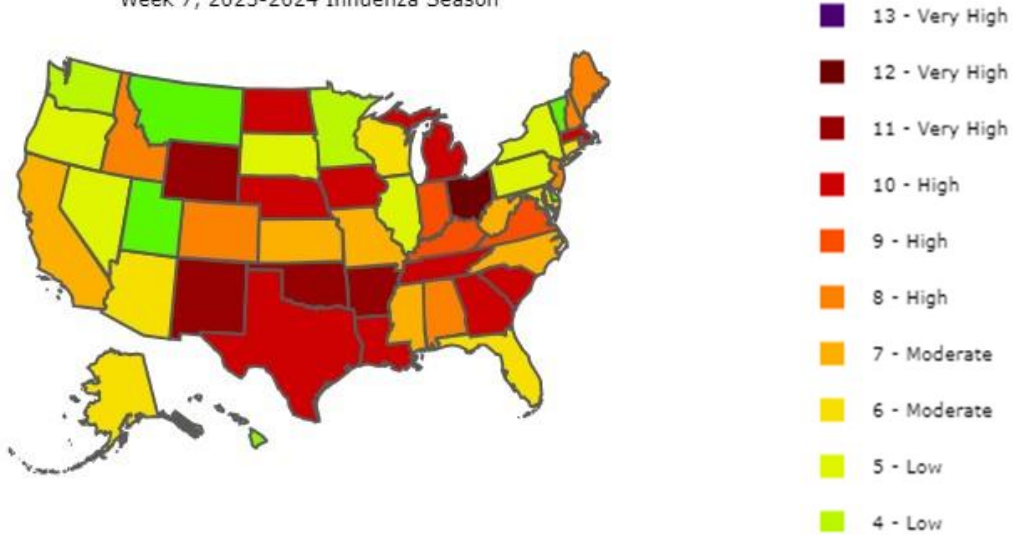
*Graph above shows weekly changes in COVID cases. The case rate reported in the graph is approximately half of the 14-day case rate.
 *Vaccine graph shows percentage of individuals vaccinated by age group.

Georgia Flu Surveillance Update: Week 7 (Ending February 17, 2024)

As of Week 7, Georgia flu activity was High=10 (on the scale of 1-13). Activity levels are based on the percent of outpatient visits in Georgia due to Influenza-like illness during this timeframe.

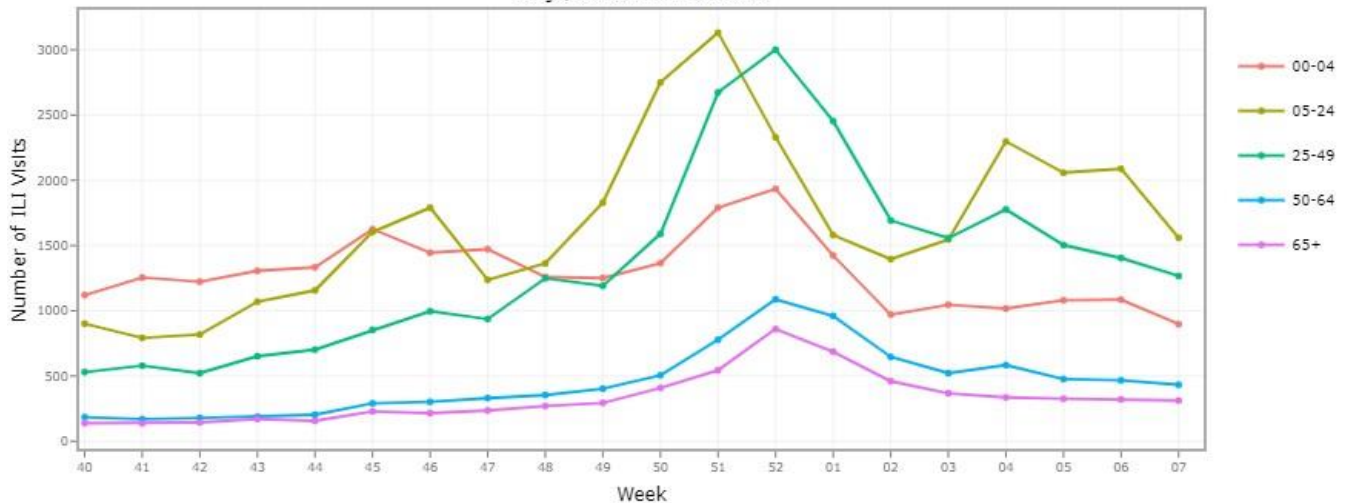
For the corresponding week, the percentage of outpatient visits for Influenza-like Illness was 5.2% (which is above the regional baseline of 3.3%), the number of influenza-associated death was 0 (40 total for the current ILI season); the number of Metro Area Influenza Hospitalizations was 96 (3,832 total for current Flu season); and the number of Influenza Outbreaks was 1 (151 total for current Flu season).

Weekly ILI Activity Indicator
Week 7, 2023-2024 Influenza Season



Map shows Influenza-like cases in US southern region. Georgia activity indicator is at level 10 (**High**) on week 7 as shown in **red** color.

Number of Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) by Age, Reported by the Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet)
Georgia, 2023-2024 Influenza Season



For week 7, the graph shows decreased number of cases for age groups 00-04, 05-24, and 25-49 while age groups 50-64 and 65+ remained stable compared to the previous week.

Getting the flu shot is the best thing you can do to protect yourself and others.

District 2 health departments have flu vaccines available. Please contact your local health department for information on how to get your Flu vaccine at http://phdistrict2.org/?page_id=597.

To learn more about how to protect yourself against flu, visit DPH website at <https://dph.georgia.gov/epidemiology/influenza/seasonal-flu-influenza> and CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/>