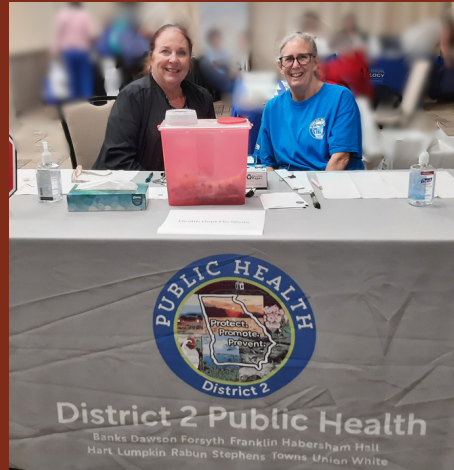


EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EP NEWS & VIEWS



September &
October 2025



Inside this Issue:

1. Cover Page
2. Community Events
3. Fall Flu drive-thrus
4. Winter Preparedness

BLAST FROM THE PAST

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Resource Fair

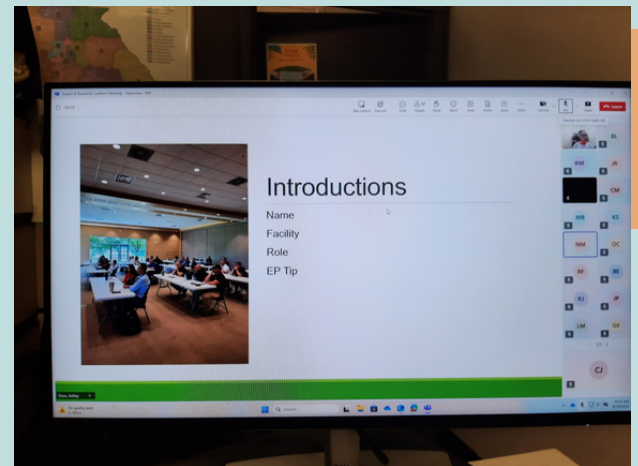
09/17/25 | North Georgia Technical College

The Resource Fair was an excellent opportunity to engage with students about Emergency Preparedness. Students received materials on how to build an emergency kit and learned more about District 2's Emergency Preparedness Program.

Healthcare Coalition Meeting

09/19/25 | Virtual

The Quarterly Healthcare Coalition Meeting gathered 43 people across various health organizations. Mark Palen presented insightful information about how the ChemPack can be used and how to coordinate its usage during an emergency.



Health Smart Fair

10/2/25 | Gainesville Civic Center

The Chamber of Commerce organized a successful Health Smart Fair. The EP team shared preparedness materials and Covid-19 test kits., and the Hall County Health Department administered flu vaccines. The EP team thoroughly enjoyed connecting with community members.

Diwali Event

10/18/25 | Denmark High School

The India American Cultural Association hosted a fun, welcoming event to celebrate Diwali. The Emergency Preparedness Program shared information about public health and emergency supply kits. Covid-19 test kits were distributed at no cost, and a new community partnership was formed.



FALL FLU DRIVE-THRU CLINICS!



541 people vaccinated at flu drive-thrus so far!



Since 2007, the county health departments have organized drive-thru flu clinics for the community as an accessible option, especially for individuals with access and functional needs.

Flu drive-thrus simulate a point of distribution site for Emergency Preparedness. Data is collected to prepare for emergencies such as the Covid-19 Pandemic where mass vaccination becomes necessary.



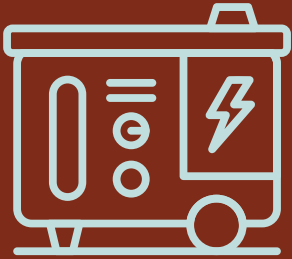
Through the Medical Reserve Corps, students from the Lambert High School HOSA group participated as observers at the Forsyth County flu drive-thru for the HOSA/MRC Partnership Event.

We thank all staff who have been working hard to organize flu drive-thru clinics and protect our community!



WINTER READY NORTH GEORGIA!

Generator Safety Tips



20 feet

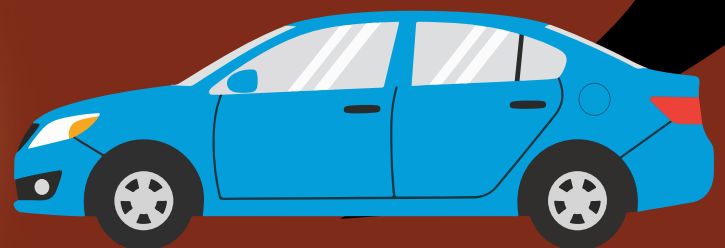
- Keep generator at least 20 feet outside away from home and garage
- It produces carbon monoxide, a deadly colorless and odorless gas. Carbon monoxide detectors are necessary at every level of your home.
- Keep dry from rain, a wet generator or devices connected can cause electric shock.
- Make sure it is connected to appliances using heavy duty, extension cords
- Give time to cool before adding more fuel, as fuel on the hot machine can ignite



Prepare Your Home

- Caulk/weather-strip doors and windows to prevent heat escaping.
- Let pipes drip a tad overnight to prevent frozen pipes when there is a freeze warning.
- Insulate walls and attic
- Have your chimney or flue checked each year
- Install carbon monoxide detectors, and ensure batteries work.

Car Emergency Kit Essentials



phone charger, ice scraper, jumper cables, blanket, batteries, nonperishable food and water, flashlight, first aid kit, and shovel

