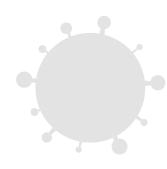
## GNR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE

# COVID-19

2020



## **FEBRUARY**

**EARLY FEBRUARY** 

**Implemented Incident Command System** 



**MID FEBRUARY** 

- Began meeting with key partners in the community such as EMA, hospitals, and schools.
- **Started weekly partners calls** to ensure the community was updated.
- Reached out to organized community groups.

#### THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

- Ordered large quantities of needles, syringes, and other supplies in anticipation of the community's needs.
- Developed district-specific plan to begin testing the public for infection.



**Hired COR Consultants** to help develop operational guidelines.

- **3** Command team moved to District Operations Center.
- **17 Drive-thru community testing began** at district health office.

#### **LATE MARCH**

**Established call center** at Gwinnett EMA that eventually handled over 2,500 calls from the public per day.

**GNRPH IT began planning purchases** for large-scale operations.

**GNRPH** becomes PPE distribution hub for NE quadrant of Atlanta.

**Reached out to Georgia East Metro Medical Reserve Corps** for assistance.

Designed the first of multiple scheduling systems

for online testing registration.

**Established partnership with LabCorp** to get dependable supply of test kits.

#### **APRIL**

Helped seniors and others with access challenges overcome online appointment scheduling issues by engaging partners such as senior

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Stopped offering some health center services so staff and space was available to accommodate testing operations.

#### **THROUGH OCTOBER**

Increased testing capabilities by expanding operations to community churches and holding major testing events

Gwinnett Civic Center Georgia International Horse Park

Continually improved processes through QA/QI.





# 2020 CONTINUED

### **OCTOBER**

Vaccination planning begins.



#### **SUMMER**

Switched to **GADPH** statewide scheduling system.

Statewide system required... causing...

GNRPH testing operation observed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on national tour.

> CDC stated GNRPH operation was the most efficient and thorough operation they have seen.

**U.S. Surgeon General visited** the district health office.

## **NOVEMBER**

Scouted multiple venues for walk-through, mass-vaccination site.

Former Sears at Gwinnett Place Mall is chosen as a potential site for vaccine administration.



## **DECEMBER**

Worked with Gwinnett County and Sears owner to finalize preparations for mass-vaccination site.

**Small-scale vaccination begins** at some GNRPH health centers.





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## 2021

#### **JANUARY**

**Gwinnett County begins working on repairs needed at Sears.** 

Facility needed new lighting, signage, janitorial supplies, and more.

#### **LATE JANUARY**

**GNRPH readies mass vaccination clinic at the former Sears at Gwinnett Place Mall.** Items installed included:

31 computerized intake stations for data entry

25 vaccination stations

Queue lines

Signage

Observation area for 250 people

Health clinic

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Poles were logistics chief-designed and built.

Turned testing operations over to a contracted partner allowing GNRPH to allocate staff to focus on vaccnations.



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15 minutes process from entry to beginning of 15-30 minute observation.

Second appointment scheduled at first-dose appointment.

#### MARCH

Worked in partnership with Gwinnett County Public Schools to get school staff vaccinated.

GCPS provided six intake staff and six school nurses for 6 days a week for six weeks.

Held 600 appointments for school staff only weekly.

CDC visits Sears operations to conduct modeling to be used in designing tools.

#### **THROUGH JUNE**

Vaccine traffic remained heavy at Sears site.

+/- 600 vaccines per day were administered in Rockdale.





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# 2021 CONTINUED

## **SUMMER**

Again? Switched to less-flexibile statewide scheduling system at GADPH insistance.



## **JULY**

#### **THROUGH DECEMBER**

Vaccination demand slows so GNRPH increases mobile vaccination efforts to help ensure our community is protected.

## **DECEMBER**

18 GNRPH staff performed nearly 2,000 tests on New Year's Eve at Sears during COVID-19 outbreak when partner was unable to perform testing.

60% more tests performed than our partner, Mako, ever reported.





## 2022

### JANUARY THROUGH FEBRUARY

GNRPH sets up multiple additional testing sites because of surge of cases.

Heath department is operating under ICS for almost 2 years.

## **APRIL**

GNRPH gives a presentation about the department's COVID-19 pesponse at the National Public Health conference.

## **SEPTEMBER 19**

ICS deactivated for COVID-19 Response.

# COVID-19 INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM 957DAY



## **JUNE**

**Incident Command System activated for Mpox**, formerly known as monkeypox.

### **JULY**

#### THROUGH SEPTEMBER

GNRPH conducts walk-through and drive-through **Mpox** vaccinations.



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