

Fulton County Board of Health Epidemiology Report

COVID-19 Cases - 12/15/2021

SUMMARY

- As of December 15, 2021, Fulton County has recorded 115,281 confirmed cases and 21,796 probable cases of
- Figure 1 shows both confirmed and probable case counts but the ensuing tables and figures use data from confirmed cases only.
- As of December 15, 2021, Fulton County has recorded 1,703 confirmed COVID-19 deaths. 91 deaths are currently under review by GA DPH to confirm cause of death.
- By city, new confirmed COVID-19 case rates range from 33.9 per 100,000 persons (Chattahoochee Hills) to 279.8 per 100,000 persons (Palmetto). [Fulton County Diagnoses Rates (per 100,000 persons): Cumulative -10692.8; Incidence – 145.3]. See map showing incident case rate by ZIP code on Pg.7.
- Of all PCR testing done in Fulton County between Nov. 22 and Dec. 5, the percent positivity rate was 3.8%.

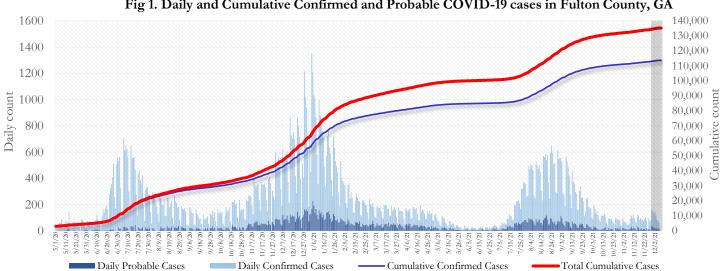


Fig 1. Daily and Cumulative Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 cases in Fulton County, GA

Counts shown reflect the number of cases as of 9:00 am on 12/15/21 using the date of first positive sample collection. Where date of sample collection was not available or missing, the date of report creation in GA SendSS was used instead. The Georgia Department of Public Health defines a confirmed cases as someone with a positive molecular test, also known as PCR. A probable case is defined as a positive antigen test, though probable cases are still considered positive cases and individuals who tested positive through an antigen test should follow all DPH isolation and quarantine guidance. Note: Delays in data reporting may cause changes in data counts, particularly in the shaded portion. Data throughout this report are preliminary and subject to ongoing data cleaning processes, and thus are subject to change.

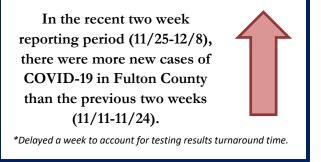
THE FOLLOWING ANALYSES (PAGES 1-19) ARE USING DATA ON CONFIRMED CASES ONLY.

DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 CASES BY REGION

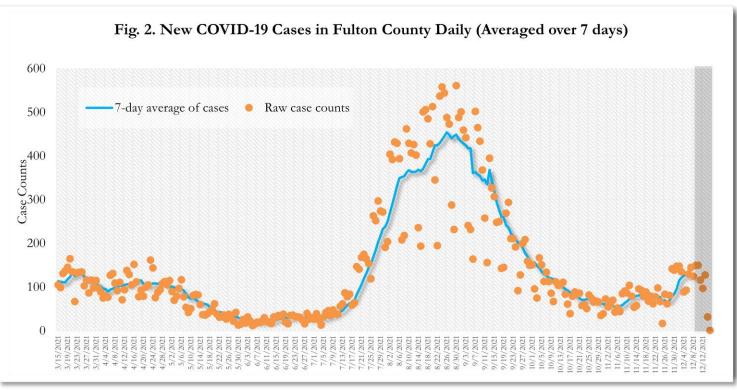
New cases: 41% of the new COVID-19 cases in the past 2 weeks occurred in Atlanta while 36% and 20% occurred in the Northern and Southern regions of the county respectively.

Fulton Region	% Cumulative	% New	
	count	cases*	
Atlanta	43.5%	41.3%	
North ¹	31.9%	35.8%	
South ²	21.7%	20.3%	
Unincorporated/Unknown	2.9%	2.6%	

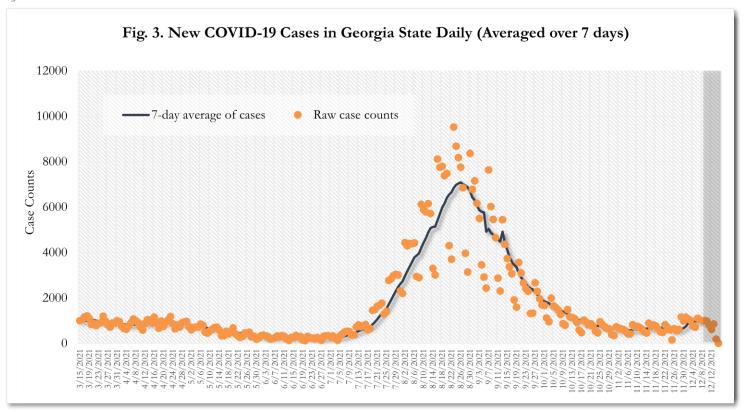
¹Includes all Fulton County cities north of Atlanta (Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, Sandy Springs,) | 2 Includes all cities south of Atlanta (Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Palmetto, South Fulton, and Union City) *New cases: Cases diagnosed in the past 2 weeks only (between 11/25/21 - 12/8/21).



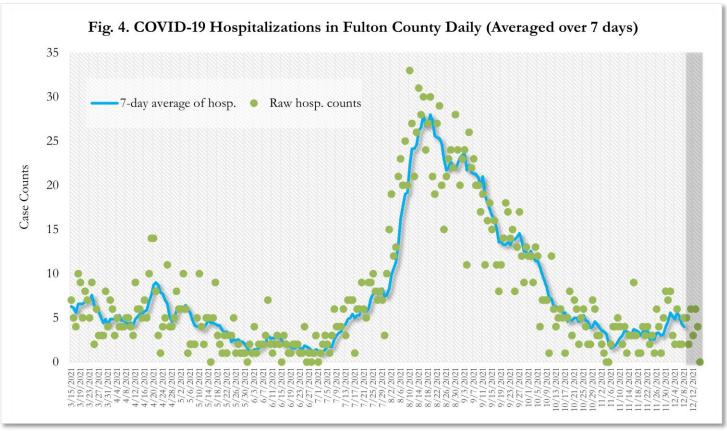
TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS (7-DAY MOVING AVE.)



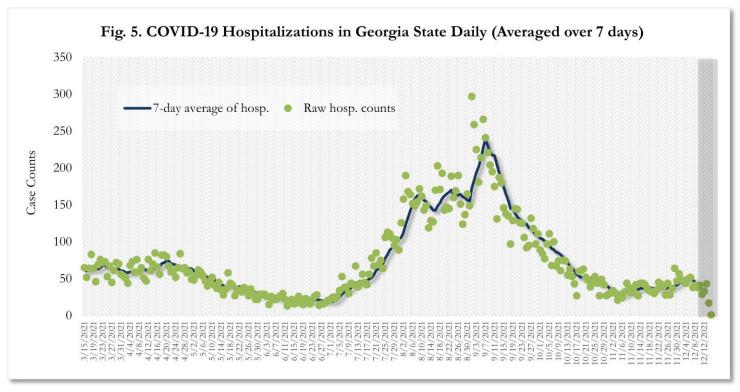
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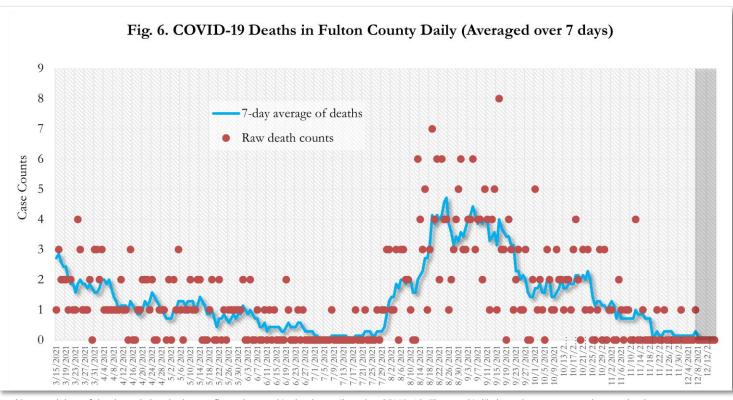
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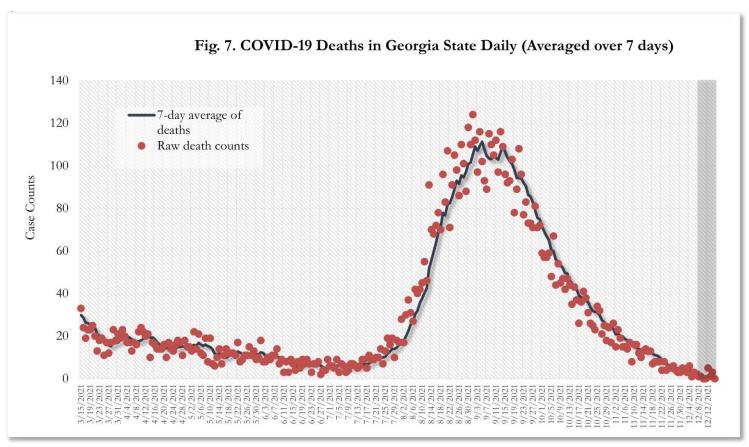
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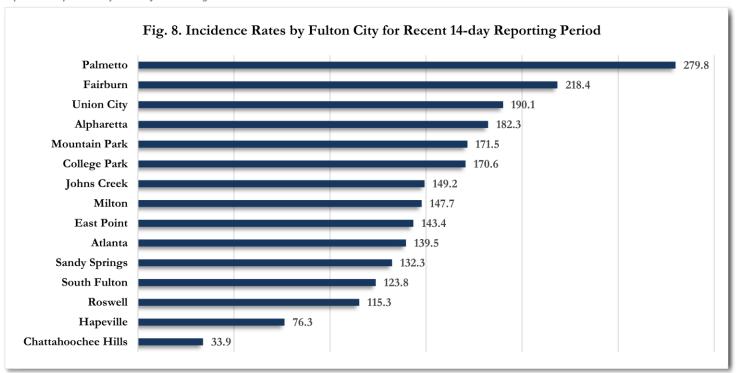


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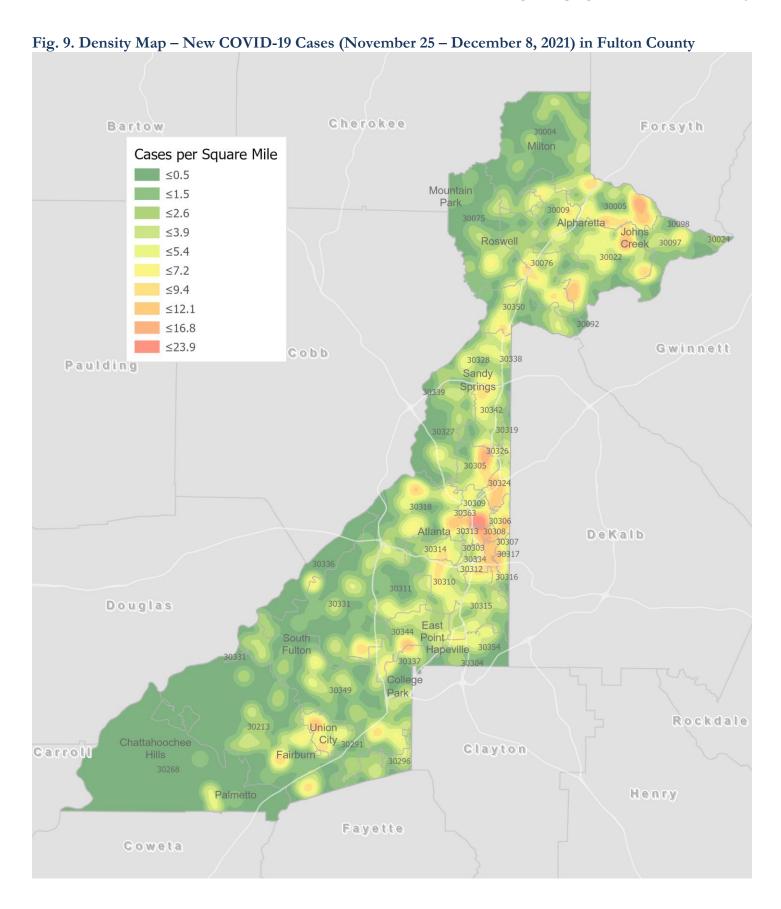
COVID-19 CASE COUNTS AND RATES BY CITY

	Recent 14-day reporting period ¹	Preceding 14-day reporting period	% Change from preceding 14 days (%) ²	14-Day Incidence Rate ³	
	11/25-12/8	11/11-11/24			
Alpharetta	120	80	↑ 50.0%	182.3	
Atlanta	640	416	↑ 53.8%	139.5	
Chattahoochee Hills	<10	<10	-	33.9	
College Park	22	<10	↑ 266.7%	170.6	
East Point	55	26	↑ 111.5%	143.4	
Fairburn	36	<10	↑ 350.0%	218.4	
Hapeville	<10	<10	-	76.3	
Johns Creek	123	100	↑ 23.0%	149.2	
Milton	61	48	↑ 27.1%	147.7	
Mountain Park	<10	0	-	171.5	
Palmetto	11	<10	↑ 1000.0%	279.8	
Roswell	107	107	-	115.3	
Sandy Springs	143	79	↑ 81.0%	132.3	
South Fulton	133	79	↑ 68.4%	123.8	
Union City	51	15	↑ 240.0%	190.1	
Unknown	41	28	-	-	

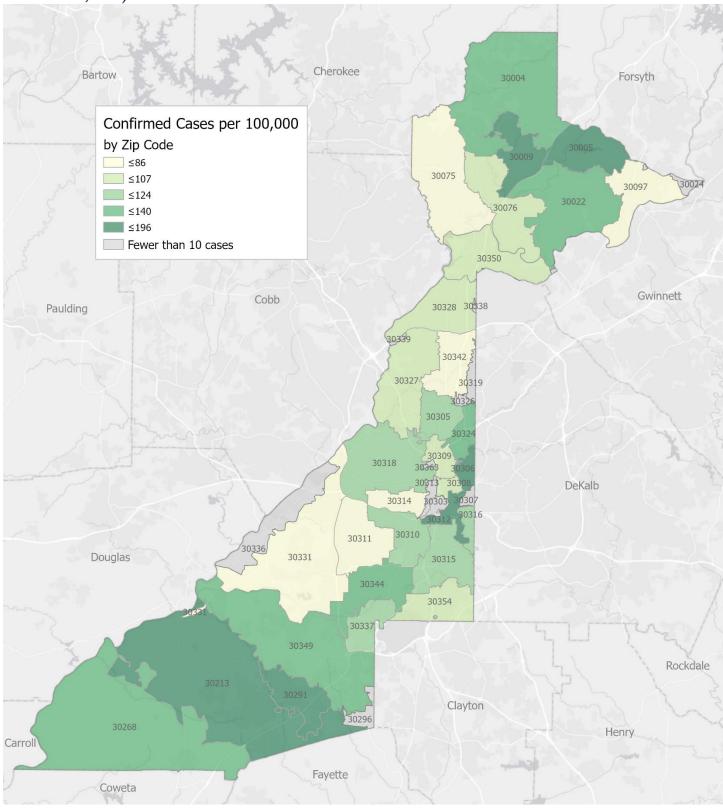
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^{*}Rates shown are per 100,000 persons | All data shown are preliminary and are subject to change as testing results get updated.







^{*}Rates shown are per 100,000 populations.

New COVID-19 cases: Cases diagnosed in most recent 14 days (based on reported dates of positive sample collection). To allow for lag in reporting results of positive cases from samples collected in the immediate past7 days, data used for incident diagnoses analyses are moved back by one week. Data used excludes outbreak-related cases at long-term care facilities and map shown reflects only the new non-LTCF cases diagnosed between the dates shown in map title. See page 8 for zip code break down table.

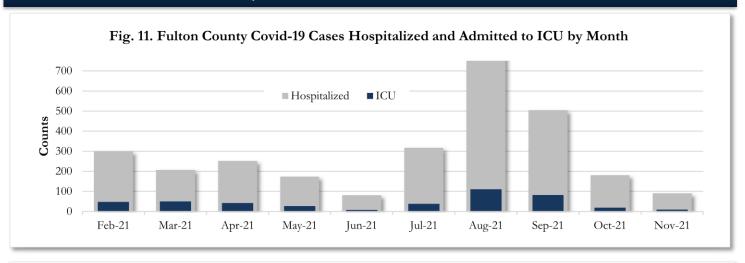
COVID-19 NEW CASE¹ COUNTS BY ZIP CODE

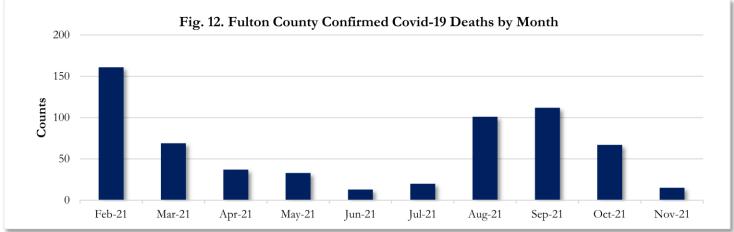
Zip Code	Recent 14- day reporting period (11/25- 12/8)	Previous 14-day reporting period (11/11- 11/24)	% Change between reporting periods ²		
All Fulton	1550	1001	↑ 54.8%		
30004	77	58	↑ 32.8%		
30005	75	53	↑ 41.5%		
30009	31	16	↑ 93.8%		
30022	113	90	↑ 25.6%		
30024	<10	<10	-		
30075	42	45	↓ 6.7%		
30076	53	54	↓ 1.9%		
30092	0	0	-		
30097	25	17	↑ 47.1%		
30098	0	0	-		
30213	67	33	↑ 103.0%		
30268	12	<10	↑ 71.4%		
30291	47	19	↑ 147.4%		
30296	<10	<10	-		
30303	<10	<10	-		
30305	50	51	↓ 2.0%		
30306	27	13	↑ 107.7%		
30307	<10	<10	-		
30308	25	20	↑ 25.0%		
30309	46	38	↑ 21.1%		
30310	42	22	↑ 90.9%		
30311	33	24	↑ 37.5%		
30312	43	24	↑ 79.2%		
30313	10	<10	↑ 400.0%		
30314	25	11	↑ 127.3%		
30315	50	41	↑ 22.0%		
30316	19	13	↑ 46.2%		
30317	0	0	-		
30318	109	54	↑ 101.9%		
30319	10	<10	↑ 900.0%		
30324	42	13	↑ 223.1%		
30326	<10	<10	-		
30327	44	32	↑ 37.5%		
30328	53	26	↑ 103.8%		
30331	62	38	↑ 63.2%		
30334	0	0	-		
30336	<10	<10	-		
30337	19	<10	↑ 216.7%		

Zip Code	Recent 14- day reporting period (11/25- 12/8)	Previous 14-day reporting period (11/11- 11/24)	% Change between reporting periods
30338	<10	0	-
30339	14	<10	↑ 100.0%
30340	0	0	-
30341	0	0	-
30342	41	28	↑ 46.4%
30344	51	25	↑ 104.0%
30349	90	40	↑ 125.0%
30350	47	26	↑ 80.8%
30354	15	<10	↑ 66.7%
30358	0	0	-
30363	<10	<10	-
30606	0	0	-
31131	0	0	-
31150	0	0	-
Unknown	<10	21	-

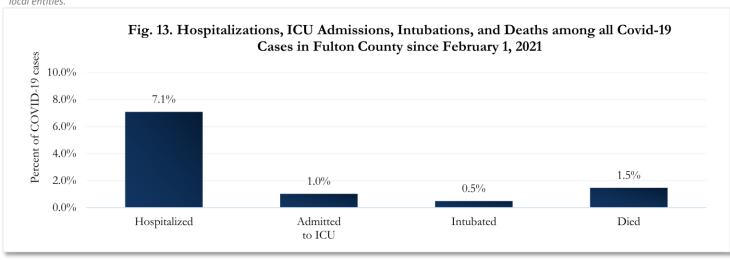
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COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS, ICU ADMISSIONS AND DEATHS IN FULTON

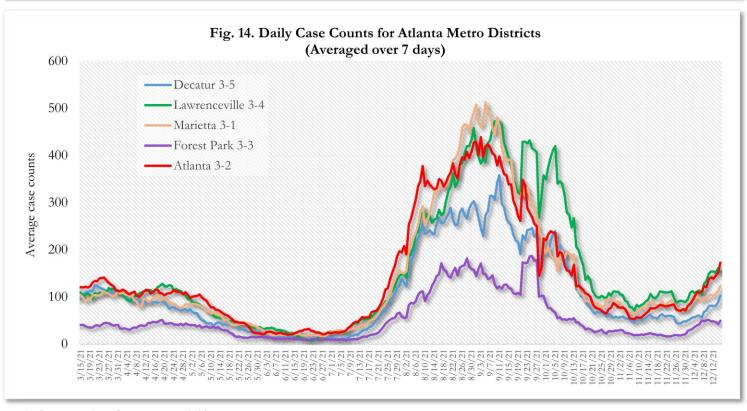




Values for October and November 2021 in figures 13 and 14 are subject to change as more hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and deaths get reported to state and local entities.



COVID-19 CASE TRENDS IN FULTON AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS



This figure uses date of report as provided from DPH.

DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTIONS – COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS

Table A - Cumulative and recent confirmed Covid-19 case and death counts by gender, age, and race/ethnicity in Fulton County, Georgia. Past 28 day period refers to November 11 – December 8, 2021

	Total Confirmed Cases	% of Total Cases	Confirmed Cases past 28 days	% of Confirmed Cases past 28 days	Total Confirmed Deaths	% of Total Deaths	Confirmed Deaths past 28 days	% of Confirmed Deaths past 28 days
TOTAL	115281		2551		1703		10	
Female	61314	53.2%	1380	54.1%	812	47.7%	<10	50.0%
Male	53423	46.3%	1148	45.0%	891	52.3%	<10	50.0%
Unknown*	544	<1%	23	<1%	0	-	0	-
0-9	6419	5.6%	258	10.1%	0	=	0	-
10-19	13908	12.1%	306	12.0%	<10	<1%	0	-
20-29	24643	21.4%	433	17.0%	<10	<1%	0	-
30-39	22155	19.2%	497	19.5%	48	2.8%	0	-
40-49	17177	14.9%	419	16.4%	62	3.6%	0	-
50-59	14646	12.7%	303	11.9%	183	10.7%	<10	30.0%
60-69	8675	7.5%	174	6.8%	323	19.0%	0	-
<u>≥</u> 70	7533	6.5%	125	4.9%	1080	63.4%	<10	70.0%
Unknown*	125	<1%	<10	<1%	0	-	0	-
Asian, NH	4495	3.9%	145	5.7%	25	1.5%	0	-
Black, NH	52543	45.6%	902	35.4%	1089	63.9%	<10	70.0%
White, NH	36764	31.9%	851	33.4%	512	30.1%	<10	30.0%
Hispanic, all races	11519	10.0%	175	6.9%	69	4.1%	0	-
Other, NH	3588	3.1%	58	2.3%	<10	<1%	0	-
Unknown*	6372	5.5%	420	16.5%	0	-	0	-

^{*}Unknown includes cases not yet interviewed. 28 days delayed by seven to account for lag in reporting lab results. Deaths refer to all persons who had a positive PCR test result for Covid-19 and there is evidence that Covid-19 was the cause of death or a significant contributor to their death.

The following data are updated every two weeks.

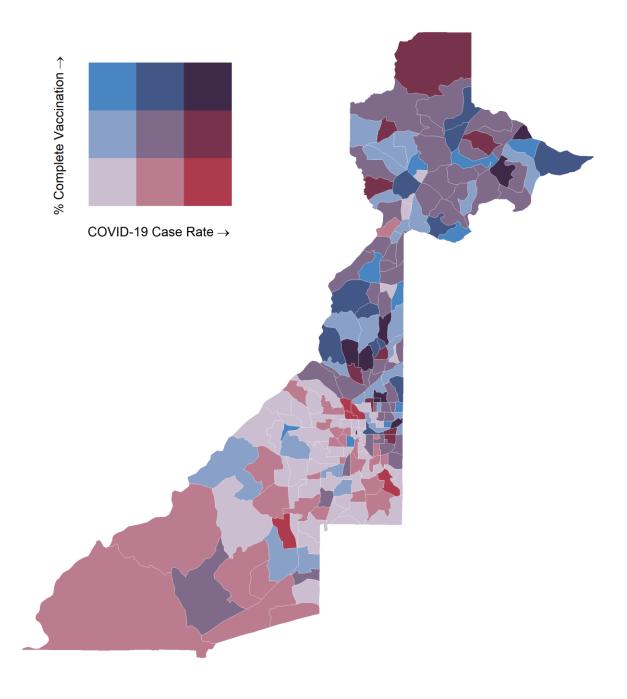
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Data are from confirmed cases and PCR testing only.

These data are generated using a fixed start date and counted forward in 14-day intervals. Using these time blocks allows for the stability in trends over time and accounts for delays in reporting lab results.

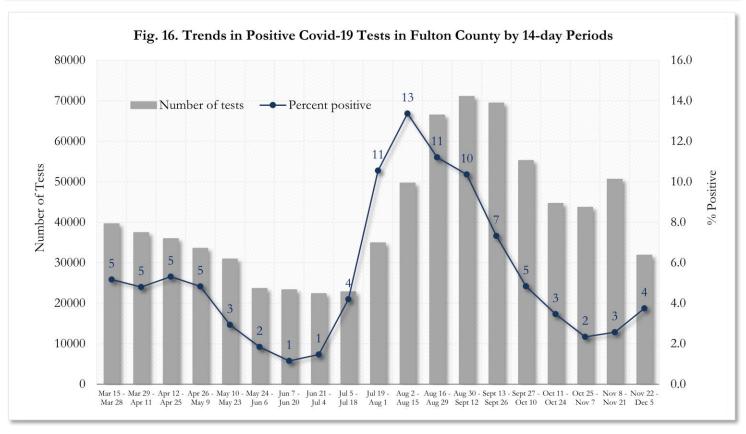
Please visit the Georgia Department of Public Health Daily Status Report here for cumulative daily counts.

Fig. 15. Percent Complete Vaccination and COVID-19 Case Rate (per 100,000 population) by Census Tract November 8 – December 5, 2021

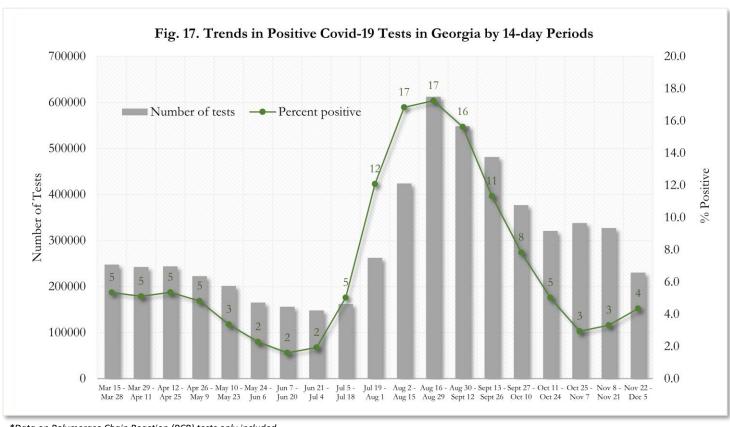


<u>How to interpret these colors:</u> The darker the blue, the better. The upper most blue box indicates low COVID-19 case rates and high vaccination coverage. Red is not ideal as red indicates high COVID-19 case rates and low vaccination coverage. Colors in between indicate varying combinations of COVID-19 case rates and vaccination coverage. COVID-19 case rate reflects new COVID-19 cases diagnosed between November 8 and December 5, 2021 across Fulton County. Vaccination data from: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3d8eea39f5c1443db1743a4cb8948a9c

COVID-19 TESTING AND POSITIVITY IN FULTON COUNTY AND GEORGIA

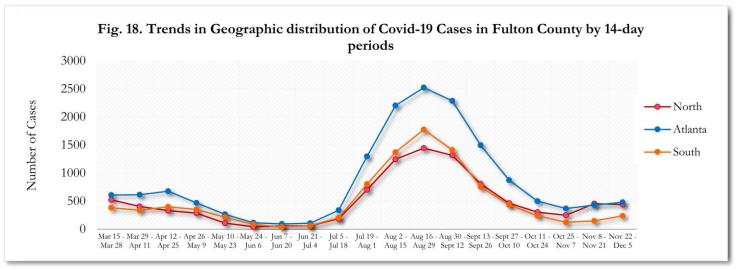


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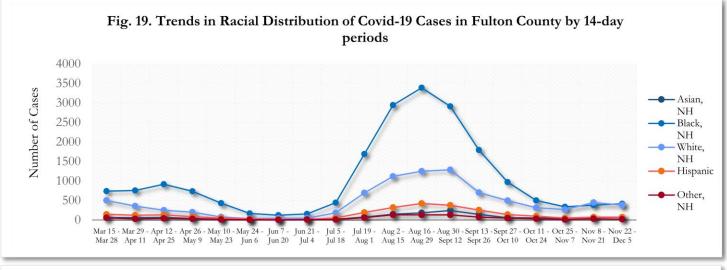
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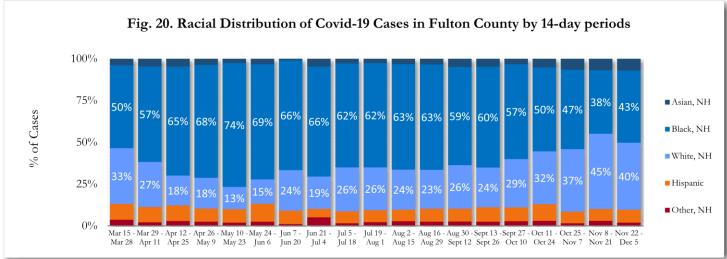
TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES AMONG DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS (14 DAY PERIODS)



In the past two weeks, Atlanta accounted for the majority of new cases.

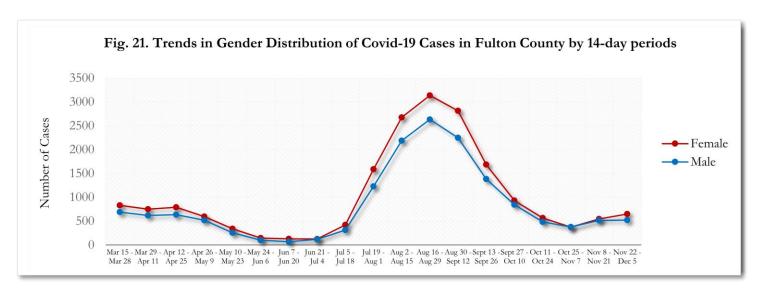
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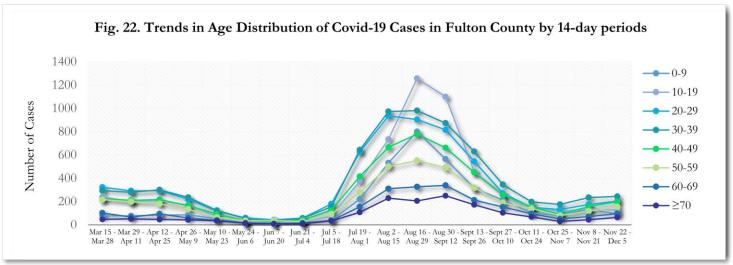




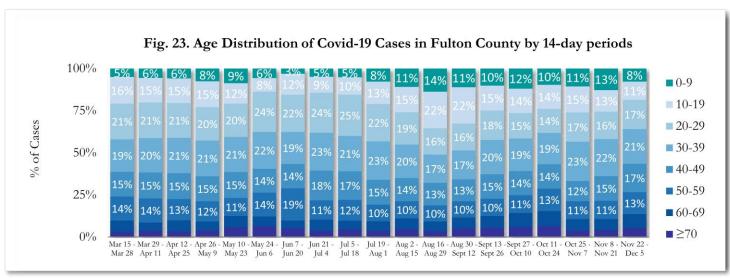
About 5% of all Fulton County COVID cases are missing data on patient race and ethnicity and in the past two weeks, about 19% of cases are missing this data. Percentages do not include the missing data and thus are subject to change as data are cleaned.

^{*}North -Includes all Fulton cities north of Atlanta (Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, Sandy Springs)



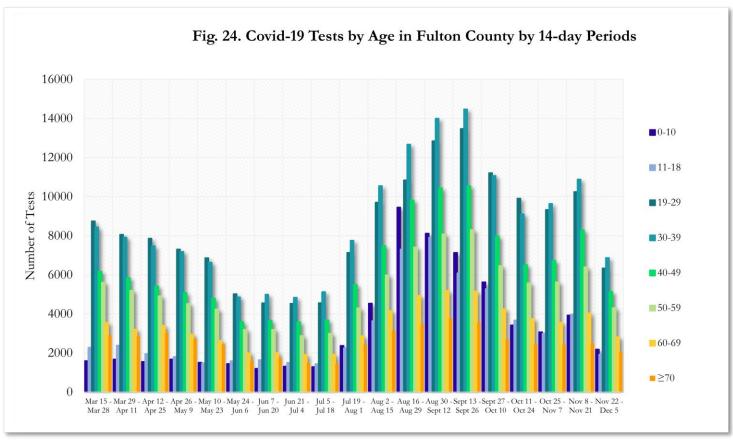


In the most recent two weeks, 20-29 year olds and 30-39 year olds accounted for the majority of new cases.

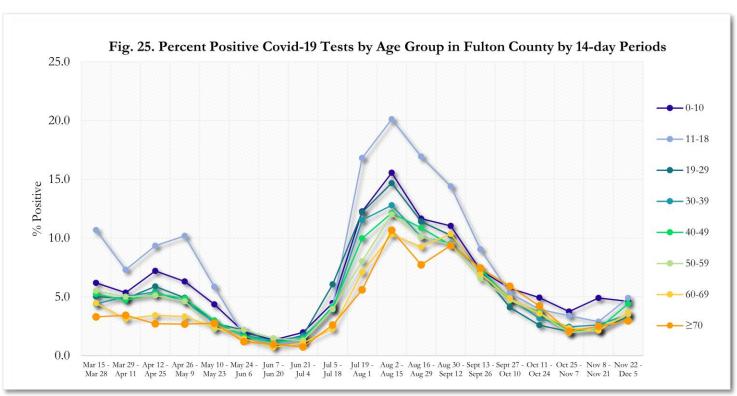


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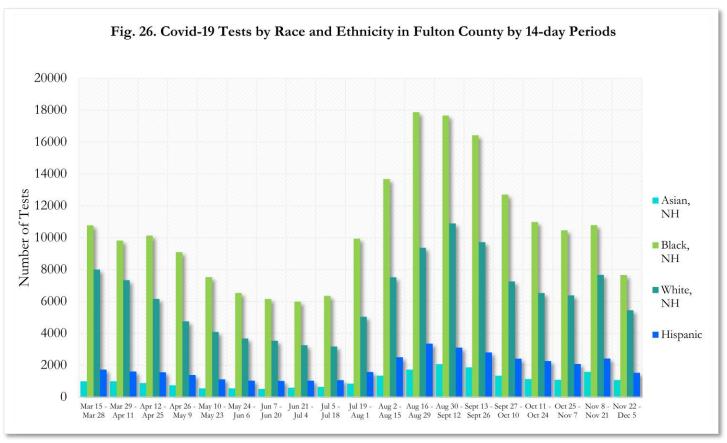
COVID-19 TESTING AND POSITIVITY IN FULTON COUNTY BY AGE AND RACE



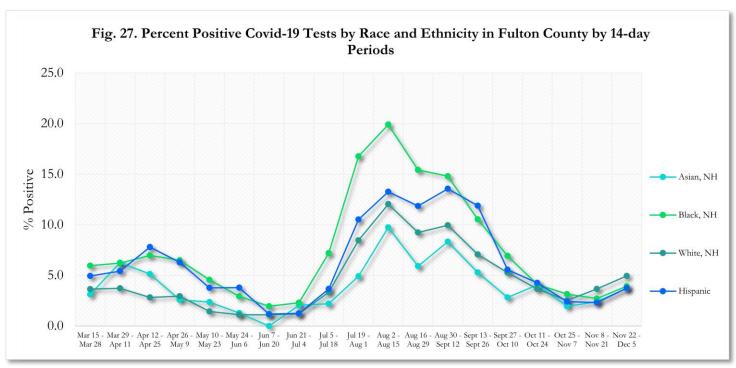
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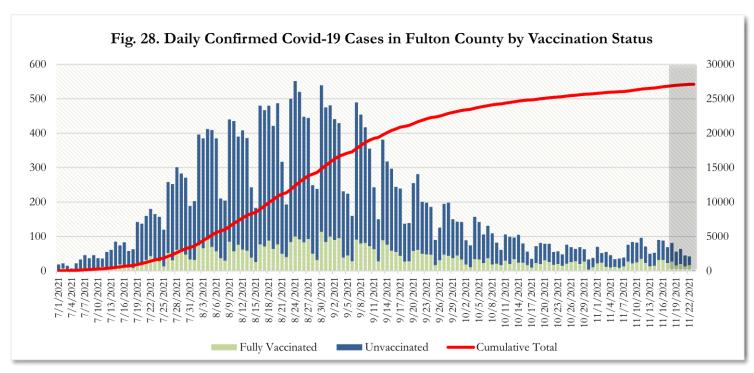
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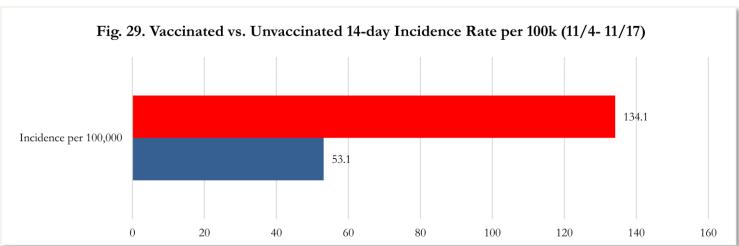
FULTON COUNTY VACCINATION CASE DATA

Due to an error in the state surveillance system, this section could not be updated for today's report. The following data are from the previous update.

There are currently 570,184 fully vaccinated residents in Fulton County, of which 1% have been a confirmed case of Covid-19 since 12/31/20. Of the 496,526 partially vaccinated or unvaccinated Fulton County residents, 10% have been a confirmed case of Covid-19 since 12/31/20.

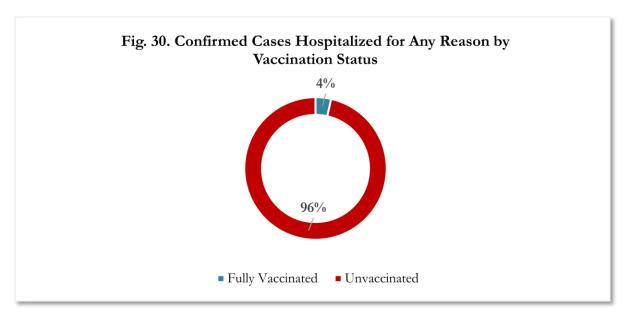
Since July 1, 2021, Fulton County has reported **27,100 new confirmed Covid-19 cases**. **80**% (21,626) of these new cases occurred in **unvaccinated individuals**. **20**% (5,474) of these new cases occurred in **fully vaccinated individuals**.



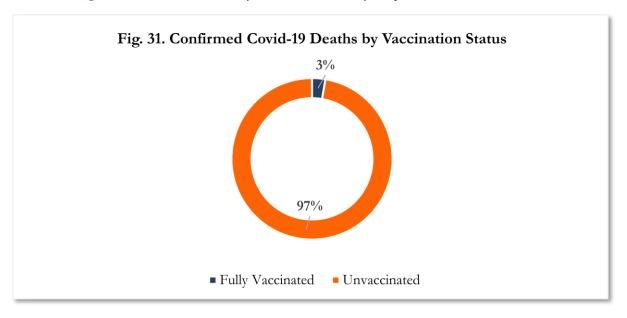


Incidence rate for each population is calculated using the number of new Covid-19 cases during the 14 day reporting period by vaccination status over the number of individuals in each population (vaccinated residents vs. unvaccinated residents). The number of individuals in each population is provided on the DPH Covid-19 Vaccine Dashboard.

SEVERE OUTCOMES BY VACCINATION STATUS



In accordance with DPH, data is displayed as confirmed cases hospitalized "for any reason" and tested positive for Covid-19. They were not necessarily hospitalized due to Covid-19.



Of the 3% of deaths that occurred in vaccinated individuals, 96% were over the age of 60. Of that, 85% were over the age of 70.