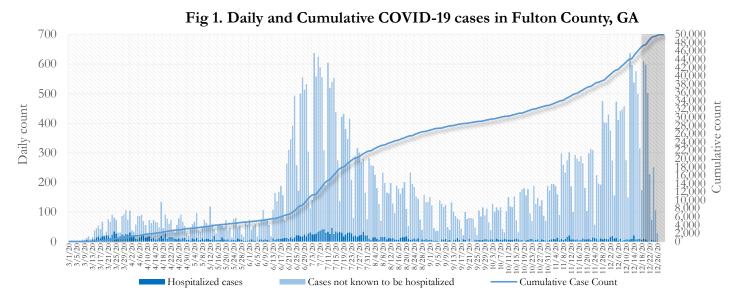


# Fulton County Board of Health Epidemiology Report

COVID-19 Cases – 12/29/2020

#### **SUMMARY**

- As of December 29, 2020, Fulton County has recorded **49,910 cases of the 2019 novel coronavirus** (COVID-19) and **732 confirmed COVID-19 deaths.** 106 deaths are currently being reviewed by GA DPH to confirm cause of death.
- Of the **6,713** new cases between December 9 and December 22, the central portion of the county (Atlanta) accounted for 40% while the northern and southern parts accounted for 39% and 16% respectively.
- By city, new COVID-19 case rates range from 410.3 per 100,000 persons (Hapeville) to 846.3 per 100,000 persons (Palmetto). [Fulton County Diagnoses Rates (per 100,000 persons): Cumulative 4540.7; Incidence –610.7]. See map showing incidence case rate by ZIP code on Pg.17.
- Among all persons diagnosed with COVID-19 in Fulton County since July 1, 4.9% required hospitalization and 1.0% died.
- Of all testing done in Fulton County between December 7 and December 20, the percent positivity rate was 9.4%.



\*Counts shown reflect the number of confirmed cases as of 9:00 am on 12/29/20 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. 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. This report includes data on confirmed PCR tests only. For data on antigen testing, see the GA DPH County Indicator Reports here.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 CASES BY REGION

New cases: 40% of the new COVID-19 cases in the past 2 weeks occurred in Atlanta while 39% and 16% occurred in the Northern and Southern regions of the county respectively.

Eulton Docion	% Cumulative	% New	
Fulton Region	count	cases*	
Atlanta	43.0%	40.1%	
North <sup>1</sup>	32.4%	39.1%	
South <sup>2</sup>	19.1%	16.2%	
Unincorporated/Unknown	5.5%	4.6%	

<sup>1</sup>Includes all Fulton County cities north of Atlanta (Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, Sandy Springs) | <sup>2</sup>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 12/9/20 – 12/22/20).

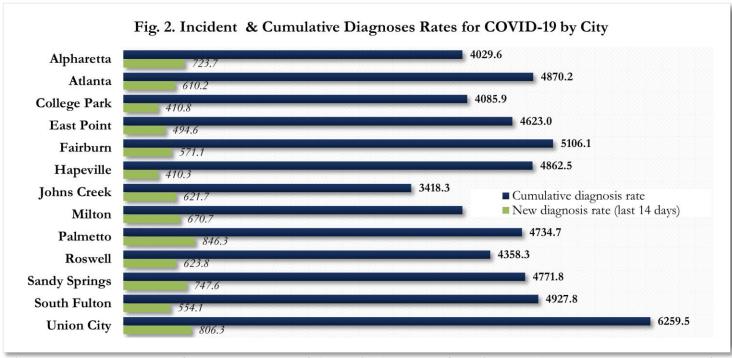
In the recent two week reporting period (12/9-12/22), there were more new cases of COVID-19 in Fulton County than the previous two weeks (11/25-12/8).

\*Delayed a week to account for testing results turnaround time.

### COVID-19 CASE COUNTS AND RATES BY CITY

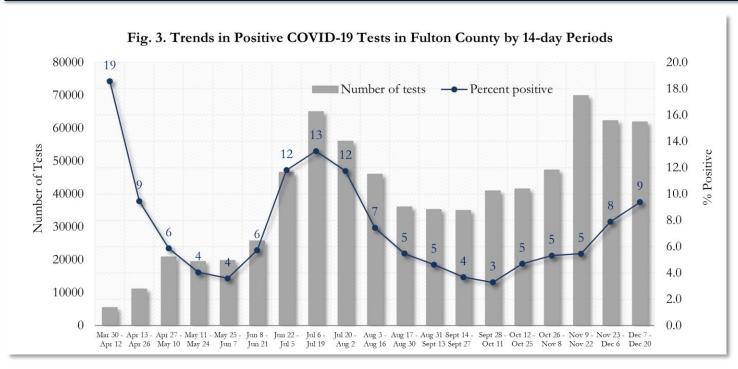
	Prior (12/22/20)	Current Total (12/29/20)			New Cases (Period: 11/25/20 – 12/22/20) <sup>1</sup>			
	Count	Count	%	Cum. Rate <sup>2</sup>	Recent 14 d. (12/9-12/22)	Prior 14 d. (11/25– 12/8)	% change <sup>3</sup>	Rate <sup>4</sup> (Last 14 d).
Alpharetta	2320	2606	5.2%	4029.6	468	297	↑ 57.6%	723.7
Atlanta	19955	21486	43.0%	4870.2	2692	1670	↑ 61.2%	610.2
Chattahoochee Hills	61	69	0.1%	2406.7	16	<10	↑ 166.7%	558.1
College Park	529	567	1.1%	4085.9	57	40	↑ 42.5%	410.8
East Point	1510	1617	3.2%	4623.0	173	141	↑ 22.7%	494.6
Fairburn	716	751	1.5%	5106.1	84	53	↑ 58.5%	571.1
Hapeville	304	320	0.6%	4862.5	27	21	↑ 28.6%	410.3
Johns Creek	2546	2859	5.7%	3418.3	520	396	† 31.3%	621.7
Milton	1371	1538	3.1%	4029.2	256	184	† <b>3</b> 9.1%	670.7
Mountain Park	11	17	0.0%	2720.0	<10	0	-	800.0
Palmetto	191	207	0.4%	4734.7	37	10	↑ 270.0%	846.3
Roswell	3718	4108	8.2%	4358.3	588	341	↑ 72.4%	623.8
Sandy Springs	4525	5030	10.1%	4771.8	788	503	↑ 56.7%	747.6
South Fulton	4358	4687	9.4%	4927.8	527	345	↑ 52.8%	554.1
Union City	1243	1312	2.6%	6259.5	169	102	↑ 65.7%	806.3
Unknown	6552	2736	5.5%	-	300	157	-	

¹New cases: Cases diagnosed in most recent 28 days (based on reported dates of positive sample collection). To allow for lag in reporting results of new diagnoses from samples collected in the most recent week, data used for incident diagnoses analyses were moved back by one week. ²Cumulative diagnosis rate: Population estimates from US Census Bureau used to calculate cumulative diagnoses rate. All rates shown are per 100,000 persons. ³% change: These reflect the percentage increase or decrease in new diagnoses between the 14 days preceding the most recent 7 days and the 14 days preceding that. ⁴(Incidence) Rate: Rate of new diagnoses in the last 14 day period preceding the immediate past week.\*\*Data cleaning (either during case interviews or address geo-coding) may lead to reassignment of few cases from one territory to another based on their corrected addresses. These may appear as "decreases" when compared to the previous day's count. These do not reflect errors in the data collection or analysis process but only reflect the minor day-to-day fluctuations in case counts that arise in an evolving public health database like COVID's. °There was a previous error in which cases were not correctly geocoding to Chattahoochee Hills, though they were included in the total cumulative counts. The numbers shown today reflect the accurate count for Chattahoochee Hills. Note: All data reported are preliminary and subject to change.

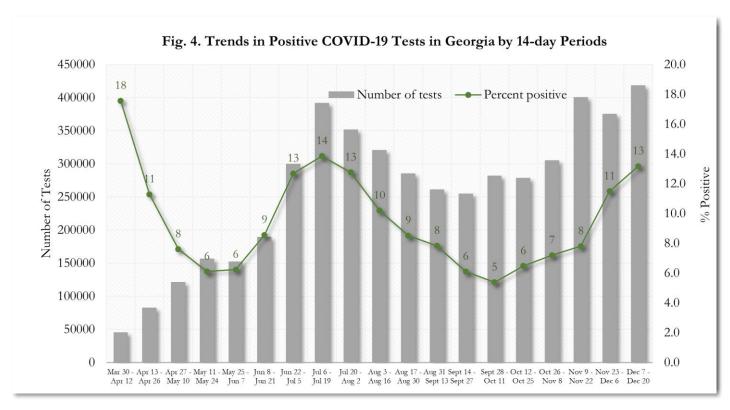


\*Rates shown are per 100,000 persons | **Note:** Mass testing in specific locations (e.g. long term care facilities) may cause sharp increases in the cumulative rate of COVID-19 diagnosis in those territories. All data shown are preliminary and are subject to change as testing results get updated.

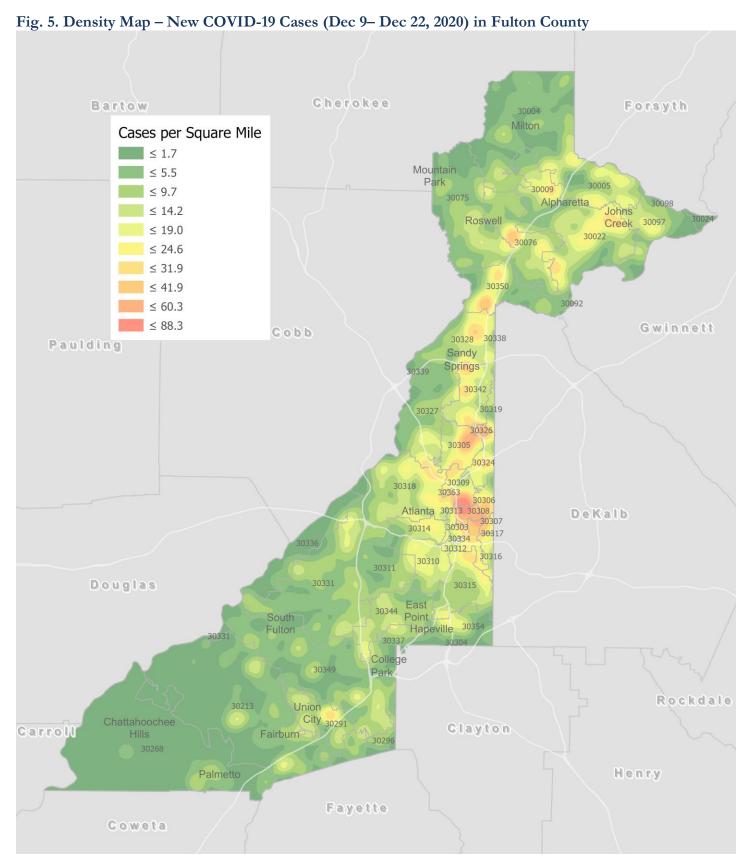
### COVID-19 TESTING AND POSITIVITY IN FULTON COUNTY AND GEORGIA



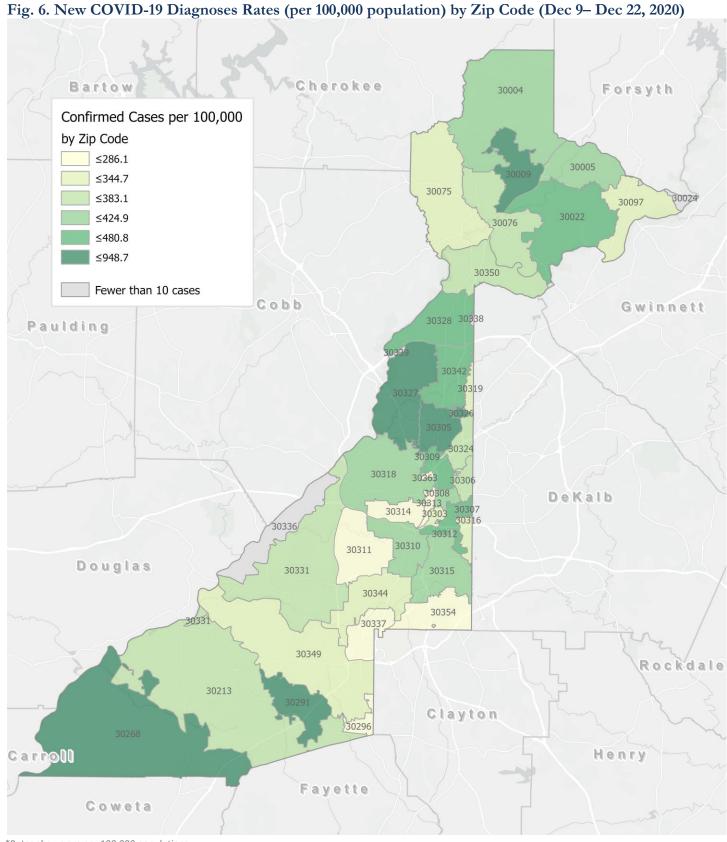
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<u>New COVID-19 cases:</u> Cases diagnosed in most recent 14 days (based on reported dates of positive sample collection). To allow for lag in reporting results of positive cases from samples collected in the immediate past 7 days, data used for incident diagnoses analyses are moved back by one week. Map reflects new COVID-19 cases diagnosed between Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 across Fulton County, excluding LTCF cases.



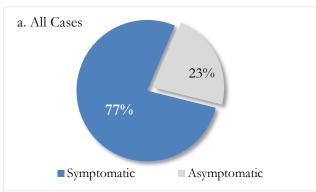
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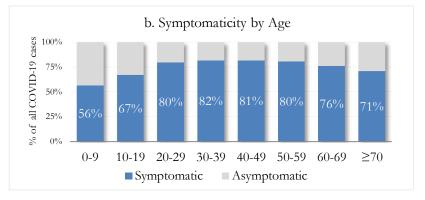
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#### REPORTING SYMPTOMS AMONG PERSONS WITH COVID-19 IN FULTON

People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms reported include: cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</a>

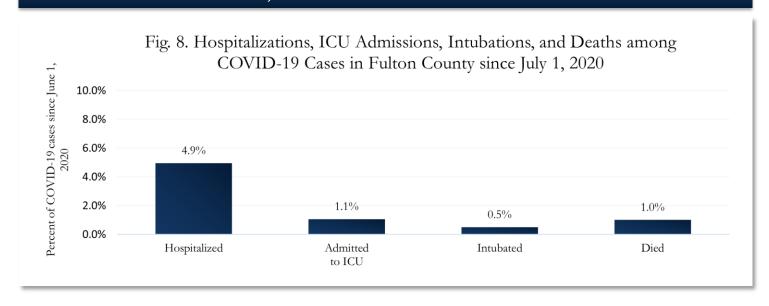
Fig. 7a & b. Total Proportion Reporting Symptoms in Fulton County





<sup>\*\*\*</sup>COVID-19 cases who have been case interviewed or had medical charts reviewed as of 12/29/20 only. n = 30,885\*\*\*

#### COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS, ICU ADMISSIONS AND DEATHS IN FULTON



## **DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTIONS – COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS**

A. Distribution of COVID-19 cases by gender, age, and race in Fulton County by Fulton Region

		North Fulton Cities <sup>1</sup>	Atlanta	South Fulton Cities <sup>2</sup>	Unknown City	All Fulton
		Count (%)	Count (%)	Count (%)	Count (%)	Count (%)
Total (	COVID-19 cases	16158	21486	9530	2736	49910
Gende	er: Female	8326 (52%)	10790 (50%)	5464 (57%)	1358 (50%)	25938 (52%)
	Male	7700 (48%)	10456 (49%)	4001 (42%)	1297 (47%)	23454 (47%)
	Unknown*	132 (1%)	240 (1%)	65 (1%)	81 (3%)	518 (1%)
Age:	0-9	603 (4%)	470 (2%)	329 (3%)	79 (3%)	1481 (3%)
	10-19	2238 (14%)	1581 (7%)	754 (8%)	196 (7%)	4769 (10%)
	20-29	3336 (21%)	6344 (30%)	1771 (19%)	673 (25%)	12124 (24%)
	30-39	2461 (15%)	4765 (22%)	1939 (20%)	575 (21%)	9740 (20%)
	40-49	2557 (16%)	2875 (13%)	1734 (18%)	428 (16%)	7594 (15%)
	50-59	2528 (16%)	2313 (11%)	1348 (14%)	365 (13%)	6554 (13%)
	60-69	1292 (8%)	1515 (7%)	873 (9%)	219 (8%)	3899 (8%)
	≥70	1135 (7%)	1563 (7%)	772 (8%)	188 (7%)	3658 (7%)
	Unknown*	<10	60 (0%)	10 (0%)	13 (0%)	91 (0%)
Race:	Asian, NH	858 (5%)	420 (2%)	46 (0%)	59 (2%)	1383 (3%)
	Black, NH	1769 (11%)	9101 (42%)	6882 (72%)	929 (34%)	18681 (37%)
	White, NH	7313 (45%)	6288 (29%)	550 (6%)	706 (26%)	14857 (30%)
	Hispanic	2644 (16%)	1346 (6%)	775 (8%)	273 (10%)	5038 (10%)
	Other, NH	807 (5%)	857 (4%)	232 (2%)	119 (4%)	2015 (4%)
	Unknown*	2767 (17%)	3474 (16%)	1045 (11%)	650 (24%)	7936 (16%)

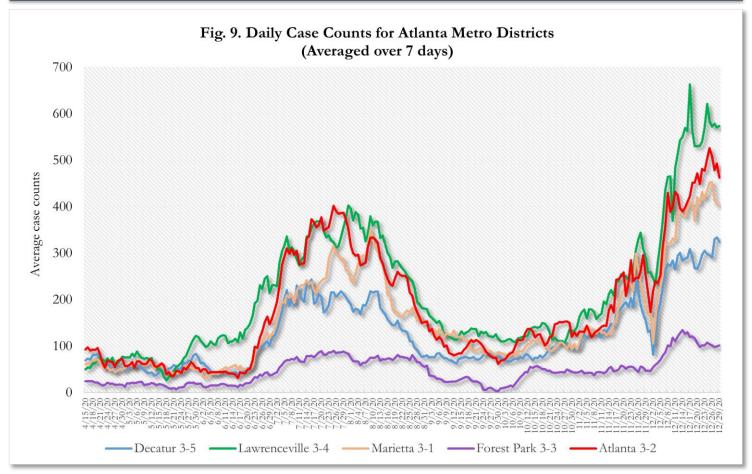
<sup>\*</sup>Unknown includes cases not yet interviewed.

## B. Distribution of COVID-19 deaths by gender, age, and race in Fulton County by Fulton Region

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	North Fulton Cities <sup>1</sup>	Atlanta	South Fulton Cities <sup>2</sup>	Unknown City	All Fulton
	Count (%)	Count (%)	Count (%)	Count (%)	Count (%)
Total COVID-19 deaths	162	351	192	27	732
Gender: Female	77 (48%)	161 (46%)	96 (50%)	11 (41%)	345 (47%)
Male	85 (52%)	190 (54%)	96 (50%)	16 (59%)	387 (53%)
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Age:</b> ≤ 29	<10	<10	<10	0	<10
30-39	<10	<10	<10	<10	14 (2%)
40-49	<10	<10	11 (6%)	<10	28 (4%)
50-59	<10	29 (8%)	23 (12%)	<10	63 (9%)
60-69	20 (12%)	66 (19%)	44 (23%)	<10	132 (18%)
≥70	127 (78%)	236 (67%)	109 (57%)	18 (67%)	490 (67%)
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Race: Asian, NH	<10	<10	<10	<10	12 (2%)
Black, NH	28 (17%)	283 (81%)	155 (81%)	10 (37%)	476 (65%)
White, NH	115 (71%)	56 (16%)	27 (14%)	14 (52%)	212 (29%)
Hispanic	15 (9%)	<10	<10	<10	29 (4%)
Other, NH	0	<10	<10	0	<10
Unknown	0	<10	0	0	<10

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## COVID-19 CASE TRENDS IN FULTON AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS



<sup>\*</sup>Graph shows the average number of cases calculated from the daily cumulative case counts in the metro Atlanta districts. Increases in daily cumulative case counts may include cases diagnosed earlier during the pandemic but were only recently reported to the state as cases diagnosed belonging to these districts. Delays in data reporting may cause the trend line to appear as decreasing.

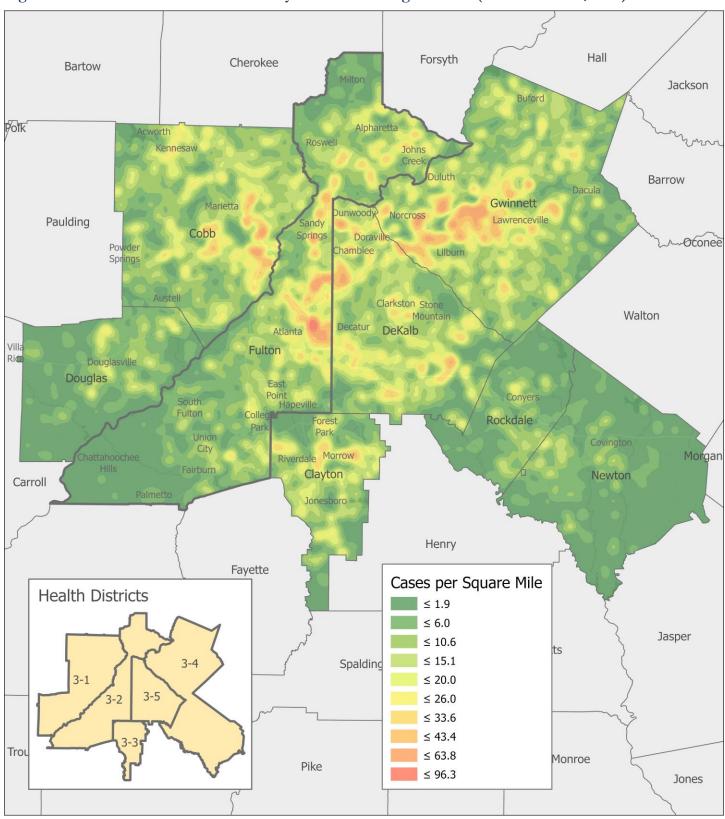
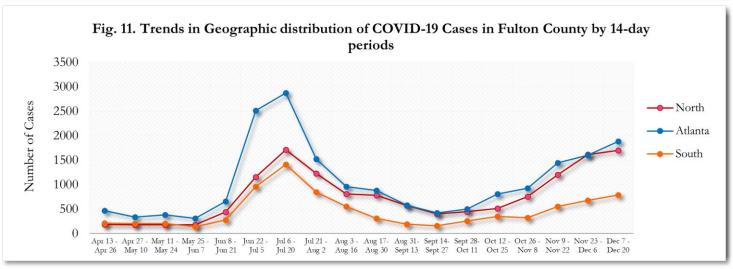


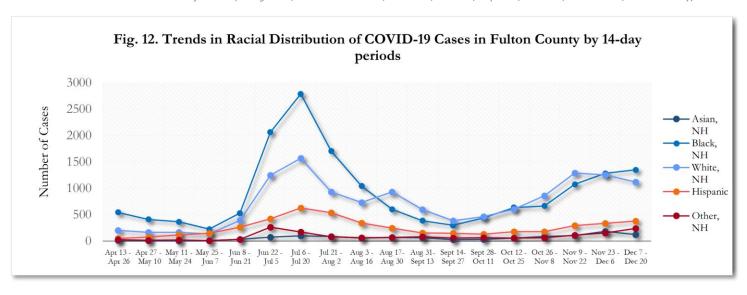
Fig. 10. COVID-19 Cases in Fulton County and Surrounding Districts (Dec 9 – Dec 22, 2020)

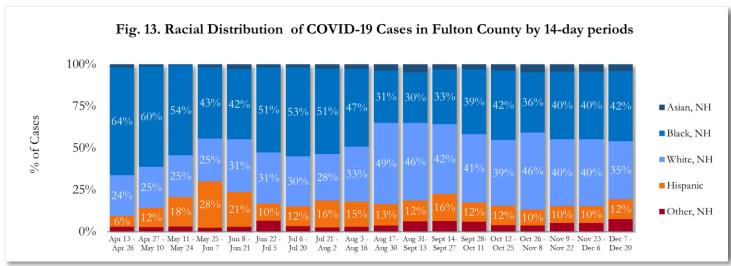
## TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES AMONG DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS (14 DAY PERIODS)



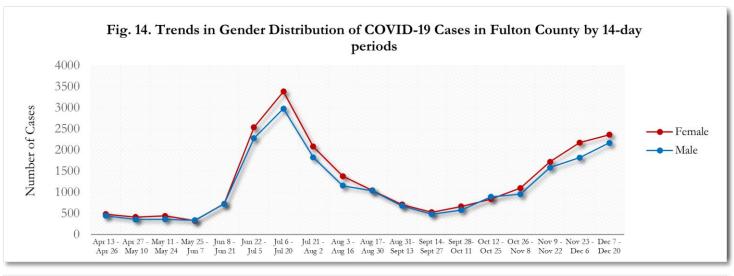
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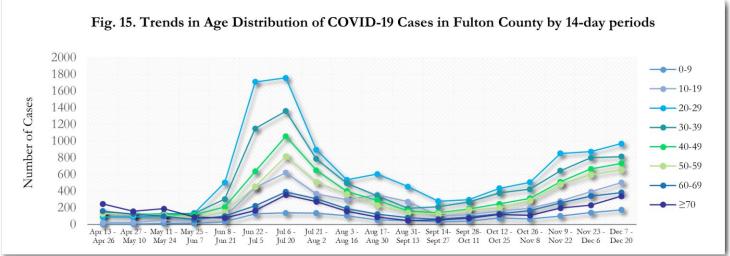
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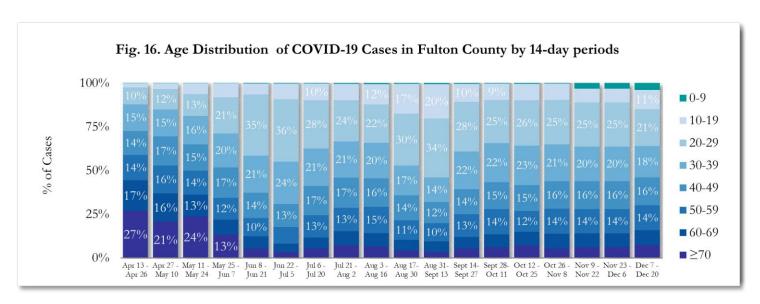


About 16% of COVID cases are missing data on patient race and ethnicity. The majority of new cases in the past two weeks were Black, NH (42%) and White, NH (35%).

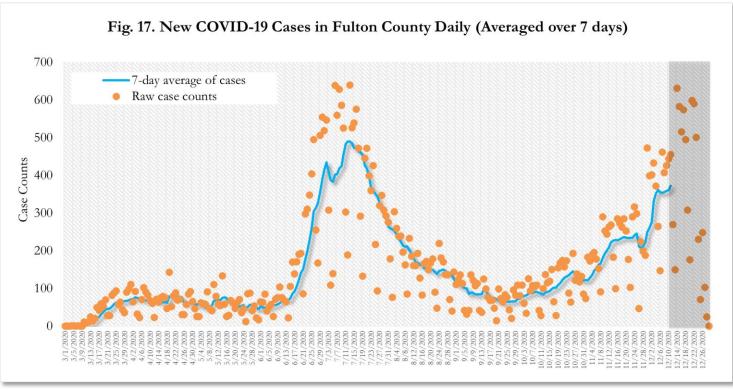




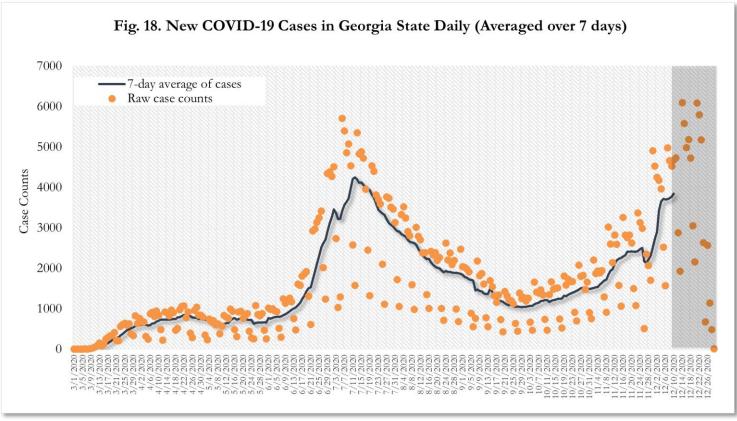
Earlier (March-May 2020) large proportions of reported cases were among persons aged 60 and older. In the most recent two weeks, 20-29 year olds accounted for the highest number of new cases among all age groups, followed by 30-39 year olds.



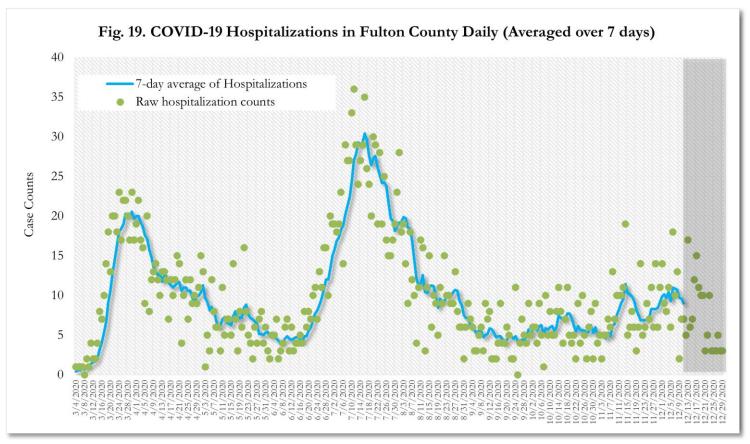
## TRENDS IN COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS (7-DAY MOVING AVE.)



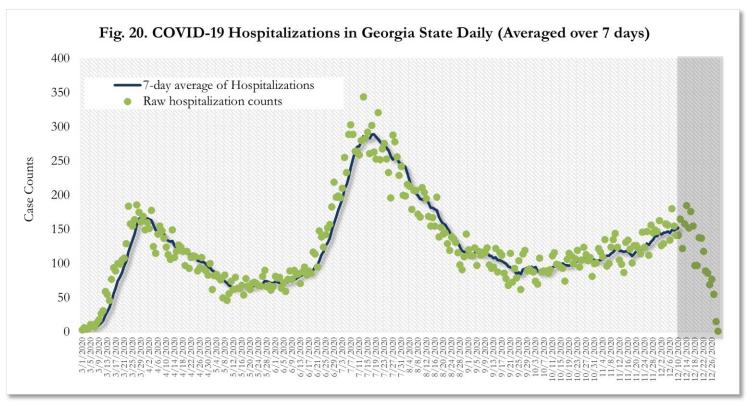
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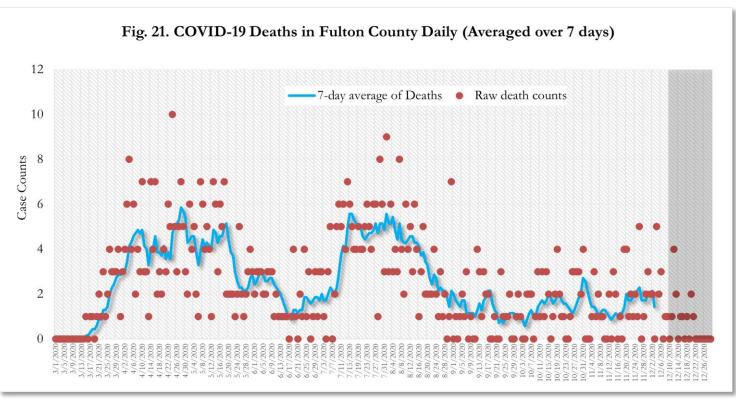
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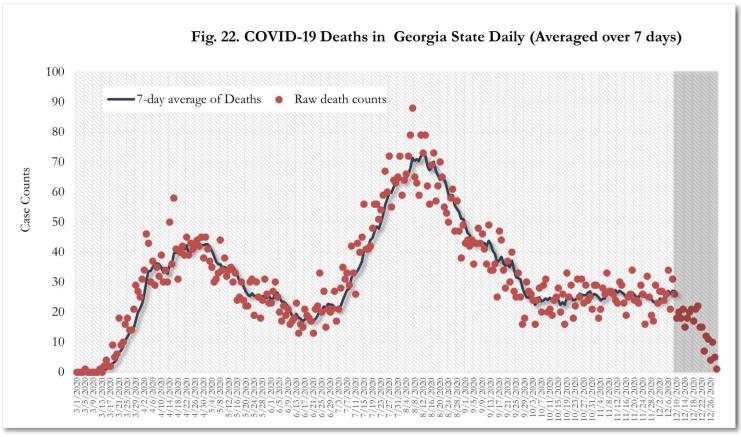
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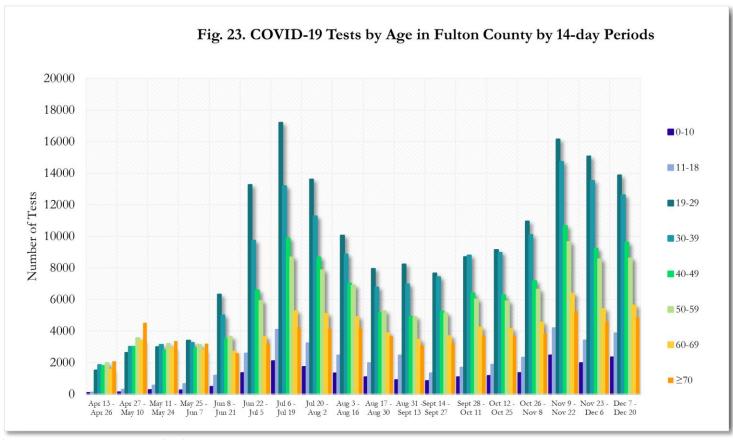


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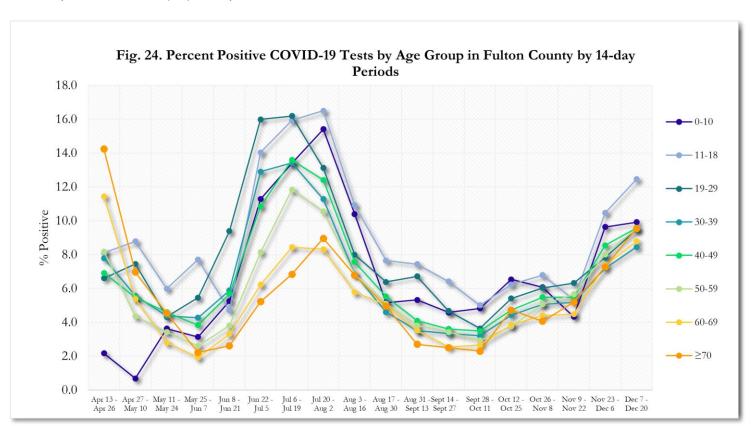


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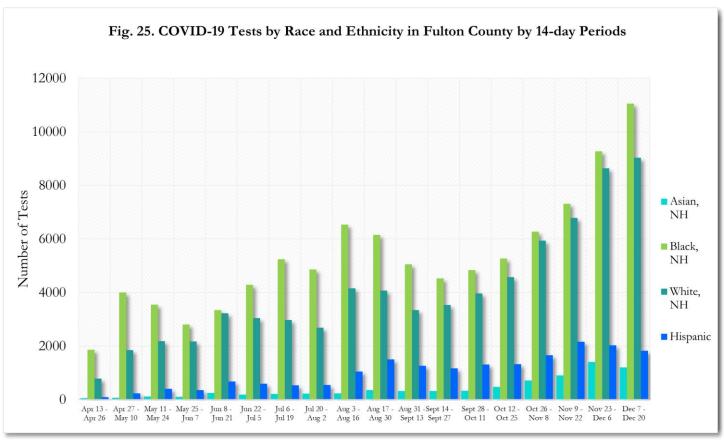
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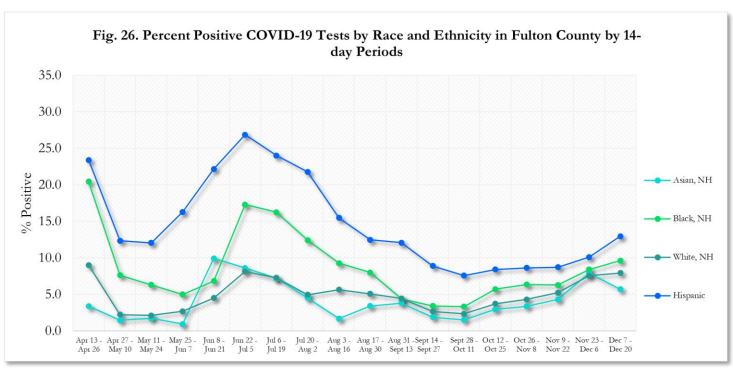
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# COVID-19 CASE COUNTS BY ZIP CODE

	Prior (12/22/20)	Current Tota	al (12/29/20)		(Period: 11/25/20 -	- 12/22/20)¹
	Count	Count	%	<b>Recent 14 d.</b> (Dec 9- Dec 22)	<b>Prior 14 d.</b> (Nov 25– Dec 8)	% change <sup>2</sup>
All Fulton	45909	49910	100%	6713	4269	↑ 57.2%
30004	1746	1990	4.0%	348	236	<b>1</b> 47.5%
30005	1079	1228	2.5%	242	183	† 32.2%
30009	839	909	1.8%	148	101	↑ 46.5%
30022	2355	2646	0.9%	476	313	↑ 52.1%
30023	13	13	<0.1%	<10	<10	-
30024	39	43	<0.1%	<10	<10	-
30075	1770	1980	4.0%	271	141	↑ 92.2%
30076	1792	1967	3.9%	281	174	↑ 61.5%
30080	<10	<10	<0.1%	0	0	-
30097	673	756	1.5%	146	106	↑ 37.7%
30098	-	-	-	0	0	-
30135	<10	<10	<0.1%	0	0	-
30138	<10	<10	<0.1%	0	0	-
30139	-	-	-	0	0	-
30213	1731	1852	3.7%	206	154	† 33.8%
30268	298	328	0.7%	66	18	† 266.7%
30291	1210	1273	2.6%	146	97	↑ 50.5%
30296	120	136	0.3%	20	22	↓ 9.1%
30301	18	20	<0.1%	<10	<10	-
30303	488	509	1.0%	34	27	↑ 25.9%
30305	1450	1594	3.2%	239	157	↑ 52.2%
30306	624	689	1.4%	100	62	↑ 61.3%
30307	311	337	0.7%	47	27	↑ 74.1%
30308	990	1069	2.1%	130	86	↑ 51.2%
30309	1431	1573	3.2%	211	123	↑ 71.5%
30310	1123	1193	2.4%	148	80	↑ 85.0%
30311	1180	1237	2.5%	119	112	↑ 6.3%
30312	1308	1398	2.8%	157	108	↑ 45.4%
30313	415	428	0.9%	38	17	↑ 123.5%
30314	797	841	1.7%	85	58	↑ 46.6%
30315	1430	1544	3.1%	221	120	↑ 84.2%
30316	572	613	1.2%	69	44	↑ 56.8%
30318	2717	2926	5.9%	377	214	↑ 76.2%
30319	269	301	0.6%	45	29	↑ 55.2%
30321	13 1408	15	<0.1% 3.0%	<10 146	<10	- ↑ 27 00/
30324 30326	472	1508 498	1.0%	64	115 43	↑ 27.0% ↑ 48.8%
30326	1098	1220	2.4%	196	111	↑ 76.6%
30327	1573	1767	3.5%	298	180	↑ 65.6%
30328	2539	2711	5.4%	331	171	↑ 93.6%
30334	14	16	<0.1%	<10	0	93.070
30336	120	128	0.3%	11	10	↑ 10.0%
30337	500	533	1.1%	50	38	↑ 31.6%
30338	117	119	0.2%	10	<10	↑ 25.0%
30339	310	334	0.7%	43	15	↑ 186.7%
30340	36	37	<0.1%	<10	<10	-
30341	37	38	<0.1%	<10	<10	_
30342	1886	2064	4.1%	272	159	↑ 71.1%
30344	1390	1484	3.0%	159	132	↑ 20.5%
30345	26	26	<0.1%	<10	0	-
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30349	2679	2862	5.7%	320	178	↑ 79.8%
30350	1222	1384	2.8%	253	166	↑ 52.4%
30354	658	688	1.4%	67	48	<b>†</b> 39.6%
30358	<10	<10	<0.1%	<10	0	-
30363	122	133	0.3%	16	<10	↑ 128.6%
30374	36	37	<0.1%	<10	0	-
30606	<10	<10	<0.1%	0	0	-
31131	<10	<10	<0.1%	<10	<10	-
31150	<10	<10	<0.1%	<10	0	-
Unknown	4844	890	1.8%	80	61	-

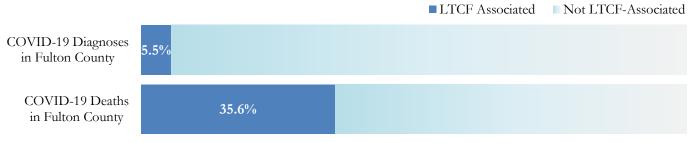
<u>New cases:</u> Cases diagnosed in most recent 28 days (based on reported dates of positive sample collection). To allow for lag in reporting results of new diagnoses from samples collected in the most recent week, data used for incident diagnoses analyses were moved back by one week. <u>Percent change:</u> These reflect the percentage increase or decrease of new diagnoses between the 14 days preceding the past 7 days and the 14 days preceding that. Changes in ZIP codes with less than 10 cases in <u>both</u> 2 week intervals are not reported\*\*Data cleaning (either during case interviews or address geo-coding) may lead to reassignment of few cases from one territory to another based on their corrected addresses. These may appear as "decreases" when compared to the previous day's count. These do not reflect errors in the data collection or analysis process but only reflect the minor day-to-day fluctuations in case counts that arise in an evolving public health database like COVID's.

<u>Note:</u> Sharp increases in territorial COVID case counts often reflect new cases diagnosed at long term care facilities located in those territories during facility-wide /mass screening events All data reported are preliminary and subject to change.

### COVID-19 IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES IN FULTON COUNTY

Older persons (aged 65 years and older) and persons who live in nursing homes or other long-term care facilities seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19. Extra precautions are recommended for individuals within this risk groups – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC 2020) <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html</a>

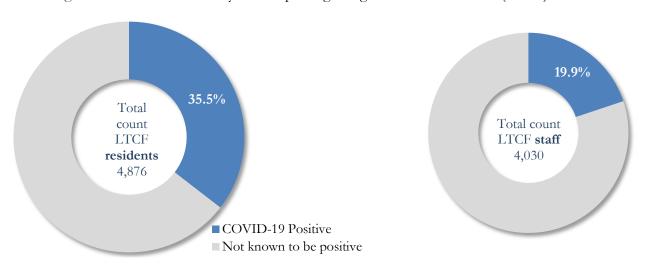
Fig. 27. COVID-19 Diagnoses and Deaths in Fulton County Associated with Long-Term Care Facilities



\*\*\*LTCF  $\rightarrow$  Long-term Care Facility (Incudes residents and Staff)\*\*\*

## **COVID-19 POSITIVITY:**

Fig. 28. COVID-19 Positivity at 64 reporting Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF) in Fulton County



COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths among 64 reporting Long-Term Care Facilities in Fulton County

	LTCF Residents (n=4,876)			Ľ	LTCF Staff (n=4,030)			
	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths		
Average (count per fac.)1	27	5	4	13	1	< 0.1		
Median (count per fac.)1	11	3	1	9	0	0		
Lowest counts	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Highest counts	139	48	30	70	8	2		
Total Count	1729 (35.5%) <sup>a</sup>	337 (19.5%)b	250 (14.5%) <sup>b</sup>	801 (19.9%)a	33 (4.1%)b	5 (<1.0%)b		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Percentage shown reflects proportion of total residents/staff tested who were positive (i.e. COVID-19 Positivity). | <sup>b</sup> Percentages shown are proportions of persons residents/staff diagnosed with COVID-19 who were hospitalized or died after diagnoses.