Ending the HIV Epidemic

Past, Present, and Future

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES



Background on HIV in Georgia. Why Metro ATL?

EHE in Georgia: Past, Present, Future



Timeline of Funds



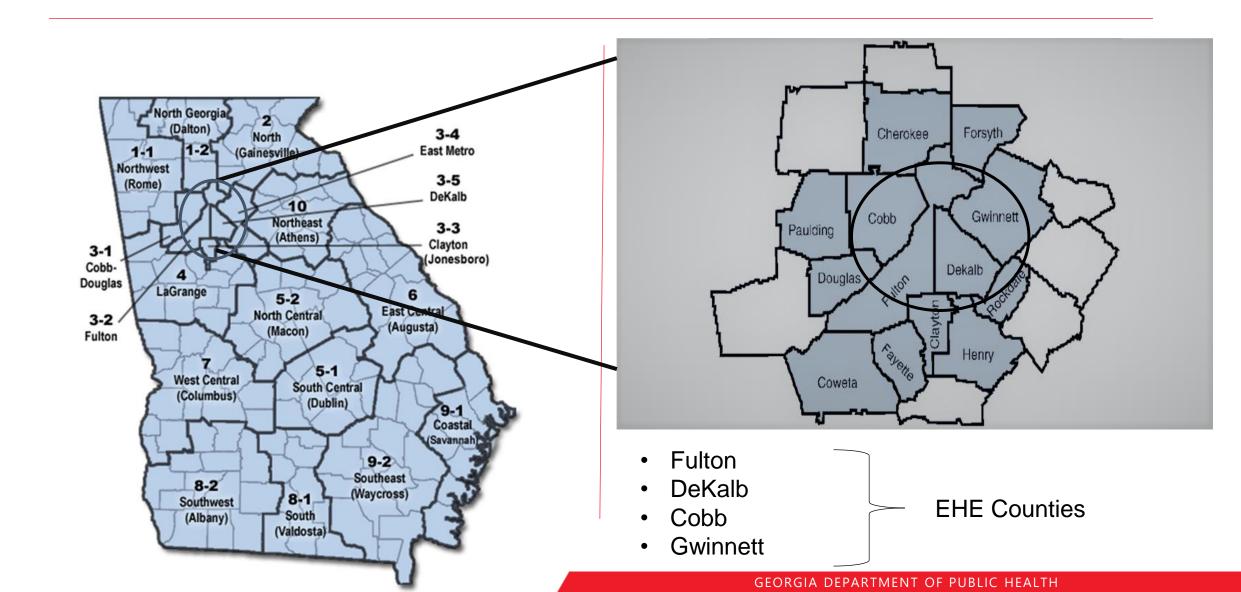
Website where you can find updates on the process

Background: HIV in Georgia

58,594 = Total number of PLWH in GA as of December 2019

- 2019 alone = 2,504 newly diagnosed cases
- 20% of persons statewide were diagnosed with AIDS within 12 months

Background: Atlanta Metro Area





Background: HIV in Atlanta Metro Area

,	HIV Diagnoses			PLWH
Public Health District	Count	Rate*	Count	Rate*
1-1 Northwest (Rome)	48	7.0	1,162	170.0
1-2 North Georgia (Dalton)	21	4.3	684	138.6
2 North (Gainesville)	49	6.7	907	123.7
3-1 Cobb-Douglas	214	23.6	4,088	451.0
3-2 Fulton	557	52.4	16,120	1,515.1
3-3 Clayton (Jonesboro)	140	47.9	2,929	1,002.2
3-4 East Metro (Lawrenceville)	253	22.2	4,368	383.5
3-5 DeKalb	358	47.1	9,902	1,304.1
4 LaGrange	118	13.5	2,398	273.6
5-1 South Central (Dublin)	17	11.3	636	423.4
5-2 North Central (Macon)	119	22.3	2,305	431.3
6 East Central (Augusta)	112	22.8	2,244	457.0
7 West Central (Columbus)	69	18.7	1,892	512.6
8-1 South (Valdosta)	81	31.3	1,214	469.3
8-2 Southwest (Albany)	94	27.4	1,769	515.9
9-1 Coastal (Savannah)	132	21.0	2,745	436.6
9-2 Southeast (Waycross)	60	16.1	1235	330.6
10 Northeast (Athens)	51	9.8	1,085	208.1
Unknown Health District	12		1,034	
Total	2,504		58,594	

- 70% (41,115) of persons in the state with HIV reside in Atlanta MSA
- Four EHE counties are Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, & Gwinnett
- The four counties account for
 - 49% of persons diagnosed in 2018
 - 75% of persons diagnosed in Atlanta MSA
 - 56% of total PLWH

^{*}per 100,000 population

Georgia Priority Population Rankings 2019

Population	Ranking
Black MSM	1
Black Female HRH	2
White MSM	3
Hispanic MSM	4
White Female HRH	5
Black Male HRH	6
Hispanic Female HRH	7
White Female IDU	8
Black Female IDU	9
Hispanic Female IDU	10
Black Male IDU	11
Hispanic Male HRH	12
Hispanic Male IDU	13
White Male HRH	13
White Male IDU	15

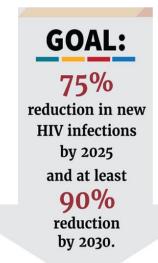
EHE PRIORITY POPULATIONS

- MSM
- Young Black MSM
- Black & Hispanic Heterosexual Women
- Hispanic Men
- People who inject drugs
- Transgender persons

EHE OVERVIEW

- Ending the HIV Epidemic is a federal initiative aimed at reducing new HIV infections by 90% in the next 10 years
- Introduced on February 5, 2019 by HHS
- Key players
 - Health Departments
 - Community-Based Organizations
 - Faith Community
 - Community Advocates
 - PWH

- Implementation Categories
 - Testing
 - Linkage
 - Partner Services
 - Support Services
 - Condom Distribution
 - SSPs
 - Data-to-Care





Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible.

Treat people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression.





Prevent new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).

Respond quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.



EHE HISTORY IN GEORGIA

РІСОТ

Dekalb County led the pilot for EHE through targeted efforts to increase PrEP, nPEP, and SSPs.



Plan was developed using community input through the development of Community Advisory Boards.



Implement prevention activities based around the four pillars throughout the Atlanta Metro counties.

PAST: WHERE WE'VE BEEN

- Pilot phase
- Planning phase
- Community meetings

PAST: EHE Timeline Part 1



EHE Jumpstart

CDC funds EHE
Jumpstart activities
in DeKalb County

CDC EHE Planning Starts

DPH received funds for EHE planning in Fulton, Dekalb, Cobb, and Fulton counties

EHE Community Planning

Meetings held to develop Metro Atlanta EHE plans

Draft EHE Plan Submitted to CDC

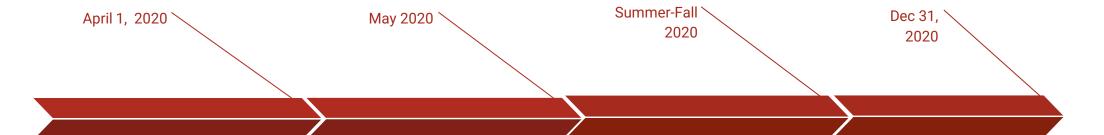
A draft of the Metro Atlanta EHE plan is submitted to CDC for review and feedback

CDC Releases EHE Implementation NOFO

Following release of NOFO, county-level meetings held to plan CDC-funded EHE implementation activities

GA COVID-19 Stay At Home Order Issued

Governor Kemp declares State of Emergency and issues stay-at-home order for Georgie in response to COVID-19



CDC Provides Feedback on EHE Draft Plan

DPH received feedback from The CDC on the drafted EHE plan that was submitted in December 2019.

DPH Submits App to CDC for Implementation Funds

DPH submits application for EHE implementation funding, which includes funding for counties and contracted CBOs.

EHE Plan Revisions

Workgroups meet to revise EHE plan based on community input and the CDCs feedback on the draft.

Final EHE Plan Submitted to CDC

The final Metro Atlanta EHE plan was submitted to the CDC and posted on the EHE website.

PRESENT: WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW

- Community Organizations are at the forefront of EHE
- Hiring Staff
- Year 2 Continuation Funds Applied For
- Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - Creativity & Innovation
 - Ability to Handle Workload
 - Address Strategies & Activities

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

- Community Advisory Board (CAB)
 - Residents
 - Advocates
 - Stakeholders
 - Representatives from other CABs

PRESENT: EHE Timeline Part 2

Metro Atlanta Counties Funded

DPH and the four Metro-Atlanta counties receive funding for the implementation of EHE activities

Onboarding and Implementation

The four counties finalize their RFPs, onboard and hire contractors and staff, and begin getting the implementation activities up and running

First RFPs Released

Cobb and Dekalb release their RFPs and applications are officially being accepting

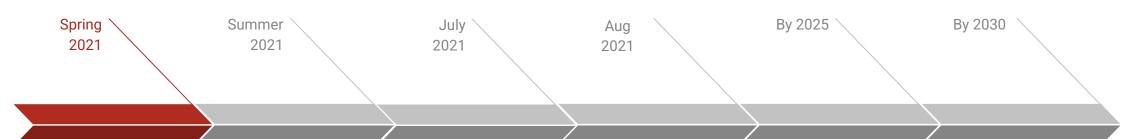
Fulton and Dekalb RFPs

Next round of RFPs from Dekalb and Fulton approved and open for applications

FUTURE: WHERE WE'RE GOING

- Spring 2021: Counties finish the selection process
- Summer 2021: Implementation activities continue
- Up through 2025: Targeted activities towards 75% reduction in new infections
- Up through 2030: Targeted activities towards 90% reduction in new infections

FUTURE: EHE Timeline Part 3



All County Onboarding Completed

The counties finish selecting and hiring staff and contractors

EHE Activities Continue

EHE implementation activities up and rolling

Fiscal Year 1 Ends

Finalize metrics and data for year one; solidify carryover funds

Fiscal Year 2 Begins

Implementation activities continue into year 2

75% Reduction of New HIV Infections

Counties continue to to lead the implementation of activities that diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond to HIV in Metro Atlanta, aimed at reaching the 5-year goal

90% Reduction of New HIV Infections

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