

# COVID-19 Response Update

September 8, 2020



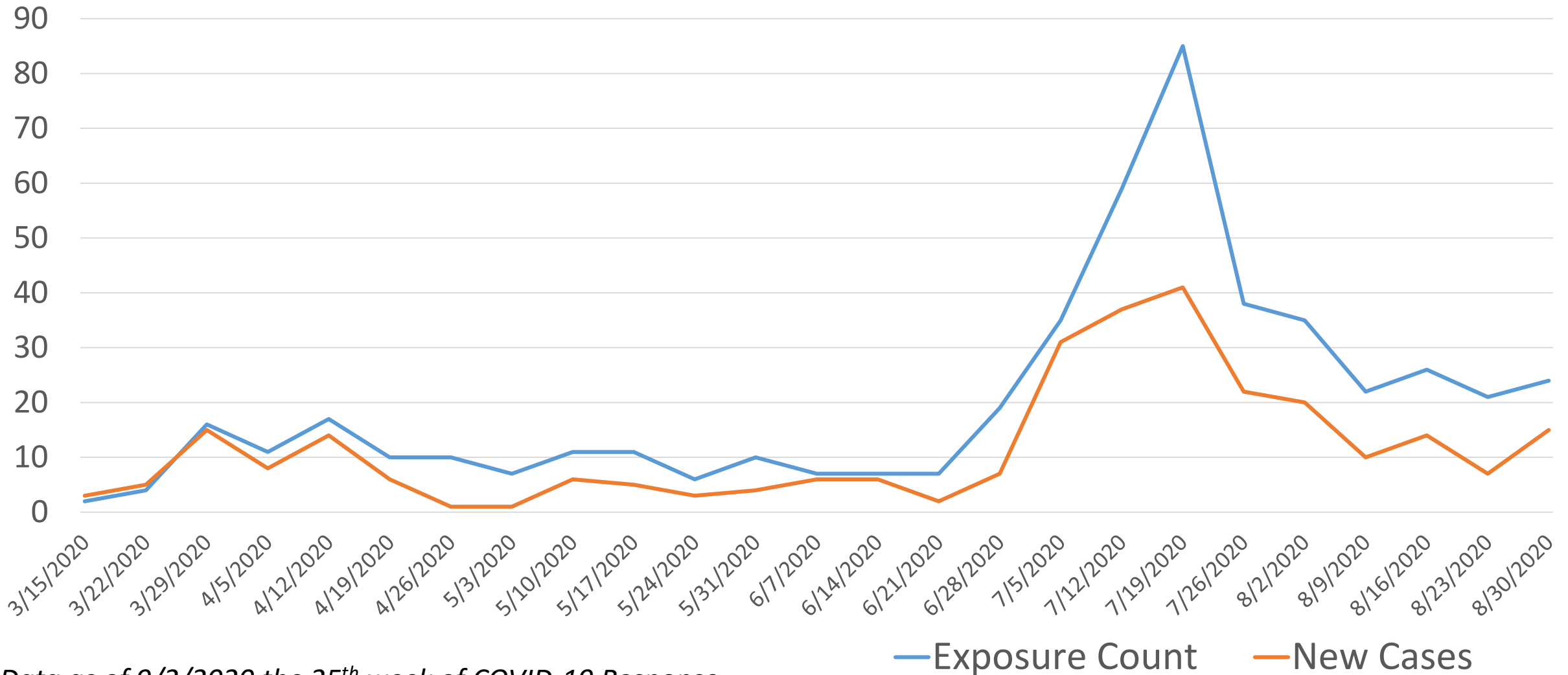
# Purpose

- Review COVID-19 state, district, and county data, featuring a presentation from the Northeast Health District
- Provide an update on enforcement activities
- Provide an update on community support activities
- Discuss fare-free Transit options
- Review updated CARES Act funding program scopes
- Provide an update on business support activities
- Discuss CARES Act Phase 2 funding

**Presentation from the  
Northeast Health District**

# COVID-19 ACCGov Employee Exposures

## NEW COVID-19 EXPOSURES PER WEEK



Data as of 9/2/2020 the 25<sup>th</sup> week of COVID-19 Response

# Enforcement Update

# Enforcement Update: Bar Occupancy Checks

- Officers conducted an additional 69 bar occupancy checks the weekend of August 29. All bars were compliant and no occupancy violations were observed.
- The weekend of Sept. 5, officers conducted an additional 73 bar occupancy checks. All bars were compliant and no occupancy violations were observed.
- The additional bar occupancy checks brings the total number of checks to 386.

# Enforcement Update: Facemask Enforcement

## Weekend of August 29:

- 23 additional officers supplemented Downtown Unit officers for the facemask enforcement operation.
- Officers spoke with numerous groups outside businesses, sought voluntary compliance in getting people to wear face masks, and distributed **608 masks** to residents who did not have them.
- Numerous warnings were issued, and only one citation was written to an individual, who continued to remove his mask after being warned numerous times by several officers.

# Enforcement Update: Facemask Enforcement

## Weekend of September 5:

- 32 additional officers supplemented Downtown Unit officers for the facemask enforcement operation.
- Distributed **989 masks** to residents who did not have them.
- Numerous warnings were issued, and 13 citations were written to individuals that continued to remove their masks after being warned numerous times by several officers.
- Total number of citations issued to date: 14.
- Total number of masks issued since the implementation of the Emergency Ordinance requiring facemasks: **1,680**.



# Community Supports

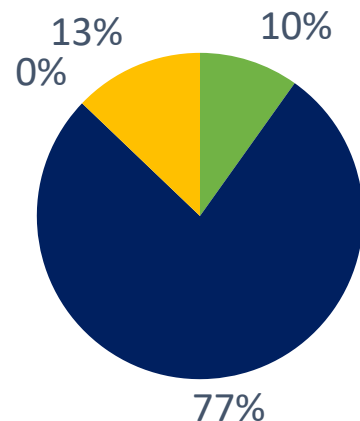
# Mask Distribution Update

Distribution Wave	Total Masks Ordered	Total Distributed
Wave 1 (07/06/2020)	24,000	24,000
Wave 2 (07/17/2020)	20,000	20,000
Wave 3 (08/17/2020)	20,000	20,000
Wave 4 (08/27/2020)	15,000	10,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>74,500</b>

*Staff presented data regarding the first two waves in the August 11, 2020 Work Session.  
Data below represents the two waves of distribution since the August Work Session.*

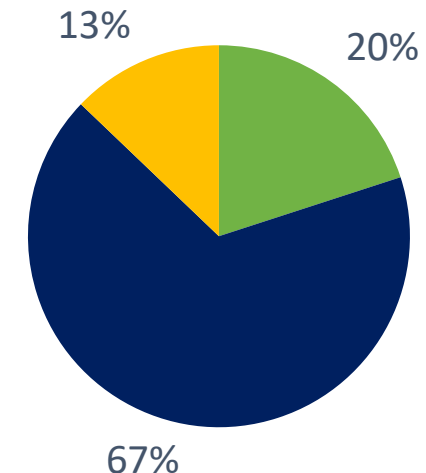
## 77% of Wave 3 & 4 Masks Distributed Within 1 Week

■ Delivered within 1 day    ■ Delivered within 1 week  
■ Delivered 2 weeks+    ■ Still in Inventory



## 67% of Wave 3 & 4 Masks Distributed to the Community via External Partner Organizations

■ ACCGov    ■ External Partners    ■ Inventory



# Athens Eats Together Update

- HCD and the Attorney's Office are finalizing all contracts, including ACCA's contract.
- An addendum was added to spell out specific performance metrics reporting requirements, so staff can keep Mayor & Commission informed on the number of meals and people served, broken down geographically and demographically on a weekly basis.
- ACCA is preparing for the program by hiring two bilingual intake specialists to assist applicants.

# Athens Community Corps. Update

- Workforce Development Coordinator has been hired and begins work on Tuesday, September 8.
- Finalizing A-Corps job descriptions
- Finalizing hand tools list for ordering

# Fare-Free Transit Options

# Fare-Free Transit:

## What does \$150,000 pay for?

### Fare-Free Transit

- Pre-Covid19 Fare revenue collections were approximately \$2650/day on weekdays, including UGA ridership contract revenues.
- Current fare revenue collections average \$1000/day with a deficit of approximately \$1650/day.
- \$150,000 will cover the approximate \$1000/day fare revenue from September 10, 2020 –December 31, 2020\*

\*Transit will conclude the calendar year with fare box revenues at a deficit of approximately \$226,000.

# Updated CARES Act Program Scopes

# CARES Act Awards

Organization	Program Type	Award Amount	Notes
ABHS	Financial Assistance	\$20,000.00	Scope: Rapid Rehousing/rental assistance for homeless individuals seeking permanent housing.
ABHS	Hotel Shelter	\$40,000.00	Scope: Emergency hotel shelter for homeless individuals and case management services.
ABHS	Healthcare	\$303,000.00	Scope: Telehealth costs to provide mental health services remotely.
Above and Beyond Home Care Cooperative	Healthcare	\$30,000.00	Update: This is a for-profit company and ACCGov policy does not allow the allocation of funds to a for-profit company without a competitive RFP process.
ACCA	Food Assistance	\$420,000.00	Scope: Food assistance for elderly and low-income households.
ACTION, Inc.	Financial Assistance	\$30,000.00	Scope: Financial assistance and emergency hotel shelter for low-income households.
Athens Area Homeless Shelter	Financial Assistance/Hotel Shelter	\$85,000.00	Scope: Rental assistance and emergency hotel shelter for homeless families.
Athens Neighborhood Health Center	Healthcare	\$100,000.00	Updated Scope: Instead of testing equipment, \$100,000 will cover the cost of 1,000 COVID-19 tests at \$100 each.
Athens Land Trust	Financial Assistance	\$230,000.00	Scope: Financial assistance for low-income households.



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Organization	Program Type	Award Amount	Notes
Athens Nurses Clinic	Healthcare	\$90,000.00	Scope: Indigent care and COVID-related care for uninsured, low-income individuals.
Casa de Amistad	Financial Assistance	\$230,000.00	Scope: Financial assistance for low-income households.
EADC	Financial Assistance	\$230,000.00	Updated Scope: \$100,000 for financial assistance for low-income households, \$25,000 for small business grant assistance, public health marketing, and support with remote learning for low-income households.
EADC: Innovative Health Care Institute	Healthcare	\$30,000.00	Scope: Healthcare training and employment assistance to increase the number of healthcare professionals available to respond to COVID-19.
Habitat for Humanity	Healthcare/Financial Assistance	\$230,000.00	Updated Scope: Habitat will partner with indigent healthcare providers to offer COVID-19 testing and prevention targeting the most vulnerable. Costs include supporting a mobile clinic; providing adequate PPE, tests, supplies and equipment; and employing a sanitizing, disinfectant system to combat COVID-19. \$11,000 will fund utility assistance for low-income households.
Habitat for Humanity: Mobile Health Clinic	Healthcare	\$50,000.00	Updated Scope: Habitat proposes a van to be used by multiple indigent care providers and a staff person to coordinate care amongst stakeholders.

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Organization	Program Type	Award Amount	Notes
Project Safe	Financial Assistance	\$45,000.00	Scope: Financial assistance for survivors of domestic violence.
Salvation Army	Financial Assistance	\$25,000.00	Scope: Financial assistance for low-income households.
Sparrow's Nest	Homeless Services	\$45,000.00	Scope: Homeless services (including meals, showers, and clothing).
The Ark	Financial Assistance	\$230,000.00	Scope: Financial assistance for low-income households.
Northeast Georgia Business Alliance	Small Business Assistance	\$510,000	Scope: Distribute grants to impacted ACC businesses

# **Business Supports**

# JDA Emergency Small Business Loans & Grants Update

**JDA Turntable Emergency Loan Fund: \$1M**

**CARES Business Grants: \$1.6M**

- Hosted Aug. 31 webinar to train 13 community volunteers who have offered their assistance to help small businesses complete their applications. Their contact info is included on the website, so small businesses can contact them to request assistance.
- IGA between ACCGov and JDA approved by M & C on 9/1 and JDA set to consider during Sept. 2 meeting.
- On Sept. 2, JDA will consider/approve agreement with First American Bank to administer & service both the loans and the grants, per the criteria established by the JDA.
- Issued a media release regarding grant and loan programs. ACC PIO is providing invaluable assistance.
- JDA loan and grant application is planned to open Tues, Sept 8, with application deadline of Tues, Sept 22.

# **CARES Act Funds: Phase 2**

# CARES Act Phase 2

- \$6.6M that ACCGov received in Phase 1 represents 30% of the total \$22M that ACCGov could potentially receive.
- The remaining \$15M could be distributed in one increment or two.
- The State meeting to discuss phase 2 funding on September 3, 2020 was cancelled. This meeting is now likely to occur early next week.
- Potential Funding Priorities

**Questions?**