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New Presumptive Positive COVID-19 Cases in Georgia

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is awaiting confirmatory testing from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on **five new** presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in Georgia. The additional cases are in **Charlton County, Fulton County and three in Cobb County**. All but one individual (Fulton) are hospitalized. One of the Cobb presumptive positives has a travel history outside of the country, the sources of the other infections are unknown.

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 and presumed positive cases of COVID-19 are broken down by county as follows:

Confirmed COVID-19 (6)

Fulton County 3
Floyd County 1
Polk County 1
Cobb 1

Presumptive Positive COVID-19 (16)

Fulton 3
Cobb 6
Fayette 1
DeKalb 2
Gwinnett 2
Cherokee 1
Charlton 1

The overall risk of COVID-19 to the general public remains low, although **elderly people and individuals with chronic medical conditions may be have increased risk for COVID-19**.

The best prevention measures for any respiratory virus are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you have recently traveled to areas where there are ongoing outbreaks of COVID-19 and develop fever with cough and shortness of breath within 14 days of your travel, or if you have had contact with someone who is suspected to have COVID-19, stay home and call your health care provider or local health department right away. **Be sure to call before going to a doctor's office, emergency room, or urgent care center and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.**

Follow DPH's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for updated numbers of COVID-19 cases in Georgia.

For accurate and reliable information about COVID-19 log on to <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>