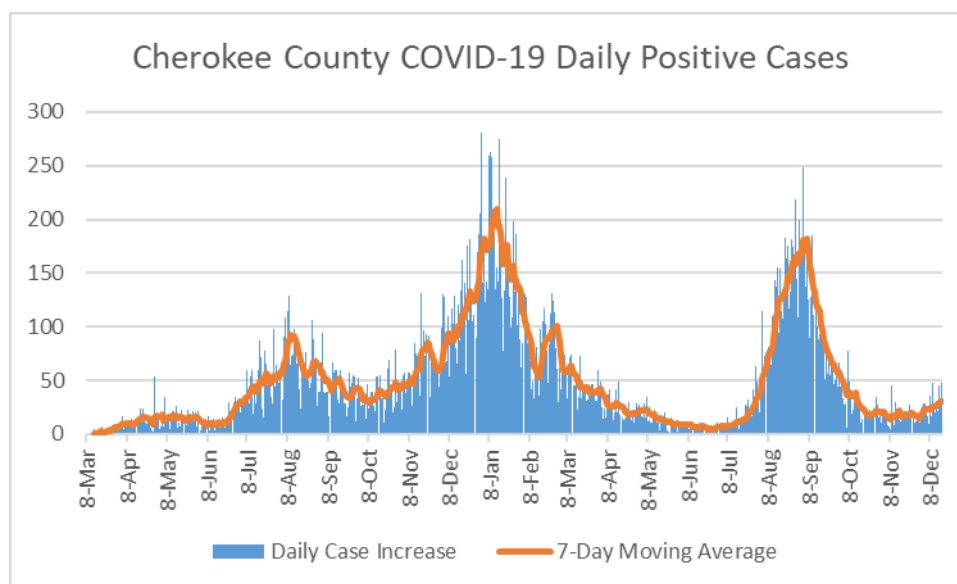


**CHEROKEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
(12/17/2021) (3:00 P.M.)**

WEEKLY UPDATE

- Cherokee County EMA and Board of Commissioners ask that you be mindful of your needed travels, contact with others, continue to practice social distancing, and practice good hygiene.
- The Georgia Department of Public Health has announced 1,305,860 confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the state.
- 26,090 deaths have occurred in the state as a result of COVID-19.
- Cherokee County has 32,484 confirmed cases of COVID-19, since March 8, 2020. This is an increase of 212 cases from December 11th to December 17th.
- Cherokee County has four hundred and sixty one (461) confirmed fatalities due to COVID-19.



***** COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Location*****

- The COVID-19 vaccination clinics are located at the Public Health Department centers in Canton and Woodstock. To make an appointment, please call the Canton Public Health Center (1219 Univerter Road, Canton, GA) at 770-345-7371 or the Woodstock Public Health Center (7545 North Main Street, Woodstock, GA) at 770-329-0133.
 - To make an appointment online with Georgia DPH, eligible residents should register via:
 - The DPH online portal at <https://gta-vras.powerappsportals.us/>

*****COVID-19 drive-thru testing location*****

- COVID-19 testing is located in the parking lot of Action Church (271 Marietta Road, Canton, GA, 30114). Hours of operations and pre-registration processes are listed below:
 - Days/Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM
 - It is highly recommended that you pre-register for your test at the following link <https://mako.exchange/splash/GAmakotesting/>
 - Please do not call the church or enter the church buildings.
- The GPH COVID-19 vaccine locator displays all government, commercial, and major distributors that are currently dispensing the vaccine. Please see the following link for details:
<https://dph.georgia.gov/locations/covid-vaccination-site>
- Georgia DPH has released an interactive vaccine distribution dashboard. You can view it at the following link:
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3d8eea39f5c1443db1743a4cb8948a9c/>

- The Georgia Department of Public Health has established an Emotional Support Line. They will provide 24/7 free and confidential assistance to callers needing emotional support or resource information as a result of COVID-19. The number is 866-399-8938.
- The Cherokee Family Violence 24/7 Hotline number is 770-479-1703 for English and 770-720-7050 for Spanish. The Cherokee Family Violence Center is providing emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and assisting with emergency protection orders M-F 9am-5pm.

The citizens of Cherokee County are resilient and have always stepped up to meet any challenge. We are all in this together!

Cherokee EMA will continue to provide the latest information as it is provided by the Georgia Department of Public Health, CDC, and other partnering agencies.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- 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
- If you are sick, please contact your primary care physician.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Practice social distancing
- Receive a flu vaccination
- All residents of Georgia are encouraged to have a plan in place to care for and protect family members who are elderly or have compromised immune systems. Check on neighbors who may be elderly or have a heightened risk of contracting the virus.
- We encourage citizens of the county to use take out or delivery options at restaurants.

LINKS

Please visit the Cherokee County Coronavirus Disease 2019 information page at the link below <https://www.cherokeega.com/focus/corona-virus-plan.php>

Cherokee County School District
<https://www.cherokeek12.net/>