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Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan Highlights State-Wide Cooperative Response to Coronavirus Disease

ATLANTA (March 3, 2020) | Today, Lt. Governor Duncan highlighted Governor Kemp's state-wide cooperative response and the creation of Georgia's coronavirus task force, which is charged with ensuring Georgia is able to prevent and identify cases of the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

Georgia now has two confirmed cases of COVID-19 and the Fulton County residents are being isolated to prevent the disease from spreading. Lt. Governor Duncan was briefed during a call Tuesday afternoon by Georgia Department of Public Health Commissioner Kathleen Toomey, MD.

"I applaud the tireless work Governor Kemp and his Administration are doing by ramping up emergency response activities and preparedness efforts to effectively combat the spread of the coronavirus," said Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan. "I especially appreciate the steps Commissioner Toomey and her staff are taking to address these cases. An effective response will require a collaborative effort that involves cooperation between federal agencies, state agencies, local governments and Georgian communities."

Governor Kemp recently named a coronavirus taskforce in order to measure the state's readiness and capacity to respond to cases of COVID-19. In addition to the task force, state leaders are in communication with the Trump Administration to coordinate efforts in addressing this evolving international public health emergency.

For updated information about COVID-19, visit dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus. Find answers to frequently asked questions at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html.