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COVID-19 CASE REPORTING ON GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WEBSITE

GAINESVILLE, GA – As the Georgia Department of Public Health is already posting case numbers and testing information about COVID-19 on their website, District 2 will not report cases as they occur in the 13-county area. Please visit https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-reports   for the latest updates.

COVID-19 generally causes mild to moderate symptoms in most people, however the elderly and individuals with chronic medical conditions may have increased risk for more serious illness. 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, and 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 develop fever with cough and shortness of breath, have had contact with someone who has tested positive for or suspected to have COVID-19, have recently traveled to areas where there are ongoing outbreaks of COVID-19, please stay home and call your health care provider. Be sure to call before

going to a doctor's office, emergency room, or urgent care center and tell them about your your symptoms and travel history. For updated information on COVID-19, visit dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus or https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html.