



## RC/PIO News & Notes

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A Weekly Update from **Eric Jens, Risk Communicator** – Georgia Department of Public Health. Contents may be FYUO – For Your Use Only

### News & Notes

Wet weather, Cyclosporiasis, and next week's quarterly DPH Risk Communicators meeting will be among the highlights featured this week.

### Measles Exercise

Thanks to Christina Joseph and Mark Palen for sending us the images and update on a Measles Tabletop exercise held in District 2 last week. There were more than 50 participants from a variety of organizations including hospitals and other community partners.



**Recalled Products:**

- Marketside Classic Iceberg Salad 12oz – 7/18/2026 to 8/3/2026
- Marketside Classic Iceberg Salad 24oz - 7/18/2026 to 8/3/2026
- Marketside Shredded Lettuce 12oz - 7/18/2026 to 8/3/2026
- Marketside Shredded Lettuce 24oz - 7/18/2026 to 8/3/2026/

**Product Photos:**



## Cyclospora Outbreak

The nation's Cyclosporiasis cases continue to receive attention this week, with updated reports issued by the National Public Health Information Coalition, the Common Health 2-4-2 Digest, the GHA Disaster Readiness Line, and others.

According to the NPHIC report, the CDC reports 1,644 lab-confirmed

*illnesses and 94 hospitalizations in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia, with no deaths reported. The outbreak has been traced to a single lettuce supplier in Mexico, while other shredded iceberg lettuce products are not affected.*

*In a Food Safety update from the Georgia Department of Agriculture posted Tuesday: "As the nationwide Cyclospora outbreak tied to Taylor Farms products imported from Mexico continues, Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler J Harper is encouraging Georgia consumers to support Georgia farmers and purchase locally grown lettuce."*

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## Risk Communicators Quarterly Meeting

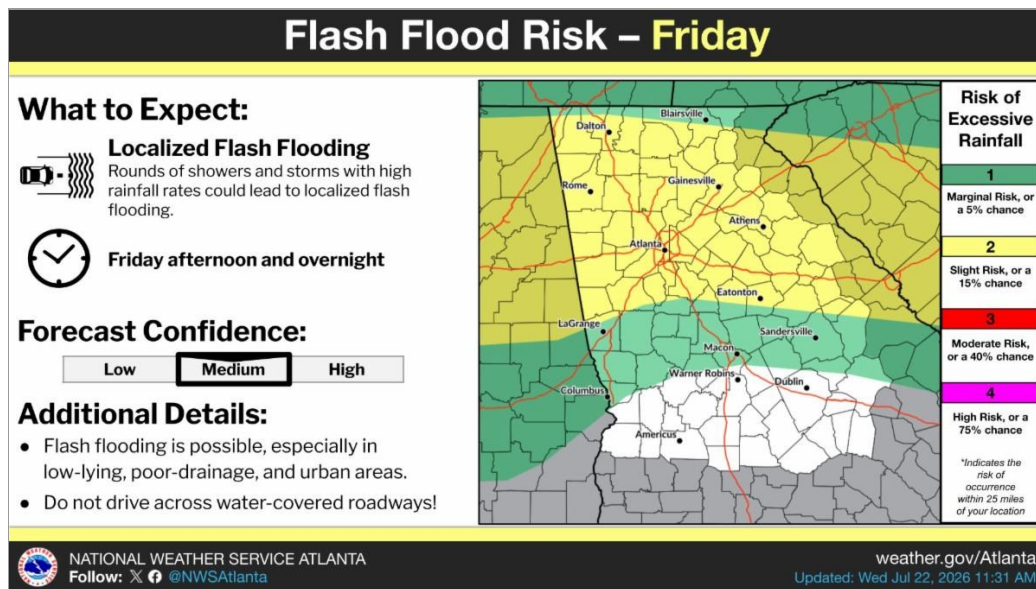
The next quarterly DPH statewide Risk Communicators meeting will be held from 10:00 am until noon on Wednesday, July 29. Thanks to those who have agreed to present at this meeting. We'll be talking about FIFA games, hurricanes and the latest on digital communications. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like an invitation forwarded to you.

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## Weather Outlook

The Data Transmission Network provided a summer outlook session this week, indicating that a relatively quiet hurricane season may lie ahead. The modified forecast now calls for 10 named storms, four hurricanes and two major hurricanes of category 3 strength or greater. The more immediate weather concern in Georgia relates to heavy rains. This week's weather patterns, which include additional precipitation from the remnants of Tropical Storm Bertha, could bring excessive rain and flooding to

parts of the state by the time it starts to clear up on Saturday. Thanks to Sheri Russo for providing the informational graphic.



## Next Week Preview

The aforementioned risk communicators meeting will be held on Tuesday morning. Wednesday afternoon there will be a mid-term planning meeting for state DPH staff for the capstone statewide ESF-8 Highly Infectious Disease exercise later this year.

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