



## RC/PIO News & Notes

July 2, 2026

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

### News & Notes

FIFA World Cup events, a quarterly meeting of the Georgia Public Health Association, and other highlights will be featured this week. The next quarterly statewide DPH Risk Communicators meeting is tentatively scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, July 29. Tomorrow is the state holiday recognizing the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Independence Day; hence News and Notes is going out today.

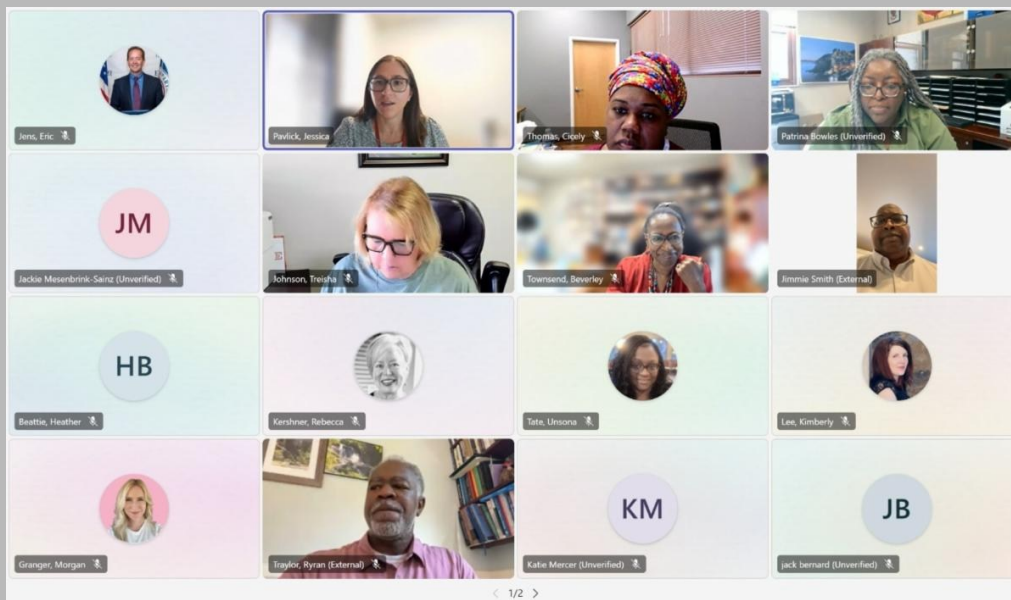
### FIFA

FIFA activities and weather conditions both heated up dramatically this week. Hot weather safety messages are being emphasized. Precautions are being made for other potential threats as large crowds enjoy the



matches, fan fests, and watch parties. Thanks to Sean Graham for sending us the picture to the right of FIFA response activities at the GEMA State Operation Center.





## GPHA meeting

The Georgia Public Health Association executive board met on Monday, starting with an introduction of current officers including new President Beverley Townsend. Board members talked about ways to highlight activities and boost membership. Committee leaders provided updates on recent activities and discussed plans for potential upcoming events.

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## Holiday Safety

Extreme heat continues as we head into the extended holiday weekend. Whether heading to FIFA events or doing any outdoor activity, people are being reminded to watch for signs of heat-related health issues. The best way to avoid this is by limiting time outdoors, especially during the hottest part of the day. Drink plenty of water, take breaks indoors, and wear loose, light-colored clothing. Firework safety is also important this weekend. This was among the highlights in last week's Coastal Health District Newsletter:

- *Children should never be allowed to use fireworks - even sparklers! The majority of fireworks-related injuries to children under the age of 5 involve sparklers, which burn at temps of up to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.*
- *Only use fireworks outdoors, away from any buildings, dry leaves, or other flammable materials. Keep a garden hose and bucket full of water nearby in case there is a fire emergency.*
- *Make sure all other people are out of range of the firework before lighting it and never hold any part of your body directly over a firework while lighting it.*



# Daily Weather Threat/Risk Forecast

Thursday, July 02, 2026

July 2, 2026  
7:17 AM EDT

## Weather Threat Level (Today-Tonight)



- No threat / risk (Level 1)
- Low (Level 2)
- Medium (Level 3)
- High (Level 4)
- Extreme (Level 5)

### Additional Information with NWS Atlanta

- Refer to NWS Atlanta's emails (WebEOC-Weather Board) and/or NWSChat (Slack) for more information.
- NWS Atlanta 24/7 Operations: **770-282-3016**

## Key Weather Messages

- Scattered thunderstorms are possible across metro Atlanta today (25-35%), primarily from 2 PM to 8 PM.
  - *Damaging wind gusts up to 60 mph are the primary threat in any severe storm with hail up to quarter size also possible.*
- High temperatures: Upper 90s.
- Heat index values of **105°F to 109°F** between 1 PM and 7 PM.
- A **Heat Advisory** is in effect from 12PM to 8PM.
- East to southeast winds at 4 to 8 mph.



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## Next Week Preview

Next week there will be more FIFA activities, the annual national Access and Functional Needs Symposium, a Disaster Mental Health training, and the monthly District Public Health Analysts meeting.

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