

RC/PIO News & Notes 9-19-2025

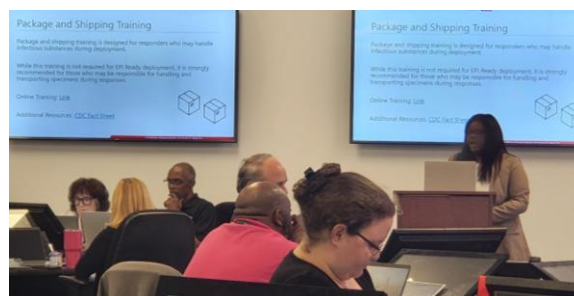


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News and Notes

This week we'll preview the Georgia Public Health Association virtual meeting to be held Wednesday. The state DPH EPR monthly meeting was held last Tuesday. There were other webinars, meetings and happenings throughout the past week.

DPH EPR meeting



The monthly state DPH EPR meeting began on Tuesday with operational updates from leadership and finance. Epidemiology presented responder safety welfare tactics. They also covered more details on Georgia's latest Measles case that was confirmed the previous week. Thanks to Tracy Dabbs for the pictures.

Cobb/Douglas Exercise

Thanks to Russell Goutierez for sending the images and overview of a recent exercise: *District 3-1 EP&R staff members took part in a full-scale exercise in Atlanta. Accompanying them were six members of the district's new Rapid Support Team (RST), a cadre of volunteer employees who receive extra training enabling them to quickly deploy in support of a public health emergency response. The exercise involved sweeping a mass gathering venue for potentially harmful items. Participants agreed the exercise provided an outstanding training experience and significantly improved their confidence in conducting such sweeps.*



GPHA

The Georgia Public Health Association will host a statewide virtual meeting next Wednesday morning from 8:30 until 10:30. The Communications Section breakout session will feature 'Eyes in the Sky: Drones as a PIO Tool' presented by FEMA MPIO's Andrew Sullivan and Darren Noak. We look forward to a good turnout for our section meeting as well as for the entire meeting. The annual meeting last spring was canceled due to travel restrictions but hopes and plans are to have it return in-person in 2026.



Next Week Preview

The aforementioned GPHA meeting will be held Wednesday. The state DPH Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop will also be held Wednesday. The monthly statewide DPH-EPR call is next week Thursday afternoon at 1:00.

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