



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EP NEWS & VIEWS



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Mega Health Fair

7/18/26 | DeSana Middle School

Marking District 2's first time participating in the Mega Health Fair, The Women's Health Program, Forsyth County Health Department, and Emergency Preparedness Program collaborated to provide valuable public health resources to community members. About 600 people attended the event, and new partnerships with private healthcare providers were built. A memorable highlight was the participation of high school volunteers from Alliance Academy through the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) partnership. Students gave exceptional education on heat preparedness and emergency supply kits.

MPH Poster Judging Competition

7/30/26 | University of Georgia

Master of Public Health students at the University of Georgia presented about their internships, conducted in a variety of public health settings across the US and internationally. 3 outstanding students who completed their internship experience at District 2 Public Health shared key information about what they learned, the impact they made, and their accomplishments. Mark Palen participated as a judge and evaluated the posters to help select the winners of the competition.



Back to School Fair

8/1/26 | Lumpkin County Health Department

The second annual Back to School Event, or "Shindig" hosted by the Lumpkin County Health Department was a summer success! The festive event brought together families for a fun day featuring immunizations, food, games, giveaways, 3300 screenings, community resources, and so much more. While families kicked off the new school year, they received helpful information about building emergency supply kits. The event highlighted resources and increased community resilience.

Piedmont Univeristy Club Fair **8/13/26 | Piedmont University Commons**

The student fair at Piedmont University was a wonderful opportunity to connect with students and share information about preparedness, Health Department services, and the Women's Health Program. Academic partnerships as such, help students care for their health and safety independently and empower them to make informed decisions about their overall well-being.



Resident Resource Expo **8/18/26 | North Georgia Technical College**

Several programs of District 2 Public Health welcomed students during move-in day at North Georgia Technical College. While students were moving to their new "home away from home", District 2 provided them with information about health services and preparedness tips, as they began their exciting, new chapter. Students left feeling more informed, prepared, and connected to their community.

Forsyth WIC Farmers Market **8/25/26 | Methodist Church**

The Women Infants and Children (WIC) Farmer's Market in Forsyth County directly served fresh, local produce to 182 clients, in order to improve access to nutritious foods. In addition to produce, participants recieved information from various community organizations about SNAP benefits, local foodbanks, and more. The event promoted many services that promote long-term health, stability, and preparedness.



Baby and Me Resource Fair **8/27/26 | Goodwill Career Cetner**

During the quarterly Resource Fair organized by Family Connections, participants gained a wide range of resources. The event has grown into a remarkable, impactful local initiative. The Health Department and Emergency Preparedness Program engaged families by sharing information and resources. Children's activity books were well-received and encouraged children to learn about emergency preparedness.



COALITION CORNER

Tabletop Exercise

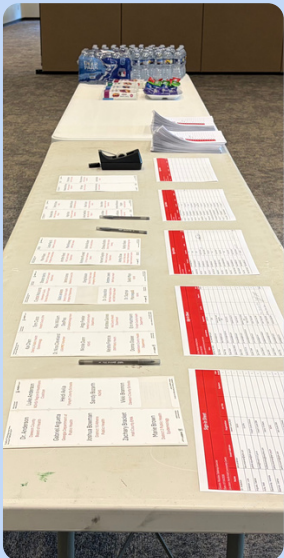
A tabletop exercise is a discussion-based activity where several agencies talk through their roles during a simulated crisis scenario to strengthen coordinated emergency response.

In partnership with Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS), the District 2 Emergency Preparedness (EP) and Epidemiology (Epi) teams hosted a successful Measles Tabletop Exercise (TTX) at a local community center on July 16. NGHS Infection Prevention and District 2 EP/Epi formed the Planning Team and met monthly to develop the exercise scenario, identify participants, and coordinate logistics over three months.

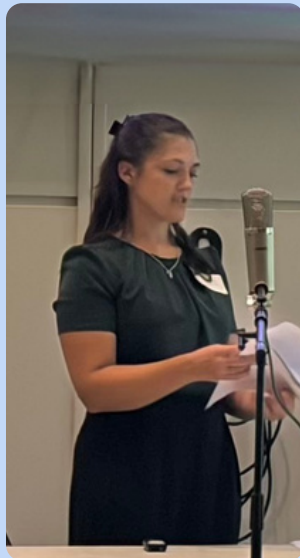


54 participants from counties across the District 2 and Region B Healthcare Coalition regions worked through a simulated measles outbreak, focusing on communication, coordination, and available resources. Dr. Mannepali provided an overview of measles before Katie, the EP Team's Training and Exercise Coordinator, facilitated the exercise modules. Participant feedback is incorporated into an After-Action Report to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement in future exercises.

Registration



Introduction



Guest Presentation Dr. Mannepali



Discussions and Survey



BACK TO SCHOOL



Child's Card

Cut Along Dashed Line

Fold Along Solid Line

BACKPACK EMERGENCY CARD		EMERGENCY CONTACTS	
Child's Name:	Date of Birth:	Contact 1 Name:	
Home Address:		Relationship:	Cell Phone:
School:		Contact 2 Name:	
Teacher:	School Phone:	Relationship:	Cell Phone:
Special Needs, Medical Conditions, Allergies, Important Information:		Emergency Pickup Address:	
		Pediatrician Name:	Phone:
DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES.		DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES.	

Keep this card developed by the CDC in your child's school backpack so important contact details are readily available in case of an emergency. For an additional card to keep in the guardian's wallet, or to print the card, visit <https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/139829>

Disaster Relief Shelters

Public Health plays a supporting role when disaster relief shelters are opened by the American Red Cross (ARC). During natural disasters, severe weather, or other crisis, the responsibility of public health to assist with shelter operations is known as Emergency Support Function 6: Mass Care.

In Georgia, emergency shelter operations are led primarily by the Georgia Department for Human Services, American Red Cross, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. As it is a collaborative effort to ensure the health and safety of those impacted, additional agencies may assist with behavioral health support, donations, food, and even sheltering services for pets. Learn the roles of District 2 Public Health with the chart on the right, when the Health Director approves shelter participation during a crisis.

