



## GEORGIA

### SUMMARY

- Georgia is in the orange zone for cases, indicating between 51 and 100 new cases per 100,000 population last week, with the 33rd highest rate in the country. Georgia is in the yellow zone for test positivity, indicating a rate between 5.0% and 7.9%, with the 26th highest rate in the country.
- Georgia has seen stability in new cases and stability in test positivity over the last week.
- The following three counties had the highest number of new cases over the last 3 weeks: 1. Gwinnett County, 2. Fulton County, and 3. DeKalb County. These counties represent 22.4% of new cases in Georgia.
- 51% of all counties in Georgia have moderate or high levels of community transmission (yellow, orange, or red zones), with 16% having high levels of community transmission (red zone).
- During the week of Sep 28 - Oct 4, 11% of nursing homes had at least one new resident COVID-19 case, 20% had at least one new staff COVID-19 case, and 4% had at least one new resident COVID-19 death.
- Georgia had 79 new cases per 100,000 population in the last week, compared to a national average of 100 per 100,000.
- Current staff deployed from the federal government as assets to support the state response are: 36 to support operations activities from FEMA; 9 to support operations activities from ASPR; 2 to support medical activities from CDC; 3 to support testing activities from CDC; 11 to support epidemiology activities from CDC; 4 to support operations activities from USCG; and 1 to support operations activities from VA.
- Between Oct 3 - Oct 9, on average, 389 patients with confirmed COVID-19 and 211 patients with suspected COVID-19 were reported as newly admitted each day to hospitals in Georgia. An average of 95% of hospitals reported either new confirmed or new suspected COVID patients each day during this period.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- We have included cases, test positivity, and deaths by month in the back of your packet to show the time sequence in Georgia and the country as a whole. These demonstrate the impact of comprehensive mitigation efforts when implemented effectively and that partial or incomplete mitigation leads to prolonged community spread and increased fatalities.
- Georgia has made progress and needs to ensure the gains are sustained. Mitigation efforts should continue to include mask wearing, physical distancing, hand hygiene, avoiding crowds in public and social gatherings in private, and ensuring flu immunizations. Track test positivity, cases, and new daily hospitalizations in all counties and react to any week over week increases with increased mitigation in those counties and surged community level testing.
- Georgia should continue the strong mitigation efforts statewide and continue mitigation efforts in university towns to decrease spread from universities to the local community. Use focused wastewater surveillance to detect cases early and direct diagnostic testing and public health interventions to those dorms or student areas.
- Increase surveillance for silent community spread. Use the Abbott BinaxNOW or other antigen tests as weekly repeat surveillance in critical populations to monitor degree of silent (asymptomatic) community spread among K-12 teachers; staff working at nursing homes, assisted living, and other congregate living settings; prison staff; and first responders. All antigen positive results must be reported with both the number of positive results and total tests conducted; positives must be reported as COVID cases.
- We continue to see community spread initiated by social friends and family gatherings. People must remember that seemingly uninfected family members and friends may be infected but asymptomatic. Exposure to asymptomatic cases can easily lead to spread as people unmask in private gatherings. Encourage outdoor activities and ensure mask and physical distancing messages for all residents, both in public and private spaces.
- Ensure all hospitals are aware that COVID-19 antivirals and antibodies work best when used early in the course of infection.
- Repeat testing of individuals as surveillance with confirmation of all positives with nucleic acid testing is the optimal use of antigen tests.
- Ensure all nursing homes, assisted living, and elderly care sites have full testing capacity and are reporting. Track positive staff members back to communities and surge testing to communities with evidence of asymptomatic spread.
- Abbott BinaxNOW arrived at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, ensuring rapid diagnosis and isolation of both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases.
- Specific, detailed guidance on community mitigation measures can be found on the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov).



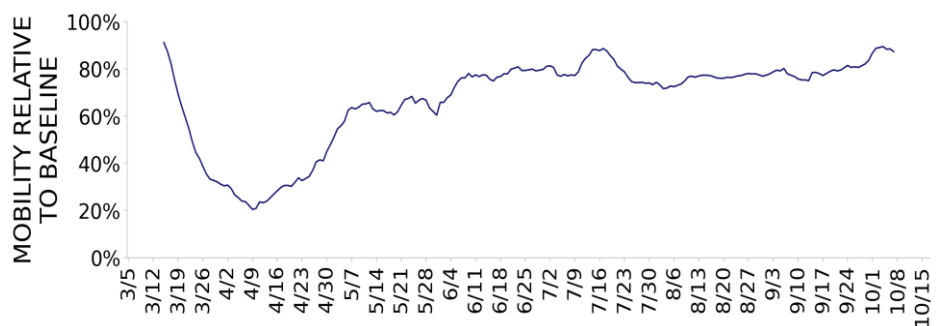


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	STATE, LAST WEEK	STATE, % CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	FEMA/HHS REGION, LAST WEEK	UNITED STATES, LAST WEEK
NEW COVID-19 CASES (RATE PER 100,000)	8,404 (79)	+4%	75,980 (114)	327,190 (100)
VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TEST POSITIVITY RATE	5.8%	-0.2%*	6.1%	5.8%
TOTAL VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TESTS (TESTS PER 100,000)	127,034** (1,196)	+7%**	1,024,987** (1,532)	6,936,223** (2,113)
COVID-19 DEATHS (RATE PER 100,000)	246 (2.3)	+7%	1,603 (2.4)	4,908 (1.5)
SNFs WITH ≥1 NEW RESIDENT COVID-19 CASE (≥1 NEW STAFF CASE)	11% (20%)	+3%* (-3%*)	14% (27%)	10% (21%)
SNFs WITH ≥1 NEW RESIDENT COVID-19 DEATH	4%	-3%*	5%	4%

## MOBILITY



\* Indicates absolute change in percentage points.

\*\* Due to delayed reporting, this figure may underestimate total diagnostic tests and week-on-week changes in diagnostic tests.

**DATA SOURCES** – Additional data details available under METHODS

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**Cases and Deaths:** State values are calculated by aggregating county-level data from USAFacts; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state. Data is through 10/9/2020; last week is 10/3 - 10/9, previous week is 9/26 - 10/2.

**Testing:** CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data through 10/7/2020. Last week is 10/1 - 10/7, previous week is 9/24 - 9/30.

**Mobility:** Descartes Labs. This data depicts the median distance moved across a collection of mobile devices to estimate the level of human mobility within a county. The 100% represents the baseline mobility level prior to the pandemic; lower percent mobility indicates less population movement. Data is anonymized and provided at the county level. Data through 10/7/2020.

**SNFs:** Skilled nursing facilities. National Healthcare Safety Network. Data are reported separately for cases among residents and staff. Last week is 9/28-10/4, previous week is 9/21-9/27.



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## COVID-19 COUNTY AND METRO ALERTS\*

Top 12 shown in table (full lists below)

### METRO AREA (CBSA) LAST WEEK

### COUNTY LAST WEEK

#### LOCALITIES IN RED ZONE

8

■ (+0)

Gainesville  
Cornelia  
Calhoun  
Toccoa  
Vidalia  
Summerville  
Fitzgerald  
Moultrie

25

▼ (-5)

Hall  
Bartow  
Habersham  
Gordon  
Stephens  
Union  
Fannin  
Emanuel  
Toombs  
Chattooga  
Haralson  
Appling

#### LOCALITIES IN ORANGE ZONE

5

▼ (-5)

Augusta-Richmond County  
Macon-Bibb County  
Valdosta  
LaGrange  
Eufaula

20

▼ (-9)

Douglas  
Carroll  
Bibb  
Lowndes  
Walton  
Effingham  
Spalding  
Gilmer  
Franklin  
Tattnell  
Burke  
Grady

#### LOCALITIES IN YELLOW ZONE

17

▲ (+3)

Savannah  
Athens-Clarke County  
Dalton  
Chattanooga  
Rome  
Dublin  
Jefferson  
Statesboro  
Douglas  
Albany  
Tifton  
Hinesville

36

▼ (-5)

Gwinnett  
Chatham  
Henry  
Richmond  
Floyd  
Columbia  
Clayton  
Barrow  
Jackson  
Laurens  
White  
Paulding

Change from previous week's alerts:

▲ Increase

■ Stable

▼ Decrease

**All Yellow CBSAs:** Savannah, Athens-Clarke County, Dalton, Chattanooga, Rome, Dublin, Jefferson, Statesboro, Douglas, Albany, Tifton, Hinesville, Bainbridge, St. Marys, Jesup, Thomasville, Cordele

**All Red Counties:** Hall, Bartow, Habersham, Gordon, Stephens, Union, Fannin, Emanuel, Toombs, Chattooga, Haralson, Appling, Colquitt, Ben Hill, Towns, Butts, Candler, McDuffie, Oglethorpe, Irwin, Montgomery, Worth, Jeff Davis, Clinch, Treutlen

**All Orange Counties:** Douglas, Carroll, Bibb, Lowndes, Walton, Effingham, Spalding, Gilmer, Franklin, Tattnell, Burke, Grady, Monroe, Putnam, Jenkins, Banks, Pike, Dade, Morgan, Brantley

**All Yellow Counties:** Gwinnett, Chatham, Henry, Richmond, Floyd, Columbia, Clayton, Barrow, Jackson, Laurens, White, Paulding, Bulloch, Catoosa, Tift, Coffee, Bryan, Troup, Decatur, Camden, Liberty, Murray, Wayne, Oconee, Ware, Dawson, Thomas, Rabun, Crisp, Jones, Hart, Washington, Greene, Peach, Lee, Turner

\* Localities with fewer than 10 cases last week have been excluded from these alerts.

**Note:** Lists of red, orange, and yellow localities are sorted by the number of new cases in the last 3 weeks, from highest to lowest. Some dates may have incomplete data due to delays in reporting. Data may be backfilled over time, resulting in week-to-week changes.

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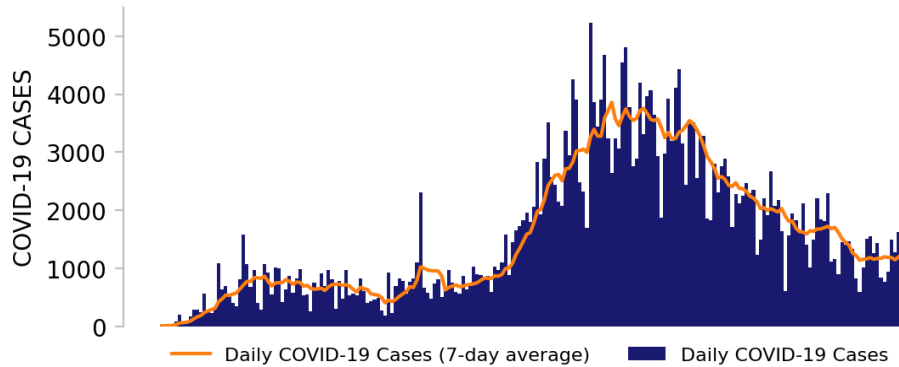
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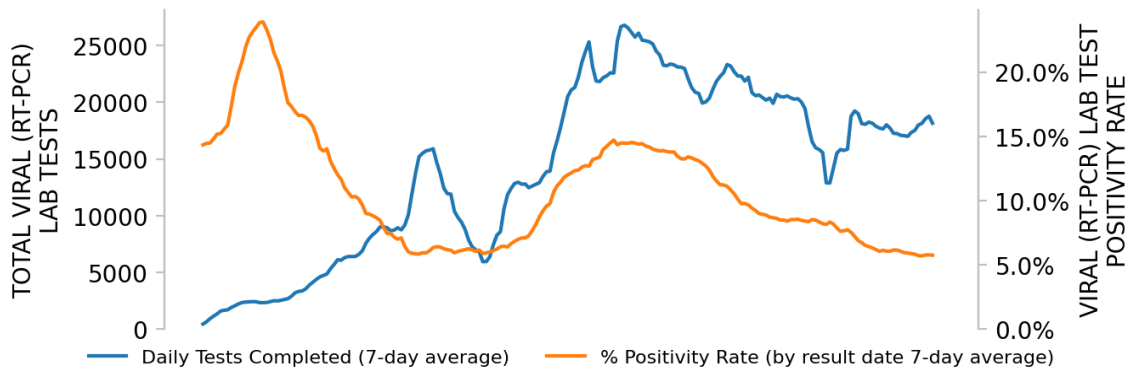
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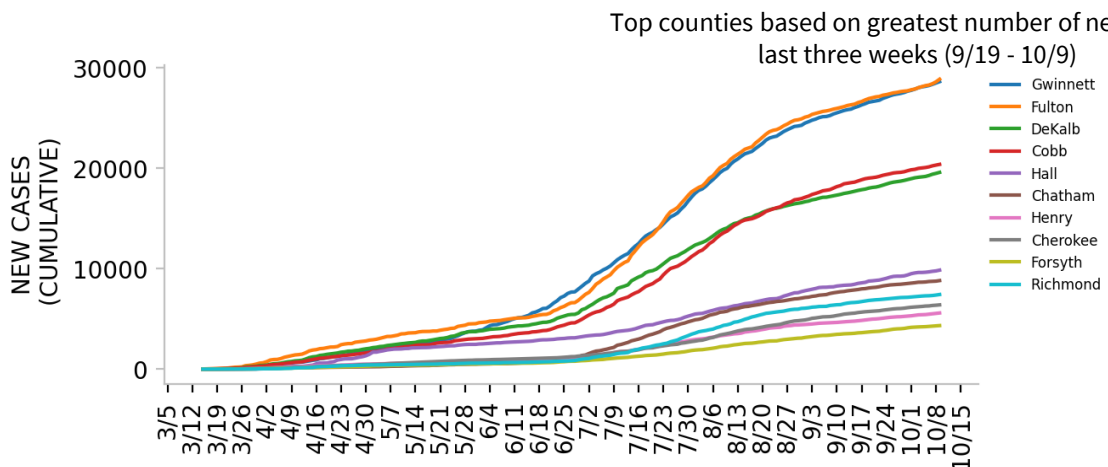
## NEW CASES



## TESTING



## TOP COUNTIES



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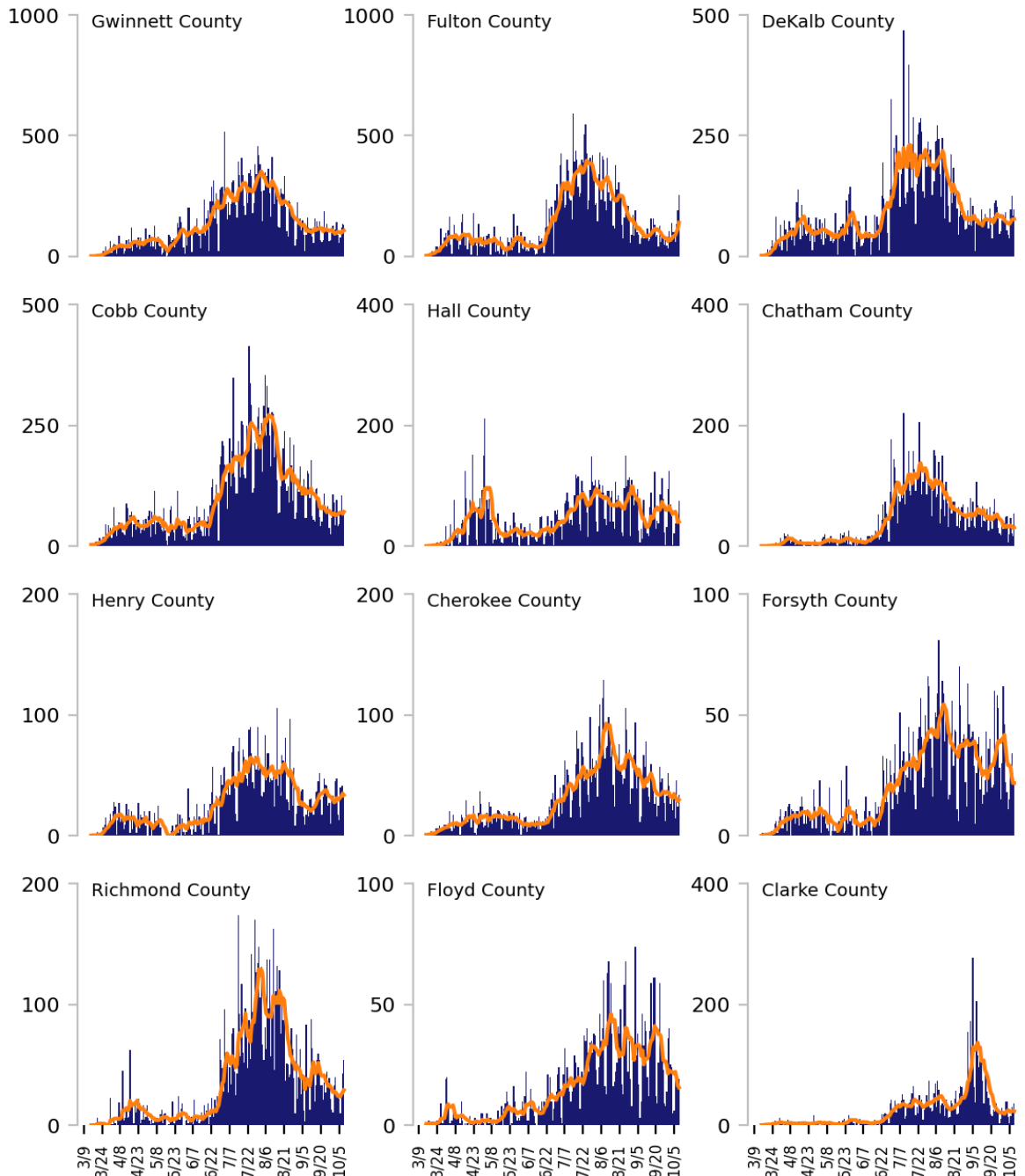
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# Top 12 counties based on number of new cases in the last 3 weeks

— Daily COVID-19 Cases (7-day average)    ■ Daily COVID-19 Cases

TOTAL DAILY CASES



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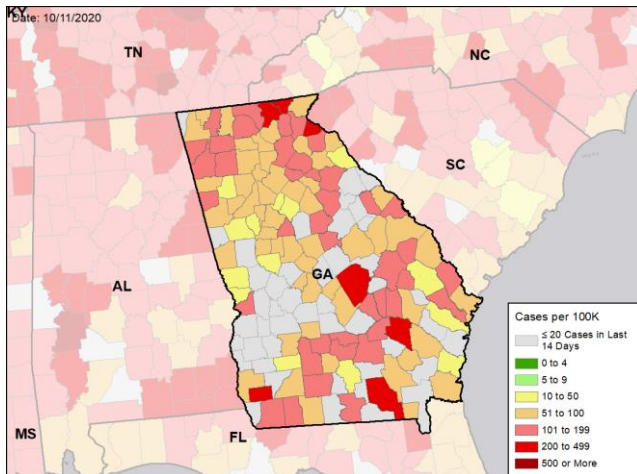


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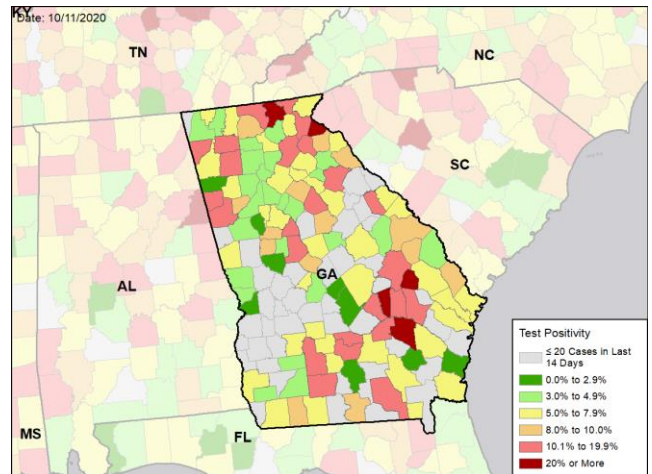
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## CASE RATES AND VIRAL LAB TEST POSITIVITY DURING THE LAST WEEK

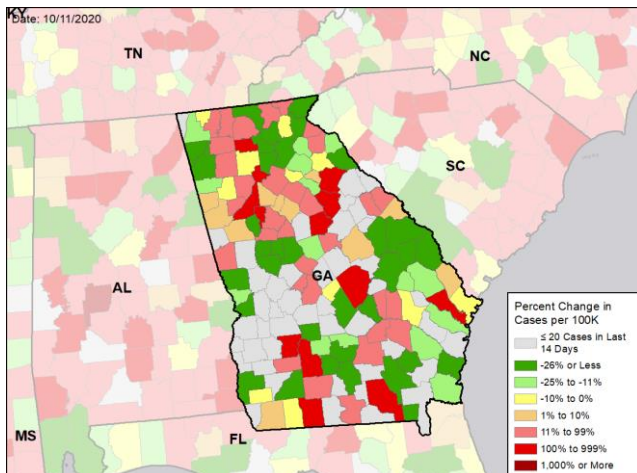
### NEW CASES PER 100,000 DURING THE LAST WEEK



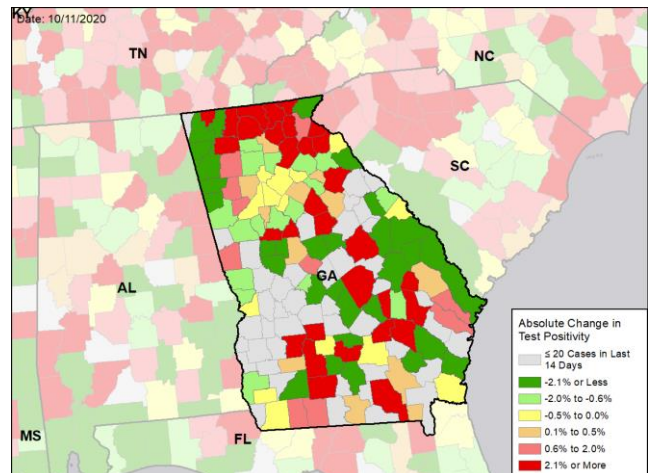
### VIRAL (RT-PCR) LABORATORY TEST POSITIVITY DURING THE LAST WEEK



### WEEKLY CHANGE IN NEW CASES PER 100,000



### WEEKLY CHANGE IN VIRAL (RT-PCR) LABORATORY TEST POSITIVITY



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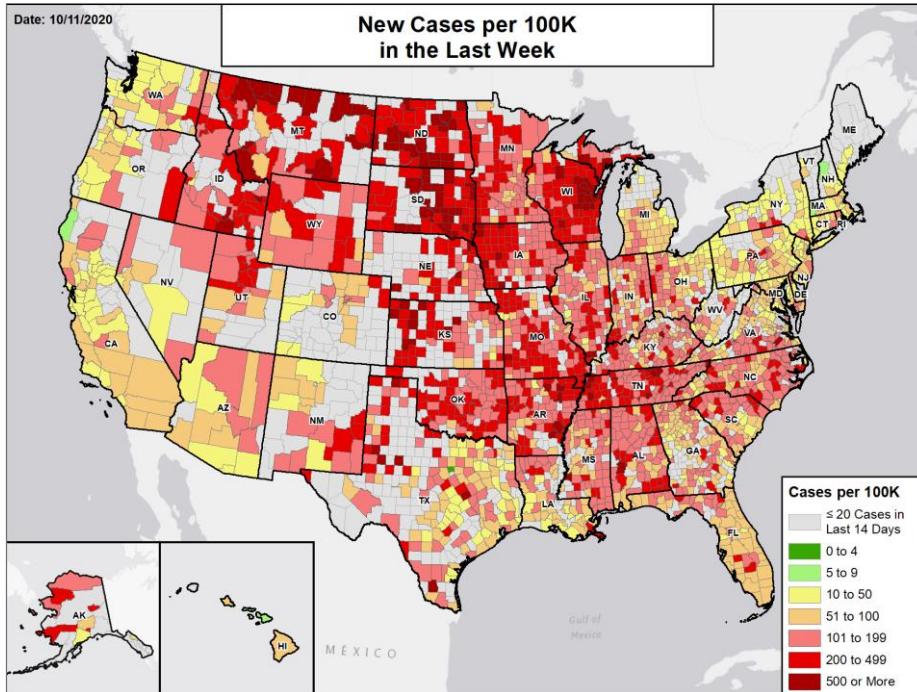
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# National Picture

## NEW CASES PER 100,000 LAST WEEK

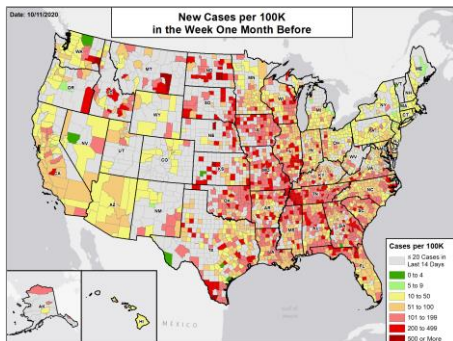


## NATIONAL RANKING OF NEW CASES PER 100,000 LAST WEEK

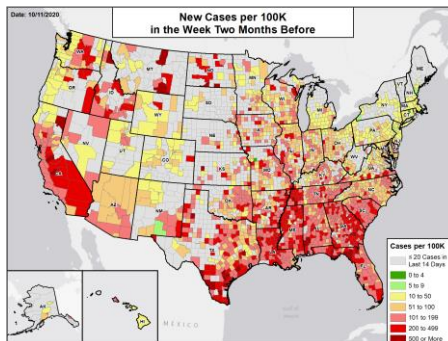
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3	MT	29	CO
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5	UT	31	FL
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7	IA	33	GA
8	WY	34	MI
9	OK	35	WV
10	TN	36	LA
11	AR	37	MD
12	KY	38	PA
13	KS	39	NJ
14	NE	40	MA
15	MO	41	DC
16	AK	42	AZ
17	MN	43	CA
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19	AL	45	NY
20	IN	46	WA
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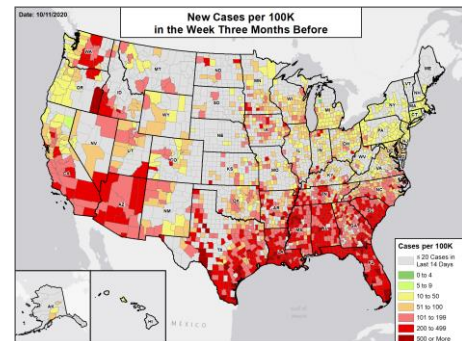
### ONE MONTH BEFORE



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### THREE MONTHS BEFORE



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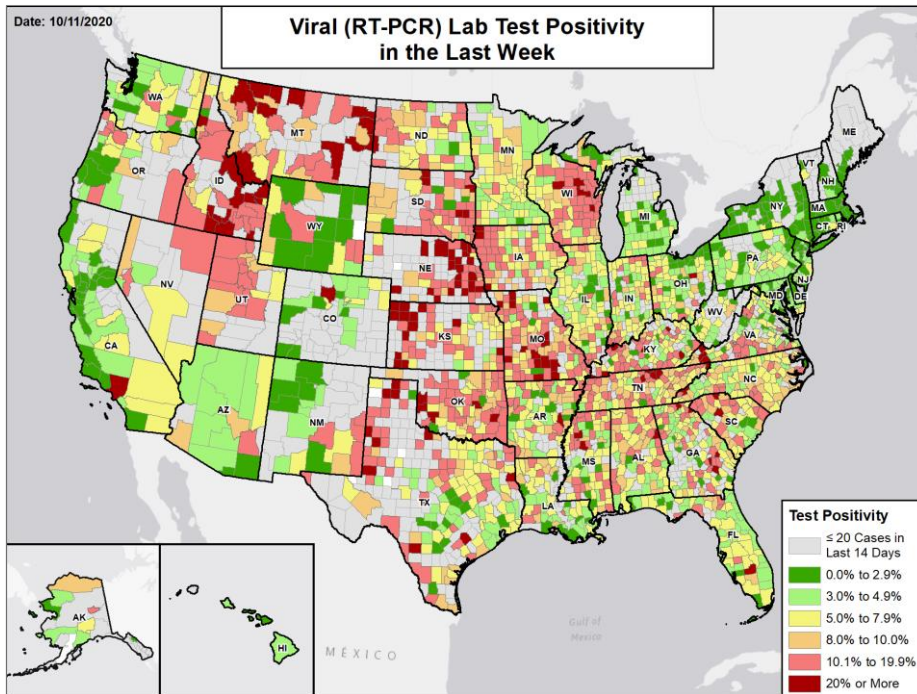
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## VIRAL (RT-PCR) LAB TEST POSITIVITY LAST WEEK

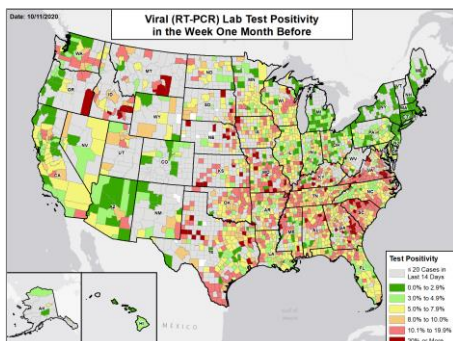


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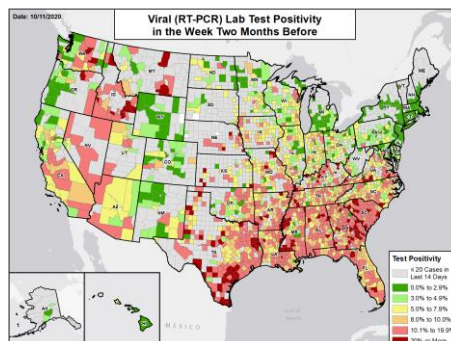
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7	WI	33	WY
8	OK	34	WV
9	OR	35	PA
10	MO	36	MD
11	IA	37	CO
12	KY	38	MI
13	KS	39	HI
14	SC	40	OH
15	NV	41	WA
16	ND	42	NJ
17	MS	43	DE
18	TN	44	CT
19	AL	45	NH
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21	TX	47	NY
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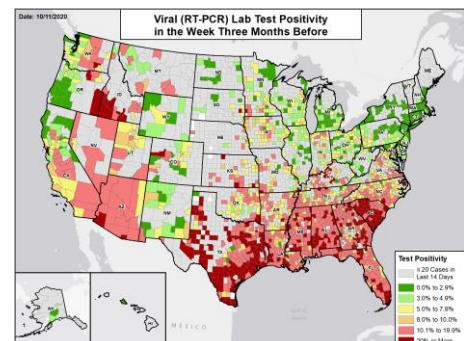
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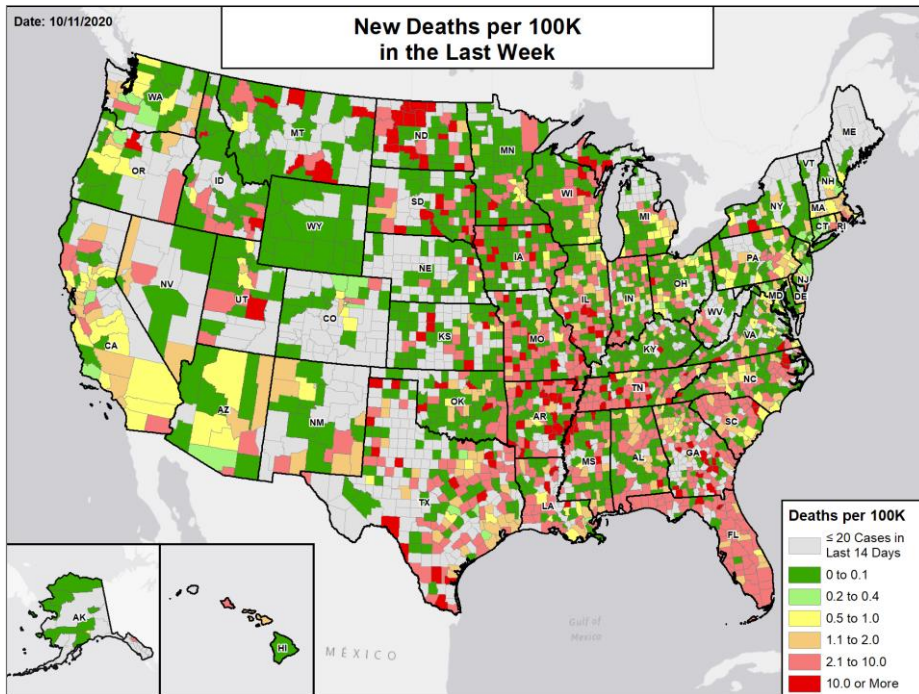
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## NEW DEATHS PER 100,000 LAST WEEK

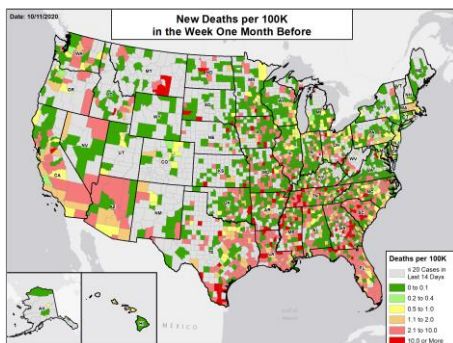


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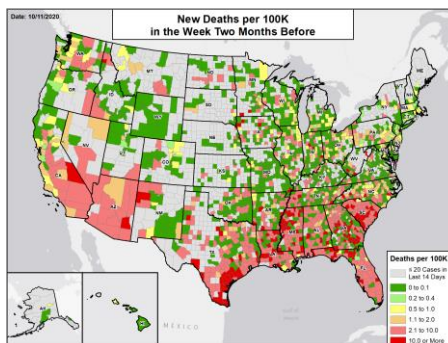
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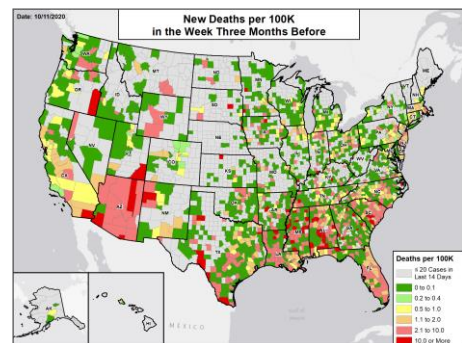
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**Deaths:** County-level data from USAFacts through 10/9/2020. Last week is 10/3 - 10/9; the week one month before is 9/5 - 9/11; the week two months before is 8/8 - 8/14; the week three months before is 7/11 - 7/17.



# METHODS

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**COLOR THRESHOLDS:** Results for each indicator should be taken in context of the findings for related indicators (e.g., changes in case incidence and testing volume). Values are rounded before color classification.

Metric	Dark Green	Light Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
New cases per 100,000 population per week	≤4	5 – 9	10 – 50	51 – 100	≥101
Percent change in new cases per 100,000 population	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% – 10%	≥11%
Diagnostic test result positivity rate	≤2.9%	3.0% – 4.9%	5.0% – 7.9%	8.0% – 10.0%	≥10.1%
Change in test positivity	≤-2.1%	-2.0% – -0.6%	-0.5% – 0.0%	0.1% – 0.5%	≥0.6%
Total diagnostic tests resulted per 100,000 population per week	≥2001	1001 – 2000	750 – 1000	500 – 749	≤499
Percent change in tests per 100,000 population	≥26%	11% – 25%	1% – 10%	-10% – 0%	≤-11%
COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 population per week	≤0.1	0.2 – 0.4	0.5 – 1.0	1.1 – 2.0	≥2.1
Percent change in deaths per 100,000 population	≤-26%	-25% – -11%	-10% – 0%	1% – 10%	≥11%
Skilled Nursing Facilities with at least one resident COVID-19 case, death	0%		1% – 5%		≥6%
Change in SNFs with at least one resident COVID-19 case, death	≤-2%		-1% – 1%		≥2%

### DATA NOTES

- Some dates may have incomplete data due to delays in reporting. Data may be backfilled over time, resulting in week-to-week changes. It is critical that states provide as up-to-date data as possible.
- Cases and deaths:** County-level data from USAFacts as of 17:35 EDT on 10/11/2020. State values are calculated by aggregating county-level data from USAFacts; therefore, values may not match those reported directly by the state. Data are reviewed on a daily basis against internal and verified external sources and, if needed, adjusted. Last week data are from 10/3 to 10/9; previous week data are from 9/26 to 10/2; the week one month before data are from 9/5 to 9/11.
- Testing:** The data presented represent viral COVID-19 laboratory diagnostic and screening test (reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction, RT-PCR) results—not individual people—and exclude antibody and antigen tests, unless stated otherwise. CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data are used to describe county-level viral COVID-19 laboratory test (RT-PCR) result totals when information is available on patients' county of residence or healthcare providers' practice location. HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to Federal Government from public health labs, hospital labs, and commercial labs) are used otherwise. Some states did not report on certain days, which may affect the total number of tests resulted and positivity rate values. Because the data are deidentified, total viral (RT-PCR) laboratory tests are the number of tests performed, not the number of individuals tested. Viral (RT-PCR) laboratory test positivity rate is the number of positive tests divided by the number of tests performed and resulted. Resulted tests are assigned to a timeframe based on this hierarchy of test-related dates: 1. test date; 2. result date; 3. specimen received date; 4. specimen collection date. Resulted tests are assigned to a county based on a hierarchy of test-related locations: 1. patient residency; 2. provider facility location; 3. ordering facility location; 4. performing organization location. States may calculate test positivity other using other methods. Last week data are from 10/1 to 10/7; previous week data are from 9/24 to 9/30; the week one month before data are from 9/3 to 9/9. HHS Protect data is recent as of 13:41 EDT on 10/11/2020. Testing data are inclusive of everything received and processed by the CELR system as of 19:00 EDT on 10/10/2020.
- Mobility:** Descartes Labs. These data depict the median distance moved across a collection of mobile devices to estimate the level of human mobility within a locality. The 100% represents the baseline mobility level prior to the pandemic; lower percent mobility indicates less population movement. Data is anonymized and provided at the locality level. Data is recent as of 17:33 EDT on 10/11/2020 and is through 10/7/2020.
- Hospitalizations:** Unified hospitalization dataset in HHS Protect. This figure may differ from state data due to differences in hospital lists and reporting between federal and state systems. These data exclude psychiatric, rehabilitation, and religious non-medical hospitals. In addition, hospitals explicitly identified by states/regions as those from which we should not expect reports were excluded from the percent reporting figure. The data presented represents raw data provided; we are working diligently with state liaisons to improve reporting consistency. Data is recent as of 18:19 EDT on 10/11/2020.
- Skilled Nursing Facilities:** National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Data report resident and staff cases independently. Quality checks are performed on data submitted to the NHSN. Data that fail these quality checks or appear inconsistent with surveillance protocols may be excluded from analyses. Data presented in this report are more recent than data publicly posted by CMS. Last week is 9/28-10/4, previous week is 9/21-9/27.
- County and Metro Area Color Categorizations**
  - Red Zone:** Those core-based statistical areas (CBSAs) and counties that during the last week reported both new cases at or above 101 per 100,000 population, and a lab test positivity result at or above 10.1%.
  - Orange Zone:** Those CBSAs and counties that during the last week reported both new cases between 51–100 per 100,000 population, and a lab test positivity result between 8.0–10.0%, or one of those two conditions and one condition qualifying as being in the “Red Zone.”
  - Yellow Zone:** Those CBSAs and counties that during the last week reported both new cases between 10–50 per 100,000 population, and a lab test positivity result between 5.0–7.9%, or one of those two conditions and one condition qualifying as being in the “Orange Zone” or “Red Zone.”