

RC/PIO News & Notes 7-21-2023



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News and Notes

The quarterly Atlanta BioWatch Advisory Committee meeting was held this week. We'll have updates on that meeting and other happenings to highlight this week.

BioWatch



For the first time in more than three years the Atlanta BioWatch Advisory Committee met in person for a quarterly meeting Monday. The group received a tour of the DPH Warehouse and heard updates from different sections. Jurisdictional Coordinator Simran Kaur told the committee there are plans to bring back the national conference and the target date is mid-January. She said quarterly webinars are also being planned. Additional updates were provided by epidemiology, field coordination, state Department of Agriculture and others.



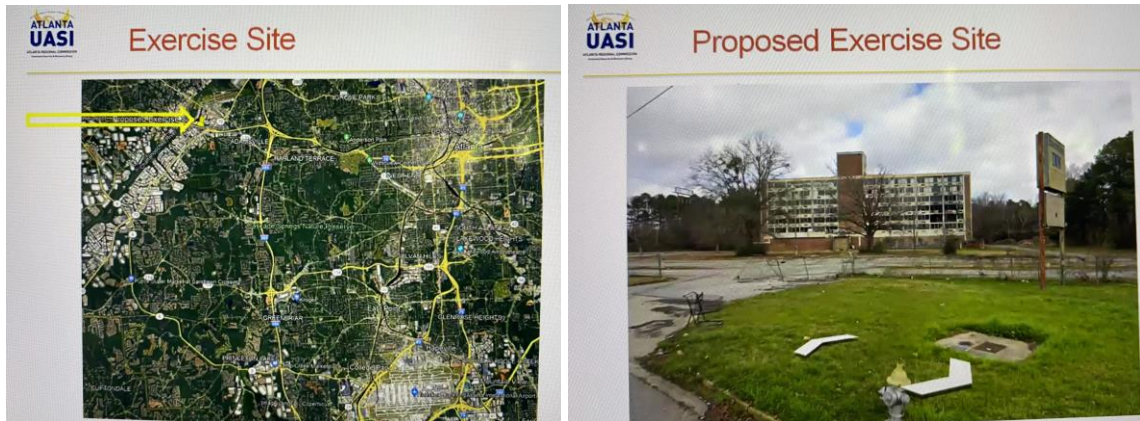
Media/CERC Training

Registration is open for the next DPH Media/Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication training. It will be held at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College in Valdosta September 7. As of yesterday, we have 27 registered to attend. Please register early and reach out if you have any questions.

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UASI Exercise Preparation

A Full-Scale Exercise planning session was held Thursday to prepare for activity being organized by the Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative. Among the capabilities to be tested is unified messaging among agency Public Information Officers. The exercise will be held October 19.



Next Week Preview

The annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing & Media, hosted by the National Public Health Information Coalition concludes today. We may have updates on that conference in addition to the NPHIC monthly call to be held next Wednesday to share in next week's edition. There is also a Disaster Mental Health webinar scheduled for next Thursday.

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