

Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

December 10, 2020



Agenda

Roll Call / Call to Order

Recovery Speaker

Action Items

Commissioner's Report

Intro of New Assistant

Commissioner

COVID-19 Hospital

Services Update

I/DD Medicaid Waiver

Renewal

Chair's Report

Public Comment

Next Meeting Date

Roll Call

Call to Order

Kim Ryan
Chair

Recovery Speaker

Jeff Breedlove

Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

Action Items:

- Board Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2020
- Proposed 2021 DBHDD Board Meeting Dates

Proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule

- Thursday, February 11 @ 1:00pm
- Thursday, April 15 @ 1:00pm
- Thursday, June 10 @ 1:00pm
- Thursday, August 12 @ 1:00pm
- Thursday, October 14 @1:00pm
- Thursday, December 9 @1:00pm

***Meeting location: DBHDD, 2 Peachtree St, NW, Board Room 24-260,
Atlanta, GA 30303***

Commissioner's Report

Judy Fitzgerald
Commissioner



Ashley Fielding
Assistant Commissioner for Agency Affairs

COVID-19 Hospital Services Update

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Emile Risby, MD, JM, Director
Division of Hospital Services

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DBHDD Hospitals COVID-19 Co-existence

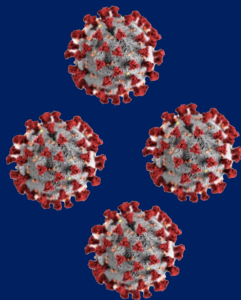
- The hospitals have become competent in managing COVID-related issues on their campus
- Each hospital has quarantine and isolation procedures/areas
- Weekly RHA call to specifically discuss COVID at each hospital – share lessons learned (and frustrations)
- Discharge planning – no longer do trial overnight visits (no longer return to the hospital after a trial visit)
- Only necessary visitations
- Mandatory Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Policy

DBHDD Hospitals COVID-19 Co-existence

- COVID-19 testing on all new admissions (patient goes to quarantine or isolation depending on results)
- COVID-19 Screening of all in-patients twice a day
- COVID-19 Screening of all employees upon arrival and mid-shift
- Eye protection added to face coverings for employees working in patient care areas (not just quarantine or isolation units)
- Supervisors monitor & report on employee compliance with proper PPE use

EYE PROTECTION CAN HELP PREVENT YOU FROM GETTING COVID-19

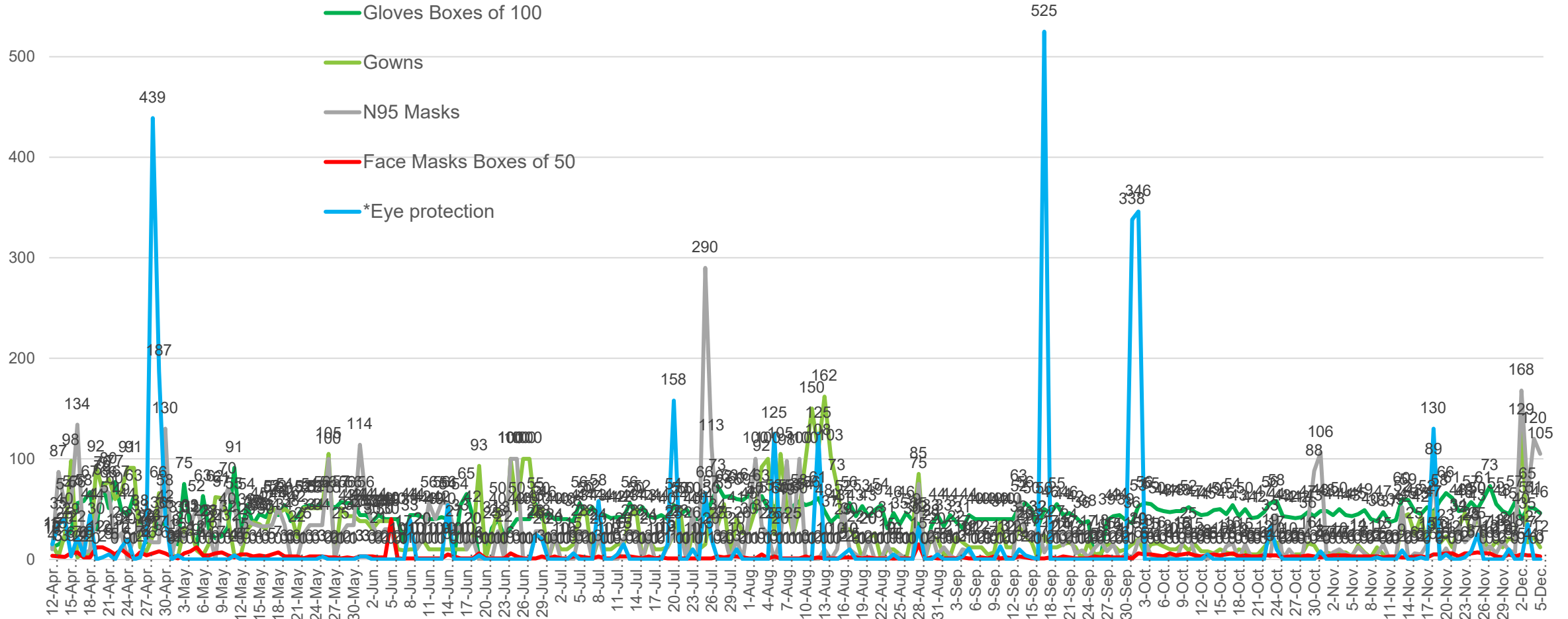
Wear a Mask
Wear Eye Protection
Wash Hands Frequently
Prevent the Spread



DAILY PPE BURN RATE

600

GRHA Daily PPE Burn



CARES Initiative

CCOVID-19

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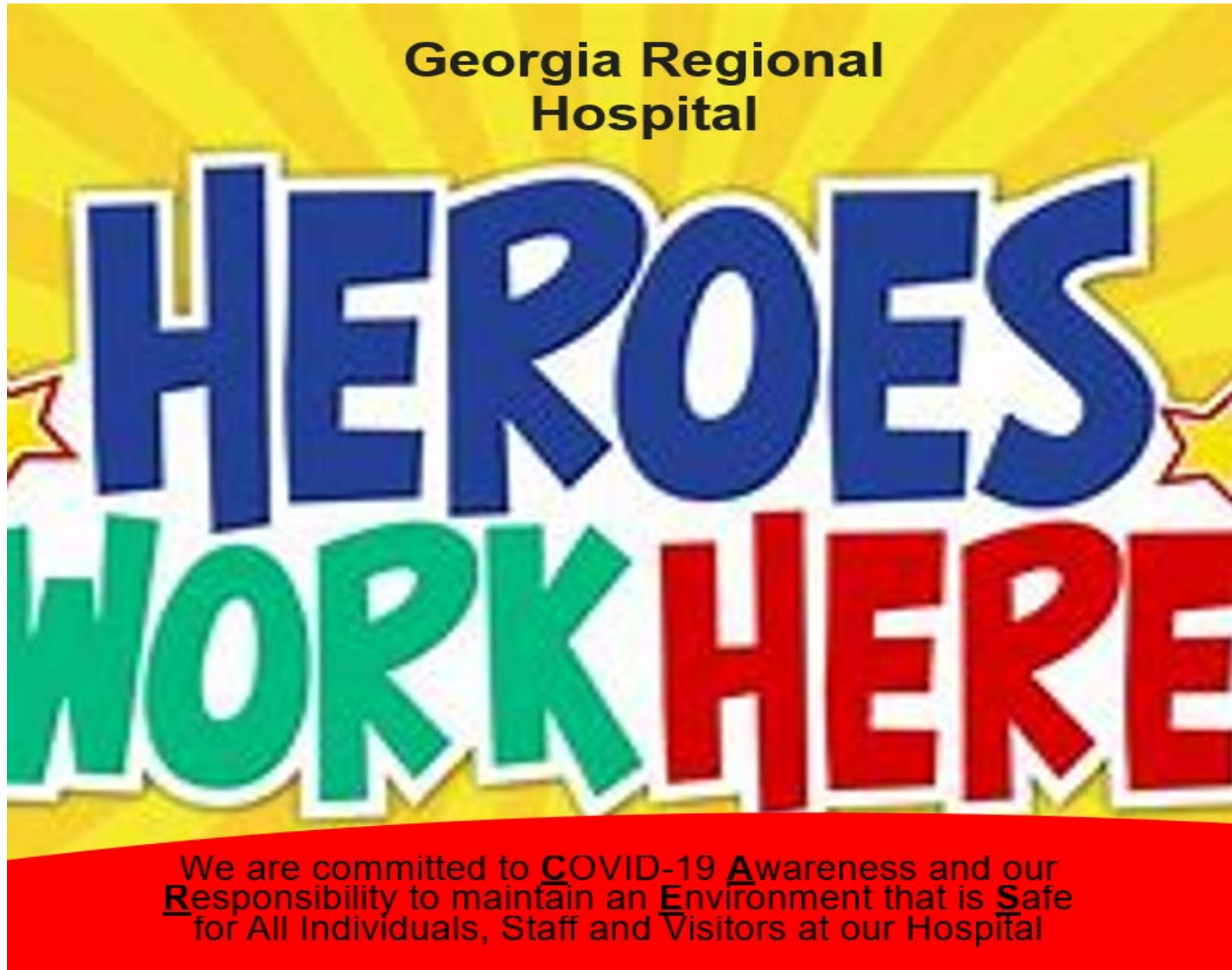
Responsibility to maintain an

Environment that is

Safe for All Individuals, Staff and Visitors at our Hospital.

DBHDD initiative to support the public health message, and to keep our patients, staff and their families healthy.

CARES Initiative



Georgia Regional Hospital Staff Pledge to do their part to keep our work environment safe from COVID-19:

- I WILL practice the 3 W's at Work AND when not at Work:
 - ✓ Wash My Hands
 - ✓ Wear My Mask
 - ✓ Watch My Social Distancing
- I WILL NOT come to work if I am SICK and will follow hospital procedures for returning to work.
- I WILL report any exposure to COVID-19 in the community and follow hospital procedures for returning to work.
- I WILL wear my wrist band as a reminder of my pledge and responsibility.



CARES Initiative

#ECRHCARES



As staff members at ECRH, we are committed to **COVID-19 Awareness** and our **Responsibility** to maintain an **Environment** that is **Safe** for all individuals, staff, and essential visitors at ECRH.

- I will practice the 3 W's at work and when I am not at work:
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#HeroesWorkHere

#UnsungHeroes

#TogetherWeWillSeeItThrough

CARES Initiative

Georgia Regional Hospital CARES Campaign

I, _____, Pledge to do my part to keep our work environment safe from COVID-19:

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Signature

Date

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#ECRHCARES

Pledge for Safety and Responsibility



As staff members at ECRH, we are committed to CCOVID-19 AAwareness and our RResponsibility to maintain an EEnvironment that is SSafe for all individuals, staff, and essential visitors at ECRH.

I, _____, pledge to do my part to keep our work environment safe from COVID-19 by committing to practice the following guidelines:

- I will practice the 3 W's at work and when I am not at work:
 1. Wash My Hands
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- I will not come to work if I am sick and will follow hospital procedures for returning to work.
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Staff Signature

Date

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CARES Wristband

Point of Care Testing in DBHDD Hospitals 03-405

Provides guidelines for patient and staff testing for COVID-19 with DBHDD POC kits and the DPH reporting of test results.

- **PATIENTS:**

- Allows more expeditious decisions regarding quarantine/isolation
- Rapid assessment of patients who develop COVID-like symptoms
- Monitors patients who have had a high-risk exposure

- **STAFF:**

- Quickly assess staff who develop COVID-like symptoms at work
- Tests staff with a DBHDD-based or non-DBHDD-based high-risk exposure
- Tool to help determine when/if high-risk exposed staff can RTW

FIRST MONTH OF BINAX TESTING AT DBHDD HOSPITALS 2020

(as reported by the hospital infection control teams)

BINAX TESTING – NOVEMBER 2020	TOTAL TEST CONDUCTED	TOTAL POSITIVE
PATIENT TESTING	471	20
STAFF TESTING	537	14
TOTAL TESTED*	1,008	34

*Not unduplicated, some individuals tested multiple times

The hospitals will also use PCR test in addition to POC test, depending on the clinical circumstances.

COVID-19 Vaccine Prep

DBHDD has pursued two options

- HHS – application to partner with commercial pharmacy provider to administer the vaccine
- DPH – application through GRITS to become a vaccine administration site

We do not know what vaccine will be available to us (or when), so we wanted to prepare for more than one option.

2021 COMP Waiver Renewal

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Ron Wakefield, Division Director
Ashleigh Caseman, Director of Waiver Services
Division of Developmental Disabilities
December 10, 2020



Today's Discussion

The two Medicaid waiver programs designed for individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities - New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports (COMP) Waiver

Upcoming COMP Waiver program renewal and NOW amendment:

- Services that will continue
- New services
- Adjustments to existing services



Current Waiver Services and Supports

»»» These services are set to continue in future applications pending approval by DCH and CMS »»»

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Behavioral Support Services
- Community Access
- Community Living Supports (with modifications)
- Community Residential Alternative (COMP only)
- In Home and Out of Home Respite
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptation
- Additional Staffing (with modifications)
- Prevocational Services
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Intensive Support Coordination and Support Coordination
- Supported Employment
- Transportation
- Vehicle Adaptation
- Skilled Nursing Services (with modifications)
- Nutrition Services
- Interpreter Services
- Individual Directed Goods and Services
- Financial Support Services

Telehealth Allowances in the 2021 COMP Renewal/NOW Amendment

Telehealth option for Adult Speech and Language Therapy (some exceptions)

Telehealth option for Adult Occupational Therapy

Telehealth option for Adult Physical Therapy

Telehealth option for Nutrition Services

Telehealth option for Behavior Support Services (some exceptions)

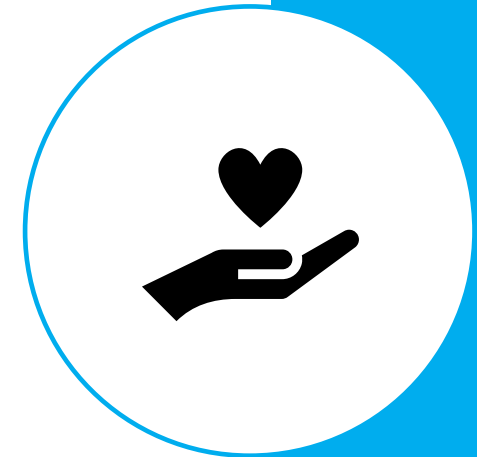
Telehealth option for Interpreter Services

Telehealth option for Supported Employment Services (some exceptions)

Note: These are proposed changes by DBHDD that require approval by the DCH board and CMS

New Proposed Service- Assistive Technology

Assistive technology* consists of any technology, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to maintain or improve functional capabilities of Individuals with disabilities by augmenting the Individual's strengths and/or providing an alternative mode of performing a task.



**Note this service definition is a proposal pending DCH Board and CMS approval and is subject to change*

Service Modifications

Community Living Support Services

- Community Living Support services are individually tailored supportive tasks that facilitate an individual's independence and promote integration into the community.
- Community Living Support services are available for individuals who spend periods of time throughout the day with unpaid, unsupervised supports and services.

Additional Staffing Services* & Nursing Services in CLS Settings

- Modifications to Additional Staffing* in CLS setting – proposing daily limits of up to 6 hours daily of Additional Staffing services in CLS Settings.
- Modifications to Skilled Nursing Services – proposing daily limits of up to 16 hours daily in CLS Settings.

*Additional Staffing is a separate service line from CLS

Service Modifications Continued

Community Guide

Community Guide Service will no longer be available for use upon DCH Board and CMS approval

Natural Supports Training

Natural Supports Training will no longer be available for use upon DCH Board and CMS approval

Pending DCH Board and CMS approval

Service Modifications Continued- Participant Directed

PD Supported Employment

Supported Employment remains a service available to individuals on either waiver, but individuals will no longer be able to participant direct this service.

PD Behavioral Support Services

Behavioral Support Services remains a service available to individuals on either waiver, but individuals will no longer be able to participant-direct this service.

This service must be provided by licensed and certified staff

Pending DCH Board and CMS approval

Timeline - Spring 2021 COMP Waiver Renewal

DBHDD/DCH
"Virtual Town Halls"
October 26, 27, 29

Virtual Town Hall Survey
Due: November 6, 2020

DCH Board of Directors
Initial adoption: 11/12/20

PUBLIC COMMENT
Due December 14, 2020

Waiver Renewal and
Amendment Approval by
CMS
2021

DCH Board of Directors
Final adoption (pending)
1/14/21



Public Feedback

- Public Feedback must be provided to the Board of Community Health on or before December 14, 2020.
- Comments may be sent to:
 - Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966 or
 - Danisha Williams at danwilliams@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.
- Comments submitted will be available for review upon submission of a request via email to Danisha Williams at danwilliams@dch.ga.gov.
- Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the January 14, 2021 Board meeting.

Chair's Report

Kim Ryan
Chair

Public Comment

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021

1:00 p.m.