

The following is a list of some of the more significant community issues addressed by WAAC/WGOV/WGUN for the quarter specified. This listing is by no means complete, nor is the order in which these issues appear, intended to imply any degree of priority or significance of the issues.

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT: WAAC FM

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2023

1. Issue: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN GEORGIA

Date/Time: 7/11 1PM

Duration: 1 HR

Atlanta was named by the FBI as one of 14 US cities with the highest rate of children used in prostitution in Georgia, 12,400 men purchase sex with young women in any given month. Approximately 100 adolescent females are sexually exploited each night in Georgia. In our area, victims also include over one hundred laborers smuggled from Mexico and Central America into brutal and inhumane working conditions harvesting our crops.

2. Issue: CHILD TRAFFICKING - WHAT SIGNS TO LOOK FOR

Date/Time: 7/18 1pm

Duration: 1 HR

It is all of our duty to look for signs of child trafficking. Some of the most obvious are often going missing from school or home, being found out-of-area, unexplained money, clothes, phones, excessive texts calls, having multiple phones, relationships with older individuals, strange injuries, significant decline in school performance, gang association or isolation from former friends and Self-harm or significant changes in emotional well-being.

3. Issue: HALF-MILLION GEORGIANS TO LOSE MEDICAID

Date/Time: 8/1 1pm

Duration: 1 HR

Over half a million Georgians stand to lose their Medicaid coverage this year due the end of pandemic era coverage. As a result of recent federal changes, Georgia has reevaluated the eligibility of about two-point-seven million Medicaid and Peach Care for Kids recipients. It's important for people to respond to requests for information, as not doing so could also result in a loss of coverage. If you lose coverage visit staycovered.ga.gov online.

4. Issue: BRAIN-EATING AMOEBIA FOUND IN OUR STATE

Date/Time: 8/15 1pm

Duration: 1 HR

Naegleria fowleri infection, a rare infection which destroys brain tissue, causing brain swelling and usually death has returned to Georgia. The ultra-rare infection is a result of warming temperatures but is most commonly found in the South. The amoeba thrives in our warm freshwater lakes and ponds. Infections can occur after the amoeba enters the body via the nose and travels to the brain.

5. Issue: COVID SUMMER SURGE IN SOUTH GEORGIA

Date/Time: 8/22 1pm

Duration: 1 HR

A summer surge in COVID-19 cases has spiked the number of people in the hospital with serious complications from the virus. Thus far, Colquitt County, hospitalizations are up 67% percent. The CDC does not track infections anymore, meaning hospitalizations are one of the only data clues we have to understand how fast the virus is spreading and where. The omicron variant still appears to be dominant.

6. Issue: TROPICAL STORM IDALIA Date/Time: 8/28 2 PM Duration: 1 HR

Tropical Storm Idalia is forecast to move northward today and is expected to strengthen into a Category 3 hurricane prior to landfall in Florida. Based on the current track Idalia is following most forecasters are concerned about Berrien, Brooks, Cook, Lanier and Lowndes County. There is a 4-5/10 chance that Lowndes and Lanier County will feel sustained tropical force wind. Secure all outside objects, prepare emergency hurricane kits, move out of mobile

7. Issue: PREPARE NOW FOR HURRICANE IDALIA Date/Time: 8/29 10 AM Duration: 1 HR

Hurricane Idalia is strengthening . This storm is expected to be a major hurricane and cause catastrophic storm surge, strong winds, and flash flooding to the west coast of Florida, the Florida Panhandle and southern Georgia. Make sure you have enough food, water, medication and other supplies to last for several days. Including any supplies for pets, flashlights, a first aid kit, and battery powered radio .

8. Issue: CAT 3 IDALIA MADE LANDFALL IN KEATON BEACH Date/Time: 8/30 5-AM AM LIVE Duration: LIVE CONT..

Idalia made landfall at Keaton Beach as a Cat 3 hurricane this morning. Storm surge from Idalia is setting records for highest water levels in multiple locations . We are under full CAT 1 storm and flash flood warnings. Winds are 85 mph. Hurricane Idalia's worst impacts are now on us here we are on our generator and feeling the strongest winds, heaviest rain and extensive flooding.

9. Issue: IDALIA LIVE COVERAGE CONTINUES Date/Time: 8/31 LIVE B'CAST Duration: 18 more hours

There are now more than 330,000 customers without power in our coverage area. Trees and power lines are down all over and dangerous conditions continue. We are still on our generator and have no internet or phones. Our building has flooded but our studios are higher and dry. (live coverage cont. until 10:30 pm) covered safety issues, price gauging, damage reports, emergency support messaging and in-field reports of local road conditions as time

10. Issue: FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OPENS TODAY Date/Time: 9/18 9 AM Duration: 1 HR

The State of Georgia and FEMA will open a Disaster Recovery Center in Lowndes County today to serve Hurricane Idalia survivors from Cook, Glynn and Lowndes counties. The Center is located at the Lowndes County Civic Center 2108 East Hill Avenue here in Valdosta. FEMA's dedicated specialists help survivors face to face and assist survivors through the recovery process,by explaining the types of assistance available to those needing assistance.