



## February 2021 Newsletter

We are working hard at the Georgia Capitol, and we are about 1/3 of the way through the 2021 legislative session now. I am proud of our work and focus on keeping Georgia moving forward. We must not fall into the trap as other states in the northeast, midwest and west coast. Our Covid-19 positive rates are dropping at a record pace, we are vaccinating people as quickly as the doses arrive, and our hospitalizations and declining. We will beat this pandemic and please stay vigilant.

Kari and I will celebrate our 28th wedding anniversary this month. I am truly blessed to have my best friend and soul mate at my side. Our oldest is now married, a homeowner, working, and getting a masters degree. Our youngest is doing great in college, and the nest is empty for a few months again. February also celebrates our dogs, Hudson and Brooklyn, who turn 13 and 10.

### Budget

We are set to pass the amended budget this week and will continue work on the 2022 budget afterward. Thanks to the leadership of Governor Kemp opening the state for business and conservative fiscal responsibility, Georgia is thriving. Some highlights for the budget include additions and increases in:

- Public Health
- Education
- Public Safety
- Rural Broadband
- Etc.



### COVID-19 Vaccine Update

This week, Governor Kemp announced we crossed the threshold of 1 million doses. As additional doses from the federal government continue to arrive in Georgia, they are expedited and administered right away. We are working to help streamline the process and delivery of this monumental task.

Please reference the website below with updated vaccine information, order list and hotline for questions.

<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine>



## Max Gruver Act

I am continuing my work on the Max Gruver Act, which I authored last year. This legislation in honor of the late Max Gruver and championed by his parents, Rae Ann and Steve Gruver, increases the penalties, transparency, and accountability for hazing.

This legislation will save and protect lives, and it was my great honor to leave a lasting legacy for Max in Georgia. #FlyHighMax



## Legislative Update

I have many bills currently in progress. It was a tremendous honor to author and pass the first general bill of the year in the GA Senate. Senate Bill 6 the "Tax Credit Return on Investment Act of 2021" passed unanimously.

Access will still be limited in the Capitol with Covid-19. You can watch the Senate session and committees here: <http://www.legis.ga.gov>.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve you.



## Open for Business - 1920

My friends, Jenna and Howard Aronowitz, have a wonderful restaurant called "1920" on Canton Street in Roswell. When the pandemic closed all restaurants initially for dining services, they quickly pivoted and kept their staff working.

As soon as protocols were put into place to reopen safely - they led the way. They were an inspiration for other businesses and shared their knowledge and best practices. Small businesses are critical, and I encourage everyone to buy, dine, and shop local!

Thank you Jenna and Howard for your ongoing commitment to our community.



## Covid-19 Update

Numbers across the state, nation, and globe continue to increase. Please do your part and mask up, wash your hands, maintain social distancing, and follow public health guidelines. The vaccine is coming, and we will beat this disease once and for all.

**Governor's Executive Orders**  
**Fulton Reporting by City & Zip code**

# GA Dept. of Health Status Vaccine Information



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