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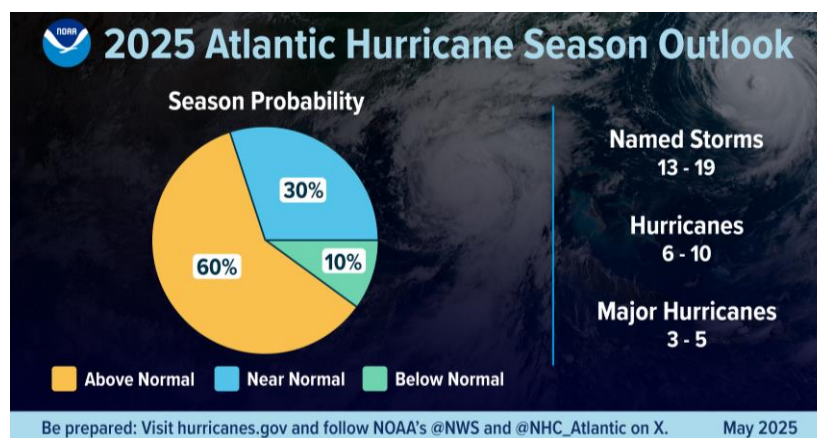


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News and Notes

We have a wide variety of topics this week as we close out the month of May. We'll start with a word on hurricane season, which starts Sunday.

Hurricane Season



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted the 2025 hurricane season is likely to be more active than normal. Hurricane season is June 1 until November 30.

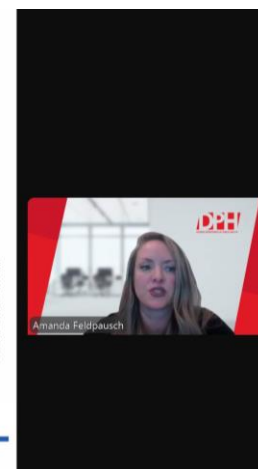
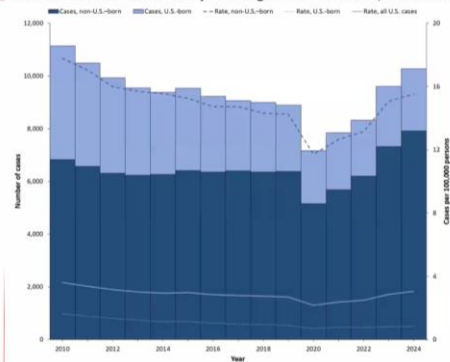
TB

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) hosted a session on Tuberculosis Thursday, with Georgia DPH's Amanda Feldpausch among the experts who presented. She says that after decades of declining, annual case numbers of TB in the U.S. and Georgia have been increasing since 2021.

Tuberculosis epidemiology overview – U.S.

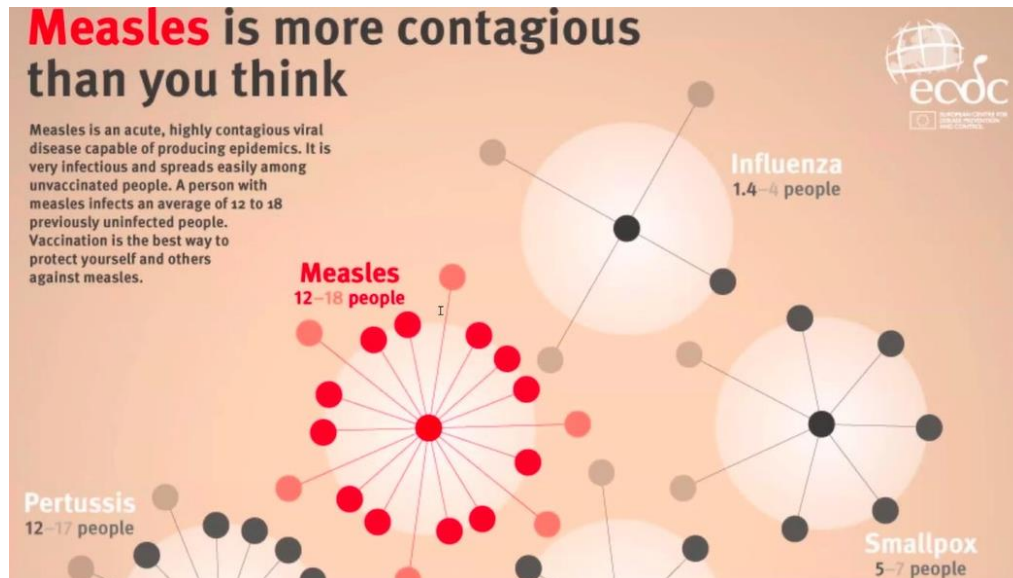
- TB disease is nationally notifiable and reporting is mandated in all U.S. states
 - LTBI is optional (reportable in GA in children <6 years old)
- TB case counts in the US began **increasing** again in 2021 after near three decades of consistent decline.
- Recent outbreaks

Tuberculosis cases* and rates* by birth origin* — United States, 2010–2024



Measles

The National Academy of Medicine hosted a State of the Outbreak: Measles 2025 session Tuesday. Western Texas and surrounding areas have seen the highest case counts. Georgia recently recorded its fourth case this year. Dr. Tiffany Torres of Texas Public Health said cases are expected to decline although the outbreak is not over yet. She said education and awareness outreach to healthcare providers, schools, day cares and community gatherings has helped to identify cases, slow the spread and prevent future cases. Pediatricians in Texas say while the numbers are high, the real numbers are actually higher still because not everyone with measles seeks treatment. U.S. Measles cases reached 1,046 last week. An update comes later today.



Quarterly PIO meeting

The next quarterly statewide DPH Risk Communicators / Public Information Officers meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 11 from 10:00 AM until noon. Thanks to our speakers who have agreed to present on topics that include the digital FindHelp feature, PHEP impact statements, new CERC plan formatting, and exercise updates. If you have any additional topic suggestions, or you need a meeting invite, please reach out.

Next Week Preview

Exercise and real-world event planning continues next week including preparations for the FIFA soccer matches. Thursday afternoon we will welcome international visitors to the state DPH EOC.

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