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News and Notes

The Tranquil Passport full scale exercise, a Georgia Public Health Association executive board meeting, and extreme heat are among the highlights for this week.

Tranquil Passport



The Tranquil Passport Full Scale Exercise featured transportation of a Portable Biocontainment Unit (PBCU) for much of the week. The PBCU contained simulated patients infected with a High Consequence Infectious Disease (Virus X). Starting in Toronto, the PBCU made stops at medical facilities in Washington DC, New York, North Carolina and finally Atlanta. Today started with a tour of the box, and will be followed by a workshop, exercise play, and a hot wash this afternoon.



POD Training

Thanks to Leah Hoffacker for sending images of a Points Of Dispensing training based on a simulated Anthrax response. It was held this week in the Fulton Health District.



GPHA

The executive board of the Georgia Public Health Association met Monday and discussed various plans for the next fiscal year, which begins in a few days. The cancelation of the 2025 annual meeting had a financial impact and will result in some changes/updates for the next meeting in spring of 2026. Among the aspects that won't change in the coming year relates to the Communications Section, which retains the current positions of Kristin Patten, chair, Eric Jens, vice chair, and Chandler McGee, secretary. There is also talk about potentially having a virtual meeting including section break-out sessions on September 24.

Heat

The first full week of summer has by far been the hottest week in Georgia this year. With more hot weather likely to arrive during the next three months, it is important to keep heat-related threats in mind. Temperatures this week reached the upper 90's in much of the state, with heat indexes surpassing 100 on multiple days.

Heat Safety Tips

	Job Sites Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible.
	Vehicles Never leave kids or pets in unattended. Look before you lock!
	Outdoors Limit strenuous outdoor activities, find shade and stay hydrated.
	Indoors Check up on the elderly, sick and those without AC.





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Next Week Preview

Next week Friday is Independence Day, July 4, so News and Notes will go out on Thursday, July 3. We have international visitors from Pakistan arriving at the state DPH EOC on Wednesday. There will also be continued planning next week for more exercises and real-world events.

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