

## May 17, 2023

Due to changes in reporting, as of April 12, 2023, data about healthcare worker infections, comorbidities, and COVID-19 cases by performing lab are no longer accurate and have been removed from the dashboard. The historical data will be available in archived files in the downloadable zip file, found when you click on “Download the data (CSV)” on the main dashboard

After the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023, additional data points will be removed with the next update on May 17, 2023. These data will also be available in archived files in the downloadable zip file.

Major elements removed include:

**Hospitalization and ICU numbers have been replaced with other data sources that indicate hospital capacity and utilization:** prior to the end of the PHE, these numbers came primarily from case investigation. As universal case investigation is no longer recommended or occurring, these numbers are no longer accurate and have been removed. Going forward, resources like [CDC's COVID Data Tracker: Health Care Settings](#) and [COVID-19 Facility Level Data](#) will be the best place to understand hospital capacity and utilization.

**Percent positivity:** To calculate percent positivity, you need both positive test results and negative test results. As a result of the PHE ending, HHS no longer requires reporting of negative results. Negative COVID-19 test results are no longer reportable in Georgia, so we cannot reliably calculate percent positivity. This also includes percent positivity documented previously in maps.

Other elements removed as a result of reporting changes: Top 5 Counties, Deaths by Date of Report, and PCR Total Tests.

Of note: Case data will continue to be reported on the dashboard, however, as people more commonly use at-home tests which are not reported to DPH, these data are incomplete and do not represent all cases in Georgia. DPH will continue to reassess methods used for surveillance of COVID-19 and provide the most accurate tools for Georgia citizens.