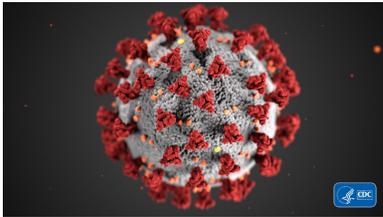


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A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

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Greetings!

Gwinnett County Government is monitoring developments in the spread of the coronavirus outbreak and how it may affect our residents, employees, and our delivery of important County services.

We are following the most up-to-date guidance from the Gwinnett-Newton-Rockdale County Health Departments, the state Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As the COVID-19 pandemic [impacts County services](#) in different ways, residents and business owners are encouraged to take advantage of the many [online services](#) provided by the County.

Tune into Better Together with Commissioner Fosque

District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque hosts Better Together with Commissioner Fosque, a new podcast where she shares ideas and discusses issues impacting Gwinnett County with an array of special guests. Whether you are commuting to the office or taking a walk around the block before logging in at home, tune in to the latest episode, premiering bi-weekly on your favorite podcast app.

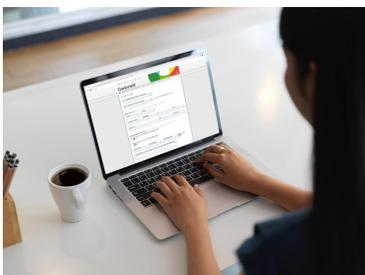
What you'll see in this episode:

- Commissioner Fosque celebrates Black History Month with Gwinnett's first African American judge, **State Court Judge Ronda Colvin Leary**. The two discuss becoming a "first," how the courts adapted to COVID-19, alternative sentencing, and more.
- **Community Outreach Director Shaunieka Taylor** shares information about how to apply for the upcoming classes of Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy and Gwinnett Youth Commission.



Catch up on previous episodes of the podcast [here](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn when new episodes are posted.

Board seeking applicants for various boards, authorities, and committees



The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for various boards, authorities, and committees that help advise commissioners and departments on policies and practices.

Interested persons seeking to serve as an appointee of one of the commissioners are encouraged to fill out an application at GCGA.us/ApplyToServe, including those currently serving on a board who wish to be reappointed to their position. Candidates should submit a separate application for each board or authority for which they are applying. Commissioners reserve the right to appoint or recommend appointment of persons to a board or authority outside of this process.

Masks now required in County facilities

In the face of a surging number of cases of COVID-19, Gwinnett County is now requiring face masks or face coverings for all visitors and employees while inside County buildings and facilities.

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson signed [the executive order](#), which cites [face mask recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) to reduce the spread of the disease, and that the Supreme Court has ruled a community has the right to protect its citizens from epidemics. The order allows exceptions for bona fide medical or religious reasons and for people who cannot don or remove masks by themselves.



The order requires a face mask covering the mouth and nose inside County facilities. People who do not comply may be denied entry or may be asked to leave.

Find vaccine updates from the Georgia Department of Public Health



The Georgia Department of Public Health has the latest information about the COVID-19 vaccine. The [state's COVID-19 vaccination page](#) includes information about the COVID-19 distribution phases; a status dashboard where you can see data about the amount of vaccines allocated, shipped, and administered to Georgians; and a list of locations where appointments are available.

If you're looking for a [COVID-19 vaccination site near you](#), be sure to check back often as the participating vaccine site locations list will be updated frequently. Additional locations statewide will be added when providers are ready to safely administer the vaccine, and as vaccine supply allows.

Household Hazardous Waste event set for February 20

Want to get rid of your aerosols, batteries, pesticides, and more? Residents can take these and other toxic products to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day February 20 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.

Gwinnett residents can bring up to five containers (about the size of a laundry basket or copy paper box) of household hazardous waste for free. Containers will not be returned. See more details and the full list of accepted items on [Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful's website](#).



Applications available for Gwinnett 101, Youth Commission



Learn the rationale about how and why Gwinnett County Government does what it does by attending the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy, a 12-week program that gives participants a peek behind the curtain at County operations and policies. Participants meet one evening a week to talk with County leaders and visit County facilities. Apply for the spring session by filling out the [form](#) at [Gwinnett101.com](https://www.gwinnett101.com) by March 2. Classes start April 1.

The Gwinnett Youth Commission, an eight-week summer leadership program for high school students, is accepting [applications](#) on the [Gwinnett Youth Commission](#) webpage through April 12. Classes for both programs will be in person but limited to 15 participants each.

Senior Perks – Exemptions & Emissions

Seniors qualify for some tax breaks in Gwinnett County. Residents 65 years or older as of January 1 with Georgia taxable income below \$100,552 might qualify for the Senior School Tax Homestead Exemption. An emissions waiver is available for seniors 65 or older whose vehicles are at least 10 years old and driven less than 5,000 miles per year. To check eligibility and apply, visit [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Seniors](https://www.gwinnetntaxcommissioner.com/Seniors).

Visit our website, social media for latest COVID-19 news

To stay up-to-date on the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit our website, GwinnettCounty.com or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov.



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