

## RC/PIO News & Notes 4-6-2023



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### News and Notes

Tomorrow is a state holiday, so while it is not Friday, we figured folks would rather read this today. The added advantage is you can read this and continue celebrating Public Health Week, which continues through Sunday.



## NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

APRIL 3 - 9, 2023

The Georgia Department of Public Health would like to **thank** the thousands of **DPH employees** across the state **for all that you do** to keep **Georgians** healthy and safe.

### PREVENT

disease, injury  
and disability

### PROMOTE

health and well  
being

### PREPARE

for and respond  
to disasters

#THANKYOUPUBLICHEALTH

### Agri-Stress Network

Wednesday's Mental Health Information Exchange meeting featured some insightful information from partners in Michigan, Ohio and other parts of the country. They talked about addiction treatments, mental health support networks and other services that are expanding their reach. Among the program contexts were rodeos and beekeeping. Entomologist Dr. Adam Ingrao said one in every three bites of food is made possible by insect pollination. Here are a couple links to the programs highlighted:

<https://www.miffs.org/heroestohives>

<https://nmemptysaddles.com/>

## EMAG Preview

The Emergency Management Association of Georgia annual conference will be held Wednesday through Friday next week in Savannah. I'm looking forward to seeing many colleagues from throughout the state and learning more from a variety of informative sessions. If you are a DPH district PIO and plan to be there, let me know so we can coordinate meeting for lunch or at other times during the week. Also be sure to check out the session Thursday morning at 8:30 in the Oglethorpe Auditorium. That's when Valerie Attell and I will be presenting: 'Cut through the Chatter and get to the Matter.'



## Next Week Preview

DPH District risk communicators and PIO's can look for the latest contact list to be distributed next week. After verifying that your information is correct, I will resend the list to everyone just before our April 19 statewide R/C meeting. The aforementioned EMAG conference begins Wednesday. Earlier in the week and in between sessions there will be meetings related to BioWatch, Mental Health, Opioid Overdose Prevention, Social Media Crisis Communications, and planning for conference presentations to be conducted the following week.

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