

COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY

UGA is committed to the safety and well-being of our neighbors in the Athens area. UGA students, faculty and staff are engaged in the community's response to COVID-19 — supporting small businesses, providing resources to families with K-12 students and offering data to enhance public health and more.

Serving Our Community

1,800+

COVID-19 tests provided to ACC residents in underserved areas through the AU/UGA Medical Partnership's mobile medical clinic

7,400+

pounds of food provided to nonprofit agencies in our community since March

90+

educational resources shared with families providing at-home learning to K-12 students

PROMOTING HEALTH AND SAFETY

- The AU/UGA Medical Partnership Mobile Clinic in partnership with the ACC Government traveled to underserved neighborhoods to conduct COVID-19 testing. The Mobile Clinic has conducted over 1,800 tests since April 2020.
- A collaboration between UGA's College of Engineering, Office of Research and UGA Libraries delivered more than 200 face shields to Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center and St. Mary's Health Care System.
- The Animal Health Research Center, a part of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, manages a program to clean N-95 masks for Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, St. Mary's Health Care System and the UGA Health Center to ensure a safe and comprehensive supply of PPE for healthcare workers.
- The UGA College of Public Health (CPH) offered a contact tracing class to 17 undergraduates and 15 graduate students in summer 2020 to prepare students to work for the Georgia Department of Public Health as contact tracers and help mitigate the spread of disease.
- CPH faculty are serving as mentors to students working for the Georgia Department of Public Health as contact tracers. 150 students volunteered for this program, and UGA students are working in Athens as contact tracers.

PROVIDING FOOD TO FAMILIES IN NEED

- The UGA Campus Kitchen has provided more than 7,400 pounds of food to agencies in Athens-Clarke County since the start of the pandemic.
- Campus Kitchen staff and volunteers are maintaining ongoing deliveries to more than 200 people in partnership with the Athens Community Council on Aging.
- Campus Kitchen is partnering with the Clarke County School District, the Athens Area Homeless Shelter, and other agencies to provide fresh produce to families.
- Produce provided by the State Botanical Garden of Georgia and UGArden helped support Campus Kitchen's work to deliver meals to older adult households in Athens.



SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- The UGA Office of Service-Learning is sharing more than 90 online educational resources for families to supplement online learning for children of all grades.
- UGA distributed art kits to children at the Hilsman Middle School food delivery station in partnership with the Clarke County School District.
- UGA's Speech and Hearing Clinic is offering curbside and teletherapy services to support families as they navigate distance and virtual learning.

PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT

- Students in UGA Design Sprint programs are working with local shelters and other businesses to provide assistance and personal hygiene products to individuals experiencing homelessness in the Athens community.
- The UGA College of Public Health (CPH) faculty, along with the UGA Public Service and Outreach unit, have provided information and analysis to local hospitals to help them address occupancy and additional needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Faculty from the CPH have provided expertise on homeless services to Athens-Clarke County (ACC) and Advantage Behavioral Health to support vulnerable populations during this difficult time.
- CPH Dean Marsha Davis serves on an ACC advisory board to support emergency management response.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

- The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) partnered with the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a series of webinars to help local businesses secure financial assistance and to provide information on SBA Emergency Relief Loan Assistance.
- SBDC is assisting the ACC Economic Development team with answering small business questions and concerns that come across the ACC COVID-19 hotline.
- The CPH worked with SBDC to provide businesses with information and resources for reopening their establishments as safely as possible.
- The UGA School of Social Work partnered with the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce to provide mental health resources and support to local businesses.



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