

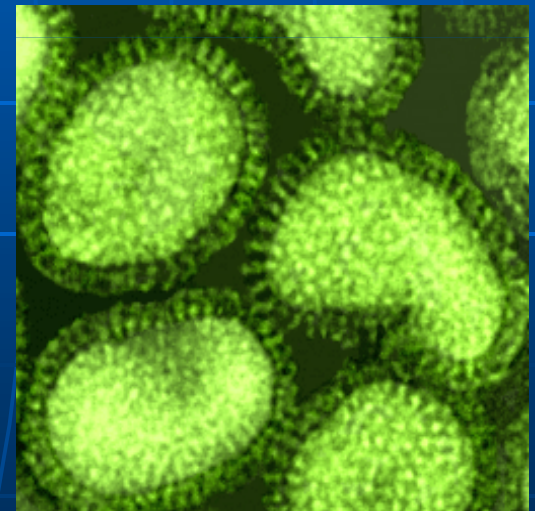
# Georgia's Pan Flu Planning

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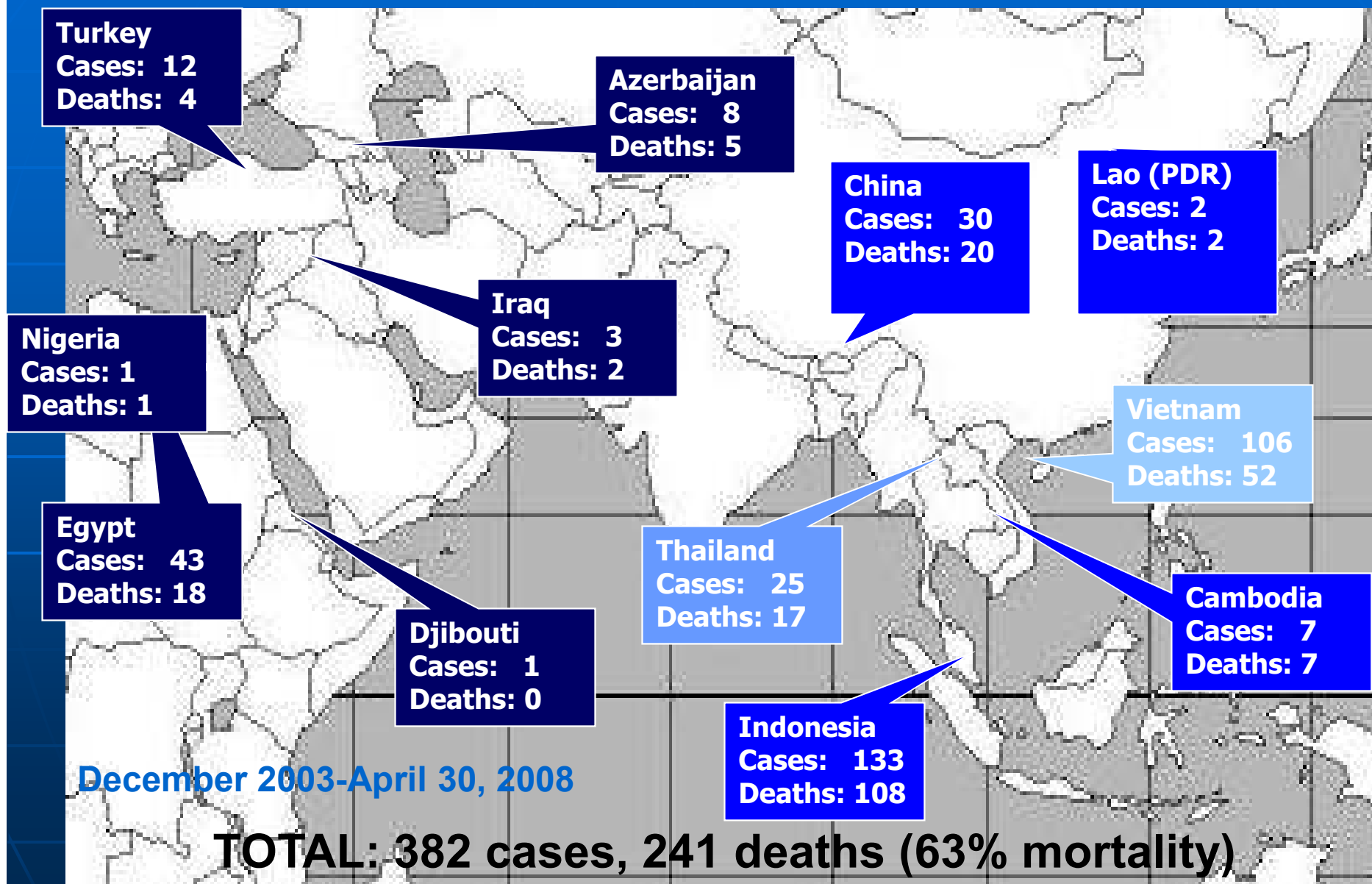




# Overview of Session

- Background
- Current situation worldwide
- Why so much concern?
- How would a pandemic impact us?
- How can we be prepared?
- Current plans/infrastructure—leveraging for success
- Overarching benefits

# Current Situation: Humans



# Social Impact of a Pandemic in Georgia

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Moderate (1957/68-like)</b>	<b>Severe (1918-like)</b>
<b>Total ill</b>	<b>2.7 million (30%)</b>	<b>2.7 million (30%)</b>
<b>Outpatients</b>	<b>1.35 million (50%)</b>	<b>1.35 million (50%)</b>
<b>Hospitalized</b>	<b>25,950</b>	<b>297,000</b>
<b>ICU cared</b>	<b>3,863</b>	<b>44,550</b>
<b>Ventilated</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>22,275</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>6,270</b>	<b>57,090</b>

Assuming Georgia makes up 3% of US population, 9.1 million people

# Current Georgia Plans/Infrastructure

- Statewide Pandemic Coordinating Committee (multi-disciplinary)
- State Pandemic Management Team (Dr. Susan Lance)
- Georgia Pandemic Influenza Plan (HHS model)
- Pandemic Standard Operating Guide (Annex to EOP)
- Community Partner Planning Kits (Dennis Jones)
- County Pandemic Influenza Planning Committees (CPIPC)
- In-Home Case Management Plan
- Dept of Agriculture & Poultry Industry Liaison (Dr. Dana Cole)
- Expand flu testing to Waycross GPHL
- **Relationship with BENS**
- Pandemic website (one-stop shopping)
- 2 Peachtree Go-Teams for SNS RSS (metro)
- Training (VICS, etc)

# What does Pandemic “Preparedness” Entail?

Not an endpoint, but a journey

- Flexibility
- Infrastructure
- Relationships



# And if we succeed.....

- We **CANNOT** stop the Pandemic
- We **CAN**
  - **Delay** the Epi Curve
  - **Diminish** the peak impact on Healthcare Resources
  - **Decrease** overall impact on society

# How far along are we in GA?

- Bioterrorism preparedness for >5yrs
- Surveillance enhancements (birds, people)
- **Leveraged workforce** (business collaboration)
- Antiviral stockpile (1.7 million courses)
- **School Dismissal Plan as trigger!**
- Surge capacity
  - 4,000 portable hospital beds +
  - Cache of portable ventilators, 460,000 N-95 masks
  - Telephone triage/case mgt plan



# Resources

- [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
  - U.S. public health guidelines
- [www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov)
  - HHS pandemic plan
- [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)
  - Global updates and official case reports
- [www.health.state.ga.us](http://www.health.state.ga.us)
  - GA pandemic plan

# Questions & Answers

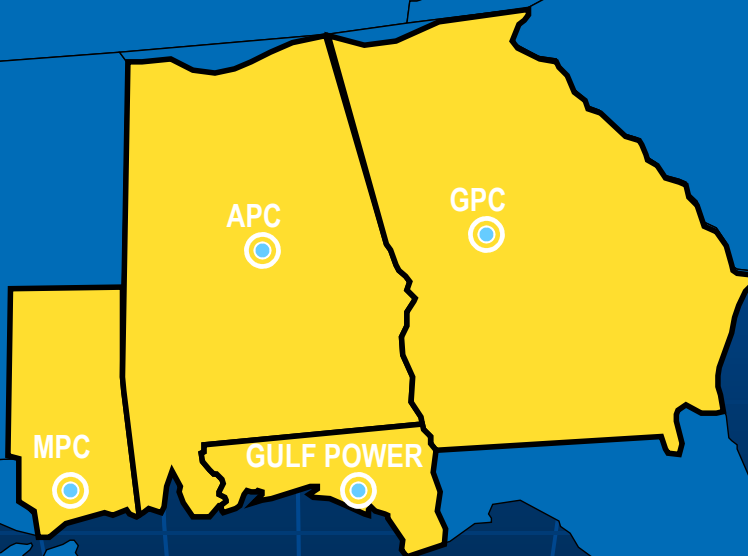


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# The Southern Company Footprint



# Pandemic Program Components

**I. Policy/Guidance**

**II. Response Plans**

**III. Employee/Family Health**

**IV. Communications**

# Workshop for CI/KR Resources in GA

- Provided opportunities for planning partners from the CI/KR sector in the state to discuss pandemic plans and share information
- Examined Public Sector/Private Sector interdependencies
- Discussed pandemic planning needs of GPH
- First of its kind in the state with representation from 9 of 17 CI/KR of sectors
- Held November 30, 2007

# Crisis Absence Reporting Tool (CART)

- Automated employee absence reporting and status tracking system to be used in the event of a crisis
- Records employee's status and pushes electronic notifications to the employee's management and other parties as appropriate.
- Georgia Power's (GPC) implementation will integrate workforce absentee (reason) data with Georgia's Public Health (GPH) syndromic surveillance program

# Key Take Aways

## ***Pandemic Planning is a People Issue***

Focus required on:

- Communication
- Maintaining a healthy work environment
- Policies that instill confidence and promote resiliency
- Partnering with others to ensure minimal disruption to society

# Questions

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