



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

# Updated Rule Variance for Fingerprint Criminal Background Check and Q & A



## Office of Inspector General

## Background Investigation Unit

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# Mission

The mission of the Department of Community Health is to provide access to affordable, quality health care to Georgians through effective planning, purchasing, and oversight.

*We are dedicated to A Healthy Georgia.*

# Agenda

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- Background Investigations Unit overview
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# Background Investigations Unit Overview

The Background Investigations Unit performs state and federal criminal history background investigations on behalf of the Department, including the Office of Health Care Facility Regulation and the Office of Human Resources.



# Updated Rule Variance for Fingerprint Criminal Background Checks Chapter 111-8-12

Applicable to:

- Adult Day Centers
- Assisted Living Communities
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospices
- Intermediate Care Homes
- Nursing Homes
- Personal Care Homes
- Private Home Care Providers



# Updated Rule Variance for Fingerprint Criminal Background Checks

- A one-year delay of the January 1, 2021 deadline for existing owners, administrators and staff to obtain a fingerprint background check. These checks will now be required on or after January 1, 2022.
- For new hires in permanent positions, elimination of the grace period effective October 1st. This is based on information from GBI which indicates that 70% of the fingerprint sites are now open.
- For any situations where an individual cannot obtain a check due to fingerprint site closure, HFR will accept documentation of those circumstances as part of the survey process so that the facility will not be cited for noncompliance.



# Temporary positions

- For new hires in temporary positions, the grace period will remain in effect.
- These individuals will be registered and screened in the Georgia Criminal History Check System (GCHEXS) but the fingerprinting may be suspended through the public health emergency period even if a nearby site is open.

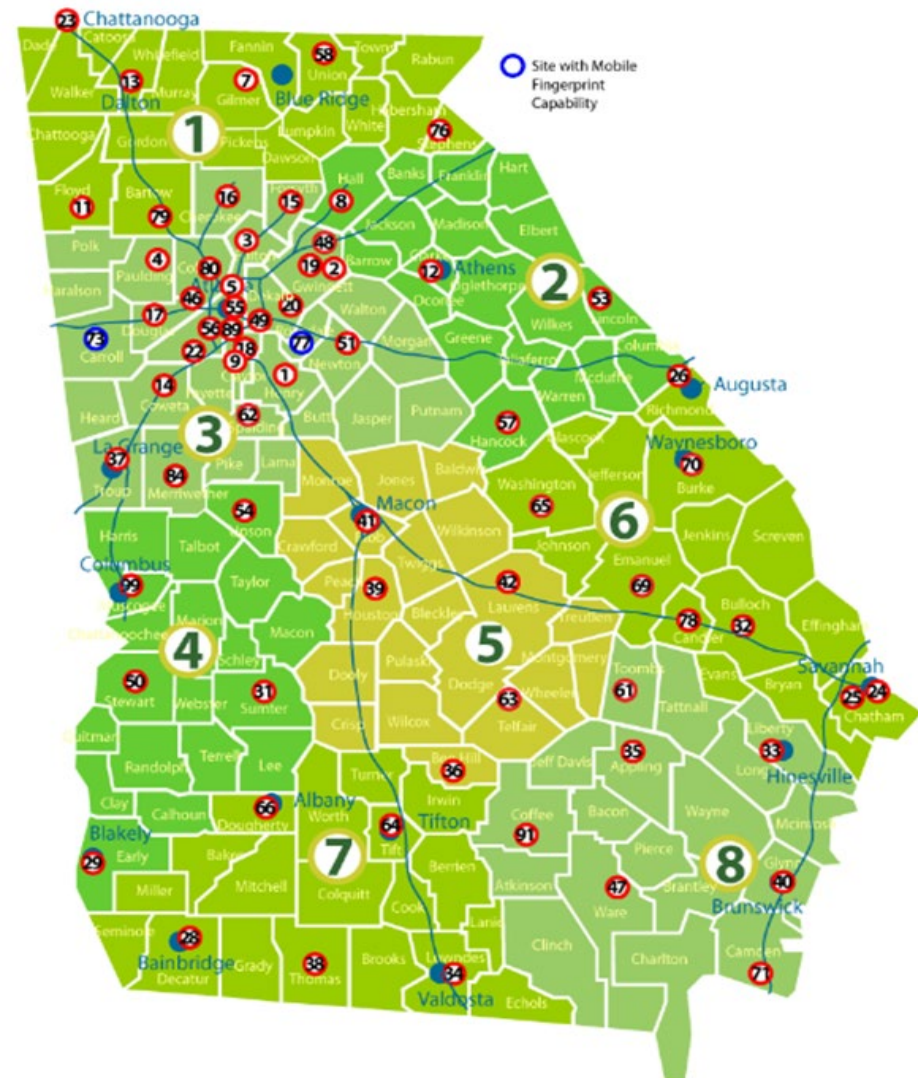
The updated variance is now posted at <https://dch.georgia.gov/healthcare-facility-regulation-division-covid-19-information>.





# GAPS Gemalto Fingerprint Locations

The GAPS Gemalto website  
at:  
<https://www.aps.gemalto.com/ga/index.htm>



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# QUESTIONS

