GCO Outreach During COVID-19 March 2020 - Present



Key Activities During the 7+ Month Pandemic Period

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
 Quick Start Guide ARC/GCO Fully Remote Webinar Series 1 Virtual Air Quality Awareness Week 8 New Employer Partners 3 Telework Implementations 	 Statewide Shelter in Place Modified GCO & TMA Outreach Workplan in response to COVID Remote Work Survey Webinar Series 2 Webinars with Walton/Barrow/Newton Chambers, LBI, Cartersville-Bartow Chamber 4 New Employer Partners 	 Webinar Series 2 (cont.) Executive Interviews Remote Work Analysis and Recommendations Webinars with Carroll County Chamber, Roswell Inc, Downtown Connects, Perimeter Connects 3 New Employer Partners 	 5 Telework Implementations Webinar Series 3 Participation in National Back to School Working Group 1 New Employer Partner 2 Telework Implementations

JULY

- Clean Commuter Essential
 Worker Recognition
- Contract Transition
- Webinar with WTS
- Telework Media Features (AJC, What's Next ATL, ABC)
- 3 New Employer Partners
- 3 Telework Implementations

- 3-month Remote Work Survey Repeat
- Survey Analysis, Generational Divide Data

AUGUST

• Webinar Series 4

4 Telework Implementations

- Finding Balance Employer Brochure
- Marketing Assets and Administrative Transition
- Clean Commuter Essential Worker Recognition (cont.)
- 1 New Employer Partners
- 2 Telework Implementations

SEPTEMBER

- Social Marketing Plan
- Biketober Launches September 1 Media, Marketing, Outreach
- Biketober Info Sessions for Employers
- 2 New School Districts Join GCS
- 6 New Employer Partners
- 1 Telework Implementations

OCTOBER

- Biketober
- National School Bus Safety Week
- 6-month Remote Work Survey Repeat
- Essential and WFH Employee Care Packages



Overview of the Remote Work Surveys

- April 2, 2020: Shelter in Place Executive Order Issued by Governor Kemp
- April 2020: First Regional Remote Work Survey
 - 2,900 respondents across the Atlanta region
 - Distributed via Georgia Commute Options and TMA partners
- May 2020: Remote Work Survey to respondents of the Regional Commuter Survey (2019) – 4,500 respondents
- June 2020: Remote Work Survey to 7,800 Active Loggers in the GCO Ridematching APP – 4,800 respondents
- August 2020: Second Remote Work Survey
 - A re-survey of 50% of the 2,900 people that took the first survey
 - Data shows that telework rates are holding steady in August



Regional Remote Work Survey Initiative

- Leading data collection, tracking initiative
 - GCO and TMA distribution
- Original distribution
 - April 1 May 5
 - 2,900+ responses (categorized)
 - Executive interview component
 - Remote Work Analysis and Recommendations
- 3-month distribution
 - August 3 August 15
 - 50% of original population
 - Addition of generational questions
 - Telework rates holding steady
- 6-month distribution
 - October 14 October 22
 - Other 50% of original population
 - Generational discussion groups





Interest in Future Remote Work Growing



60% of employees now want to work 3+ days per week in the future (up from 38% in the April survey)



Telework in the Time of COVID-19 Webinar Series

- 13 sessions to date
- 650+ attendees
- Overall 4.6 / 5 rating

- Showcasing local employer partners and TMA collaborations
- Connecting resources
- Numerous leads, new partners, new implementations

SERIES 1	SERIES 2	SERIES 3	SERIES 4	SERIES 5
TELEWORK IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 March 18, 24, 26	FINDING NEW METHODS: HOW THE PANDEMIC IS RESHAPING TELEWORK April 29, 30 & May 5, 7	ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS: GEOGRAPHICALLY FOCUSED June 23, 24, 25	TELEWORK IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 (cont.) August 20, 25, 27	REINTEGRATION TO THE WORKPLACE January 2021
Managing Remotely Perimeter Connects Business Continuity in the Era of COVID-19 LBI Collaborative Technologies for Telework	The Road to Success for Teleworkers Perimeter Connects, ASAP+ Nuts and Bolts: Telework for Small Businesses BioCure Embracing Cultural Change: Teleworking Post COVID-19 GA Baptist Mission Board	North Fulton & Gwinnett Sugarloaf CID, BioCure, PBD Central & South Atlanta Westside, GA DNR West & Cobb Cobb-Douglas Public Health, Randstad	Flexibility is the Future Wabtec (LBI), Blue Cypress Consulting, City of Woodstock Reimagining Work: Building Blocks for Your Telework Program GA DHS How Regional Data Can Shape Telework Policies	Generational Telework Panel Presenting Regional Survey Data Additional TBD

All webinars are available at: https://gacommuteoptions.com/about-us/media-center/telework-in-the-time-of-covid-19%



Telework Implementations

- 15 implementations ٠
- 40+ additional engaged employers •
- Greater public sector engagement ٠
- **Returning clients** ٠
- Fast evolution
- Media •

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FlexWork for Business Continuity

FlexWork, or flexible work arrangements, can be a key component of your strategy to

Business Continuity Strategies

TELEWORK

rce: FlexJobs) FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES

WE'RE HERE TO HELP. Georgia Commute Options has been supporting local employers for over 25 years with workplace commuting strategies. Take advantage of our one-on-one services-available at no cost to metro Atlanta businesses like yours. Contact Telework@GaCommuteOptions.com to get started.

openings or early closings due to inclement weather or major traffic impacts. It can also

help reduce the spread of illness.



Telework may outlast pandemic for metro Atlanta commuters



Employer	ESO	Teleworkers
ADI	LBI	11
BioCure	GCO	6
Blue Cypress	GCO	9
Better Business Bureau	CAP	38
City of Woodstock	GCO	200
Cobb & Douglas Public Health	GCO	232
Cobb County Government	GCO	400
GA Dept of Human Services	GCO	9,000
Girls, Inc.	GCO	12
Imagine Communications	GCO	12
Kennesaw State University	GCO	3,310
Melissa Libby	LBI	10
Mercedes Benz	Perimeter	800
Rubicon	LBI	250
Wabtec	LBI	120



TMA COVID-19 Response Emphasized Telework Support

- Conducted market research and telework resource sharing.
- Supported regional data collection efforts to gather information on COVID-19 impacts to the commute.
 - Remote Work Survey: Launched in April (Q3 Follow-up in August; Q4 Follow-up in October)
 - **Executive Interviews:** Conducted in April
 - 2020 COVID-19 Survey (Regional Commuter Survey): Launched in May
 - Return to Workplace Survey: Launched in June
- Promoted GCO's <u>Telework in the Time of COVID-19</u> webinar series.
- Provided additional telework webinars and advising services presented by Elham Shirazi.
- Led group discussions on challenges and successes of telework efforts.
- Facilitated telework policy development and training.
- Led discussions on post-COVID shifts in clean commute strategies.





Biketober

- Targeted populations
 - Prior employer participants
 - First-time participants from 2019
 - Those who found a renewed reason to buy and and/or ride a bike during COVID
- Outreach and marketing
 - Connected with over 400 employers and community partners
 - 16 "Welcome to Biketober" virtual events for employer teams
 - Collaboration with AHA, AARP, Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, Relay Bike Share, and Georgia Bikes
 - Donated prizes: \$1,000 REI Gift Card for registration, various REI biking and outdoor gear, Edison Electric Bike grand prize
- Popularity of active travel modes
- Fun and motivational message

	2019	2020*	Percentage of Goal Goal YoY Chang		YoY Change
Organizations	366	372	250	148%	0.8%
Registrations	3,491	4,290	3,800	102%	10.9%

*mid-October progress, not complete



A fun way to come together while safely riding apart!

Atlanta Bike Challenge October 1-31, 2020

ATLBIKECHALLENGE.COM

Join today & win prizes! Register by Sept. 30 for a chance to win a \$1000 gift card from REI. You'll also have a chance to win our grand prize, a brand new Edison Electric bike.

Ride anytime, anywhere · Encourage others to ride · Achieve your goals · Take part with colleagues and friends or ride solo



Engaging Employers

New Partners During COVID

- ACS Biz Consulting
- Arcadis
- BioCure
- Blue Cypress Consulting
- **Brookview Elementary**
- Carroll EMC
- City of Chamblee
- City of Griffin
- City of Powder Springs
- City of Woodstock
- Cobb & Douglas Public Health
- CPL
- First Step Staffing
- Forsyth County Planning Department

- Forsyth County School District
- Fulton County Board of Health
- GA Dept of Human Services
- Girls, Inc.
- Imagine Communications
- **InfoMart**
- Johnson Controls, Inc.
- Mileshko
- PBD Worldwide
- Silver Line Building Products
- Sugarloaf Mills
- **US** Department of Agriculture

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New Partners

Finding

Balance in

Today's Work

Staying Safe. Proving Flexible.

Employees are working from home now more than ever. Businesses are rethinking the future of the workplace, balancing considerations of health, productivity and cost. Essential workers and others required to work on site are seeking safe and reliable commuting options.

Georgia Commute Options has helped employers optimize FlexWork Environment arrangements for over two decades. This guide explores three interconnected components linked to the changing nature of work, with helpful information and key next steps you can take with Georgia Commute Options' support





Meetings

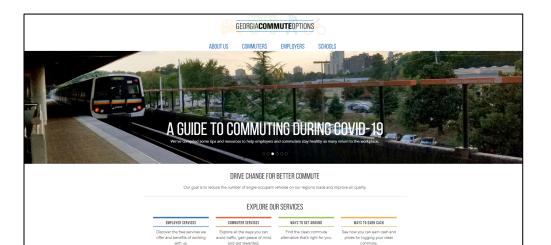
Community **Partner Meetings**

259





Engaging Commuters



40 Commuter Events

Lunch and Learns, Orientations, WFH Bingo, Essential Employee Care Packages, Virtual Fairs, Train the Trainer



COVID-19-





Georgia Commute Schools



and Design

Q 1-2 2021

Deployment

2021 School

Research

Underway

NEW PARTNERS DURING COVID

Districts

- 1. Fulton County Schools
- 2. Newton County Schools

Schools

- 1. Christo-Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School
- 2. Clayton Elementary School
- 3. Glenwood Elementary School
- 4. Livsey Elementary School
- 5. Poole's Mill Elementary School
- 6. South Paulding High School

Community

- 1. Black Health Matters
- 2. Mercy House
- 3. Safe Kids Georgia



Upcoming Projects

3-Month

- Reintegration to the Workplace employer guidance and resources
- Launch Air Quality Promotion
- Scaled Telework Services- training more ESO staff on the telework implementation process to increase capacity to respond to employer inquiries and identify partner needs
- Regional TDM Summit significant educational and networking opportunity for Atlanta's TDM community and stakeholders; critical timing to discuss a regional approach to impacting workforce decisions
- Essential Employee Care Package Promotion; Virtual Work From Home Care Package
- Generational Telework Series

6-Month

- Continue assisting employers and employees (commuters) with Reintegration to the Workplace
- Intensive GCO Territory Review
- Low Wage Worker Outreach
 Initiative
- Underrepresented Populations Research and Pilot

12-Month

- National Case Study Participation with the Association for Commuter Transportation & Center for TDM Research (study based on Telework Surveys Data) - GCO has been tapped to serve as a national best practices model for data collection and behavior change data
- K-12 Air Quality Curriculum Update
- Marketing Focus Groups testing messaging and programming with the "new Atlanta commuter" audience

Looking Ahead

