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**RE:** Neighbor 2 Neighbor reaching seniors in rural SW Georgia  
**DATE:** March 2, 2021  
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Progress Update on COVID vaccination registration for seniors

Use this link to the report on WTVM, Columbus, GA, on the Neighbor 2 Neighbor program in rural SW Georgia.

<https://www.wtvm.com/2021/02/26/randolph-county-neighbor-neighbor-project-helping-seniors-register-covid-vaccine/>

Relying on unpaid, parttime canvassers, Neighbor 2 Neighbor has succeeded in its first week in contacting 151 seniors in Randolph County and registering 31 of them for vaccine appointments. Several neighboring counties have reached out to Neighbor 2 Neighbor’s co-chairs Joyce Barlow, RN, and Bobby Jenkins with an interest in replicating the program in their areas. Ms. Barlow notes that Neighbor 2 Neighbor has made contributions to people’s lives in multiple ways: relieving the isolation, loneliness and anxiety of seniors, educating the seniors and their families about COVID, answering questions about the variety and effects of vaccines, etc. She adds that, “We are building community by bringing together people to volunteer to help their neighbors right at their front doors. The Neighbor 2 Neighbor style of canvassing is how we take care of our own in Southwest Georgia.”

Comparing the numbers of vaccinations/1000, the charts below illustrate the severity of the pandemic in Randolph County which is replicated throughout Georgia’s Black Belt.

As of	3/1/21		
		TOTAL	PER 100k PEOPLE
<b>Randolph County</b>	<b>Confirmed deaths</b>	31	459
	<b>Confirmed cases</b>	445	6,513
	<b>Vaccinated - 1 dose</b>	698	8,719
	<b>Vaccinated - 2 doses</b>	397	5,693
	<b>Registered by Neighbor to Neighbor Program (2/22 - 3/1)</b>	31	
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Confirmed deaths</b>	15,148	140
	<b>Confirmed cases</b>	819,730	7,567
	<b>Vaccinated - 1 dose</b>	1,282,034	12,072
	<b>Vaccinated - 2 doses</b>	778,318	7,316

Sources of data:

Cases and Deaths Georgia and by County	<a href="https://www.ajc.com/news/coronavirus/">https://www.ajc.com/news/coronavirus/</a>
	<a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report">https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report</a>
	<a href="https://www.ajc.com/news/state--regional/coronavirus-georgia-the-latest-figures/HXfoEnBqHW7i0AJpYArL0J/">https://www.ajc.com/news/state--regional/coronavirus-georgia-the-latest-figures/HXfoEnBqHW7i0AJpYArL0J/</a>
Vaccinations	<a href="https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3d8eea39f5c1443db1743a4cb8948a9c/">https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3d8eea39f5c1443db1743a4cb8948a9c/</a>
2 week trends	<a href="https://www.ajc.com/news/coronavirus/coronavirus-two-week-trends-by-county/4RW657WCFVGXLBWTZY2P4JU3YM/">https://www.ajc.com/news/coronavirus/coronavirus-two-week-trends-by-county/4RW657WCFVGXLBWTZY2P4JU3YM/</a>

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