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LaGrange Mayor to Participate in GMA Media Conference with State and City Leaders Launching COVID-19 Vaccine Awareness Week

Atlanta, Ga. April 15, 2021 – Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) Commissioner Dr. Kathleen Toomey and city leaders across the state of Georgia including LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton will join the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) in a press conference on ***TODAY* Thursday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m. in Downtown Atlanta**, to promote the [“It’s Worth a Shot” COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign](#). This campaign was built to contribute to Gov. Brian Kemp’s and DPH’s goal to vaccinate as many Georgians as possible during spring and early summer 2021, reach a vaccination rate of 70 to 80% and achieve herd immunity.

WHEN: *TODAY* Thursday, April 15, 11 a.m. ET

WHERE:

- **In-person coverage:** Georgia Municipal Association Headquarters, 201 Pryor St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

- **Virtual:** This press conference will also be streamed live from the association's Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaMunicipalAssociation>, and on RingCentral. RSVP at this link https://webinar.ringcentral.com/webinar/register/WN_IK27jNrYQ3-urM7J2JLZhw.

WHO:

- LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton, GMA First Vice President
- Dr. Toomey, who has led Georgia's response to the pandemic
- Union City Mayor Vince Williams, GMA President
- Hawkinsville Commissioner Sherry Berryhill, who survived COVID-19
- GMA Executive Director Larry Hanson

GMA representatives and guests will maintain social distance standards, including mask wearing.

About the Georgia Municipal Association: Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and consulting services to all of Georgia's 537 cities. GMA anticipates and influences the forces shaping Georgia's cities and to provide leadership, tools and services that assist municipal governments in becoming more innovative, effective and responsive. Created in 1933, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia. For more information, visit www.gacities.com.

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