Kickoff Molecular Epidemiology Training Workshop Meeting agenda

Location: Richard B. Russell Building Special Collections Library

University of Georgia

300 S Hull St, Athens, GA 30605

Virtual link: https://zoom.us/j/96491480858?pwd=5ZLT7Oky8zweUDC1BDP

Monday, June 23, 2025

08:30-09:30AM	Check-in
	Coffee provided
09:30-09:45AM	Welcome note – Logistics, Meeting goals and overall agenda
	Justin Bahl, University of Georgia
09:45-10:00AM	AMD highlights and priorities
	Ericka Case, CDC
10:00-10:45AM	Introduction to HiPerGator
	Molly Mitchell, Florida DOH
10:45-12:00PM	Training session 1- Molecular Epidemiology Overview + Outbreak Reporting
	Gabriella Veytsel, University of Georgia + Molly Mitchell, Florida DOH
12:00-01:30PM	Lunch
	See "Restaurants Nearby" section for options within walking distance
01:30-02:45PM	Training session 2- Molecular Epidemiology Basics + Tree generation using R
	Guppy Stott, University of Georgia + Nikhil Yengala Reddy, Florida DOH
02:45-03:45PM	Georgia DPH Case Study Presentation
	Bethany LaClair & Steven Woods, Georgia DPH
03:45-04:00PM	Break
	Light refreshments provided
04:00-05:00PM	Strategic planning discussion- Landscape analysis
	Moderators: Bethany LaClair, Georgia DPH + Ludy Carmola, University of Georgia
05:00-05:10PM	Day 1 wrap-up
	Justin Bahl, University of Georgia
06:00-08:00PM	Optional social hour in Downtown Athens
	Location to be discussed during wrap-up session

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Tuesday, June 24, 2025

08:30-09:00AM	Check-in
	Coffee provided
09:00-10:00AM	Florida DPH Case Study Presentation
	Arnold Rodriguez, Florida DOH
10:00-10:45AM	Strategic planning discussion- Wet lab methods
	Facilitators: Justin Bahl + Ludy Carmola, University of Georgia
10:45-12:00PM	Training session 3- Genomes and Data Repositories + Human Scrubber & NCBI Datasets
	Gabriella Veytsel, University of Georgia + Nikhil Yengala Reddy, Florida DOH
12:00-01:30PM	Lunch
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01:30-03:30PM	Training session 4- Alignments, tree building and visualization
	Guppy Stott, University of Georgia
03:30-03:45PM	Break
	Light refreshments provided
03:45-04:50PM	Strategic planning discussion- Data sharing
	Facilitators: Justin Bahl + Ludy Carmola, University of Georgia
04:50-05:00PM	Workshop wrap-up
	Justin Bahl, University of Georgia

Traveling to Athens, GA

By plane and ground transport

The closest airport to Athens, GA is Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). It is about 80 miles (~1.5 hours) away. From ATL, there are a few options to commute to Athens:

Groome Transportation Airport Shuttle

Groome Transportation offers service from Athens to and from the Atlanta Airport with convenient pick-up locations and 22 trips daily.

Groome Transportation Reservations

Rideshare Apps

Uber and Lyft are both available to and in Athens. To utilize, download the Uber of Lyft app on your smartphone.

Car Rental

All major rental agencies are located at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

*Guest parking is severely limited to conference attendees at the Special Collections Library. If you are driving into Athens on Sunday night and staying in a hotel near the venue, please park at the hotel and walk or Rideshare to the conference venue. If you are driving into Athens on Monday, please see the "Parking" section.

**Parking rates vary between hotels.

By car

FROM ATLANTA:

I-85 NORTH TO GA 316

(shorter mileage but often longer driving time due to traffic)

Take I-85 North from Atlanta to GA 316 (Exit #106).

Follow 316 East for approximately 40 miles to the Athens Perimeter (Loop 10).

Bear right on Loop 10, traveling east.

After approximately 6 miles, take Exit #8 (Lexington Rd./Oconee St.).

Turn Left. Oconee St. becomes Broad St. and goes directly into downtown Athens.

I-85 NORTH TO GA 129

(longer mileage but typically shorter drive time, less traffic)

Take I-85 North from Atlanta to GA 129 South (Exit #137).

GA 129 becomes Jefferson Hwy., then Prince Ave. and leads directly into downtown Athens.

STATE ROUTE 78 EAST

Take GA 78 East. Exit right onto GA 316 and proceed on GA 316 to the Athens Perimeter (Loop 10).

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After approximately 6 miles, take Exit #8 (Lexington Rd./Oconee St.).

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I-20 EAST

Take I-20 East to Conyers.

Exit onto GA 138 East (Exit #82).

Then take GA 78 East.

Exit right onto GA 316 and proceed on GA 316 to the Athens Perimeter (Loop 10).

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After approximately 6 miles, take Exit #8 (Lexington Rd./Oconee St.).

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Take I-85 South to US 441 South (Exit #149) for approximately 20 miles.

Go under the Athens perimeter

Road becomes MLK Jr. Boulevard.

Turn Right onto North Avenue.

Follow North Avenue into downtown Athens.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Take US 129/441 North.

Follow signs for US 441 into Athens.

Travel around Athens

University of Georgia shuttle system

The University of Georgia has a 12-route system to allow easy travel around campus.

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Parking

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Restaurants Nearby

No U.S. Government appropriated funds can be used to pay for food or beverages for this meeting. To assist with lunch options, a map and list of nearby restaurants is available below.

Trip Advisor List

