

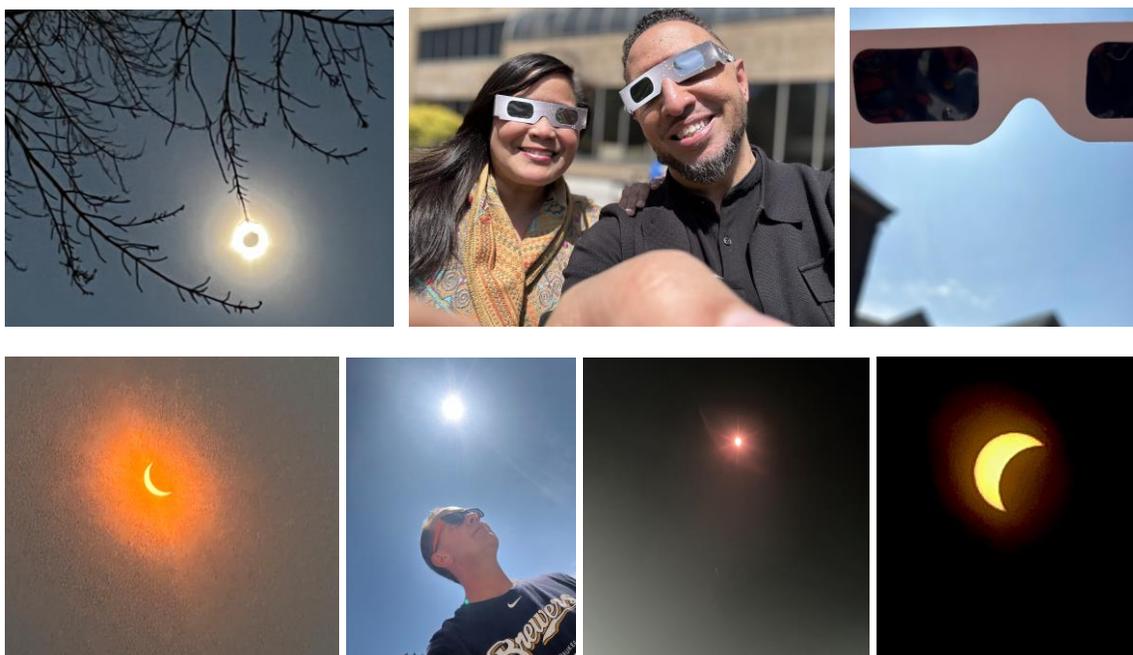
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News and Notes

There was a plethora of topics in last week's edition, and it seems the one that received the most attention was the last one highlighted. Thanks to Frederick Dobard, Jenny Menke, and Lorna Jens for sending pictures of their Monday afternoon solar eclipse experiences.



International Visitors

On Thursday, state DPH EPR welcomed six international visitors to the state Emergency Operation Center. The Georgia Council for International Visitors brought in health experts from Peru, Panama, Mexico, Paraguay, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic. We learned about specific threats their countries are facing and answered their questions about the structure of response efforts in Georgia.



State PHEP Quarterly meeting



State PHEP staff members met Thursday for a quarterly meeting and reviewed annual projects and budgets for the upcoming budget period. We reviewed the project status for activities that will be conducted during the final two-and-a-half months of this budget period. There was information provided on a number of training sessions and exercises that will be held this summer.



Hurricane Season

Thanks to Leah Hoffacker for providing the early outlook on this year's hurricane season from experts at Colorado State University. The prediction this year is for an "extremely active" season, which we hope does not come to fruition.

*The CSU forecast team calls for 23 named storms, 11 of which they expect to become hurricanes, with 5 of those becoming major hurricanes. The 30-year seasonal average from 1991-2020 is 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. CSU has never issued a forecast for 10 or more hurricanes in an April outlook since the product began in 1995. For any given hurricane season in Georgia, there is a 63% chance of a named storm impact, a 30% chance of a hurricane impact, and a 6% chance of a major hurricane impact. **This year, those numbers are 82%, 46%, and 10% for Georgia, respectively.***

[2024 Hurricane Season Outlook](#)

Next Week Preview

The Georgia Hurricane Conference will be held Tuesday in Savannah, followed by three days of sessions at the Emergency Managers Association of Georgia Summit.

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