



Event: Rural Day at the Capitol
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Location: Georgia State Capitol and Georgia Freight Depot – Blue Room

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM Drop-In Breakfast for Legislators

Legislators and staff are invited to drop in for breakfast and a time to meet with participants and provide legislative updates.

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Photo Opportunity with Officials

Participants are invited to participate in a photo opportunity with legislators and government officials.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Transition to the Georgia Freight Depot (Blue Room)

Participants will walk to the Blue Room at the Georgia Freight Depot.

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM Updates from Elected Officials and Agency Officials

Participants will hear updates from officials. Invited speakers include the following:

- *Dr. Dean Burke, Chief Medical Officer, Georgia Department of Community Health*
- *Russel Carlson, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Community Health*
- *Tyler Harper, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Agriculture*
- *Russell McMurry, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Transportation*
- *Kathleen Toomey, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Public Health*
- *Pat Wilson, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Economic Development*
- *Richard Woods, State School Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education*

11:45 AM Networking Break

Participants are provided an opportunity to network and greet Rural Caucus members as they arrive.

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch with Rural Caucus

Participants will attend lunch with members of the Rural Caucus and hear a rural briefing from Chris Clark, President & CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce discussing the rural legislative agenda and updates.

Afternoon: Open Agenda

Participants are encouraged to use this time to sit in on session/meetings or meet with legislators and officials as desired.

Additionally, the Georgia Department of Agriculture is hosting a 150th Anniversary Celebration at 2:00 PM in the Capitol Rotunda. This event is open to the public and we encourage you to participate in

celebrating the Department's years of service to the people of Georgia and the state's #1 industry. More information can be found at <https://agr.georgia.gov/150th-anniversary>.

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