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COVID-19 Response Summary August 31, 2020

Incident Command Briefing

Global cases have surpassed 25 million while cases in The United States of America are at 5.9 million. The State of Georgia currently has 265,372 cases and 5,471 deaths. The State of Georgia has tested 2,560,895 residents. District 4 Public Health currently has 16,763 COVID-19 cases and 470 deaths (as of 6am).

District 4 will continue to provide the most up-to-date communication of local, state and federal COVID-19 guidance to district partners. The district epidemiology team will continue to coordinate COVID-19 updates through the school system superintendents, school lead nurses, county nurse managers and case investigators. District 4 will continue to prepare for Labor Day weekend SPOCs. The district will open 6 SPOC locations on Saturday, September 5th, 2020 from 9am-12pm and 6 SPOC locations on Monday, September 7th, 2020 from 9am – 12pm. The Public Information Team will increase messaging to highlight the days and SPOC locations that will be open. The Epidemiology Team has been coordinating with the district school systems to answer any concerns or questions for in-person or virtual learning. School Superintendents will receive bi-weekly data and 4-week county prediction models to assist with their decisions for in-person and virtual learning. The top settings for outbreaks in Georgia are School Settings (34) this past week. The district has begun Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine planning and will be reaching out to district partners as we create a plan to distribute both vaccines and continue testing.

This week's operational focus is to continue communication with the district school systems as we have seen an increase in cases of school aged-children, building September's objectives and strategies, onboarding additional SPOC personnel and contact tracers and vaccine distribution planning.

COVID-19 Operations Report 8/31

1,993 specimens collected by District 4 Specimen Points of Collection (SPOCs) over the past week.

- **Butts** SPOC Thurs. (8 am-1 pm) **13** specimens collected
- **Carroll** – Wed. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm) & Thurs. (8 am – 1 pm) **166** specimens collected
- **Coweta** – Mon.-Fri. (8 am –1 pm) – **510** specimens collected
- **Fayette** – Tues. (8 am -1 pm & 2-7 pm), Fri. (8 am – 1 pm)- **256** specimens collected
- **Heard** – Wed. (8 am-1 pm) **21** specimens collected
- **Henry** – M, W, TH & Fri. (8 am – 1 pm) & Tues. (8 am – 1pm & 2– 7 pm) **563** specimens collected
- **Lamar** - Thurs.- (8 am-1pm) **46** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Greenville** – Wed. (9am -11 am) **12** specimens collected
- **Meriwether-Manchester** Fri. (9 am -11 am) **36** specimens collected
- **Pike** Tues. (9 am – 11 am) **24** specimens collected

Serving Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Fayette, Heard, Henry, Lamar,
Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, and Upson Counties

- **Spalding-** Wed. (8 am -1 pm) – **57** specimens collected
- **Troup** – Mon. (8 am – 1 pm) **92** specimens collected
- **Upson-** Wed. (8 am- 1 pm) **63** specimens collected
- **2 Mobile SPOCs-** Vernon Woods in Troup- **52** specimens collected, Ansley Park in Coweta - **82** specimens collected

The average turnaround time for lab results is 2-4 days.

The demand for COVID testing continues to decrease throughout Georgia. County plans are being finalized to support how the clinics will continue with COVID specimen collection, normal clinic services, Influenza vaccine clinics and COVID vaccine clinics. COVID specimen collection, Influenza vaccine clinics and COVID vaccine clinics will be offered on different days and/or different locations. Those who present for a COVID specimen collection will not be eligible to receive a flu vaccine until the COVID results are received. It is still unknown when we will receive the COVID vaccine but planning to receive it late 2020/early 2021. The district received funding from the state office to hire additional temporary nurses to assist the clinics with administering Influenza and COVID vaccines in house and out in the field. We hope to have the additional nurses hired by 10/01/2020.

Saturday SPOC schedule:

8-29-20 - Henry County 9am-12pm

Six counties will offer testing on Saturday, 9/5 and the other six will offer testing on Labor Day 9/7. Schedule is as follows:

Saturday 9/5- (9 am - 12 pm) Butts, Carroll, Heard, Henry, Lamar & Meriwether- Greenville

Monday 9/7- (9 am - 12 pm) Coweta, Fayette, Pike, Spalding, Troup & Upson

Saturday SPOCs are planned on a rotating basis until 9/26/2020; if the demand for testing continues to decrease, the number of Saturday Clinics will be reduced.

County Health Departments

All services being offered. Employees and all who enter the buildings are encouraged to wear a mask, have temperature checked and screened for illness.

Contact Tracing Team Summary for 8/22/2020 @1201 – 8/29/2020 @ 1200

- Total # of calls made by 13 District 4 Contact Tracers = **815**
- Total # of individuals currently enrolled in monitoring ongoing (these individuals report by SMS or phone daily) = **181**
 - 147 engaged and no symptoms
 - 9 engaged and symptomatic
 - 25 not engaged
- Total # of individuals enrolled in manual monitoring = **26** (DPH calls these individuals daily during the duration of their monitoring/quarantine period per the contact's request)
 - 7 engaged and no symptoms

- 2 engaged and symptomatic
- 17 not engaged
- Total # of new contacts pending = **174** (contact for most of these individuals has been initiated/attempted, but no response as of now or they need additional follow-up)
- To date, **4,180** cases have been entered in the DPH Google MTX platform as of 8/29/2020
- Total # of case interviews completed by 17 District 4 Case Investigators = **463**
- 28 Cast Investigators onboarding this week.

Continuity of Operations

Total # exposures: 129
 Negative: 103
 Positive: 22
 Pending: 2
 Exposed not tested: 2

Epidemiology

Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Infections: 16816 median age: 42
 Confirmed and Presumptive COVID-19 Deaths: 470 median age: 77

Current outbreaks for the past week:
 9 defined outbreaks

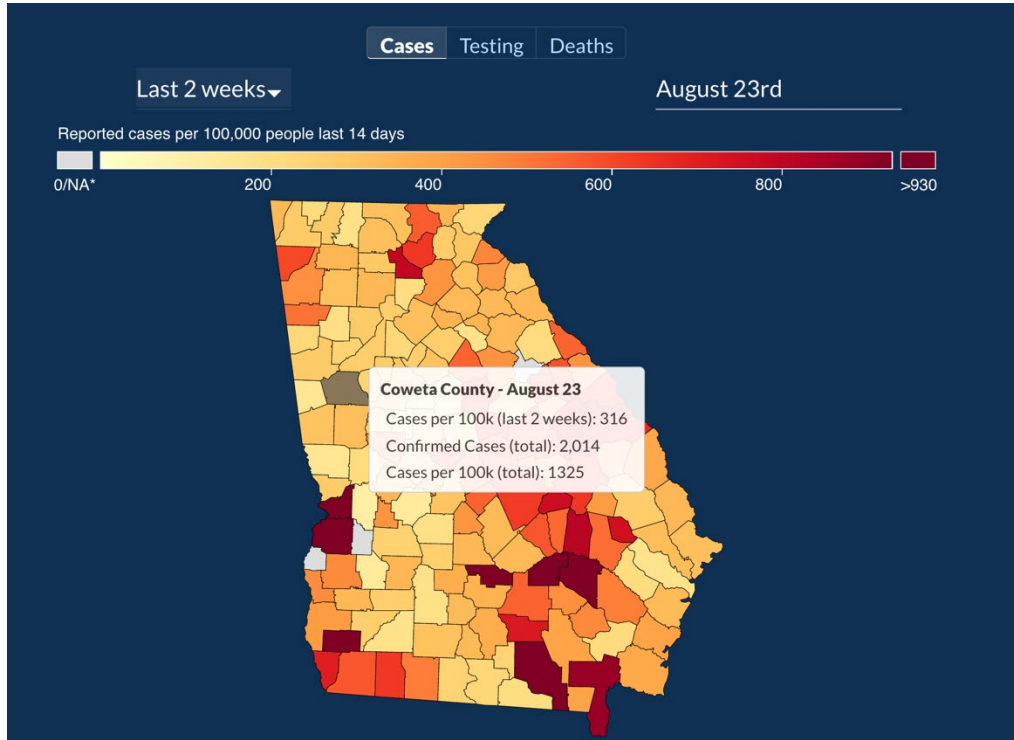
Numbers as of 6:00 AM 8/31/20

	CASES	INCREASE CASES SINCE LAST WEEK	DEATHS	INCREASE DEATHS SINCE LAST WEEK
BUTTS	566	+33	40	+0
CARROLL	2309	+114	61	+5
COWETA	2250	+226	26	+0
FAYETTE	1569	+155	38	+2
HEARD	171	+10	5	+0
HENRY	4419	+284	78	+12
LAMAR	322	+9	16	+1
MERIWETHER	481	+25	9	+1
PIKE	276	+11	8	+0
SPALDING	1168	+56	50	+5
TROUP	2576	+68	84	+5
UPSON	656	+28	55	+2
Total	16763	+1019	470	+33

County Transmission Levels on <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

Hover over any county on the map of GA and look for Cases per 100K (last 2 weeks). This will allow you to view the cases per 100K any day of the week and compare it to other counties.

Once you have the number of cases per 100k (last 2 weeks) you can determine each county's community spread level using the table below.

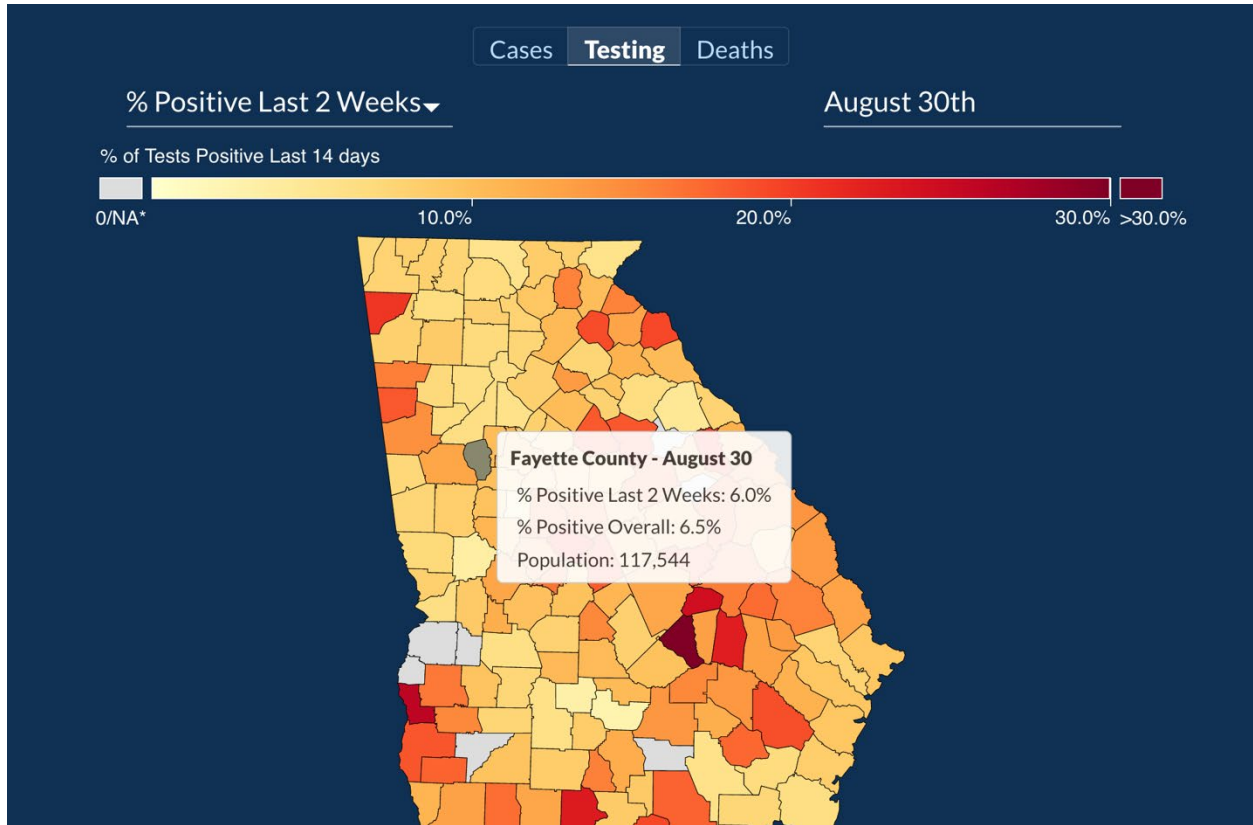


Data Description
Confirmed COVID-19 cases includes all cases of COVID-19 reported to DPH and confirmed with a molecular (PCR) laboratory test. As cases continue to be investigated and data quality checks are performed, the data in this report is subject to change.
County indicates case county of residence.
14-day incidence rate indicates newly reported confirmed COVID-19 cases among county residents per 100,000 residents during the 14-day period indicated, using 2018 U.S. Census data to derive county population.
COVID-19 Transmission Levels
High: greater than 100 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Substantial, Uncontrolled
Moderately High: greater than 50-100 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Substantial, Controlled
Moderate: greater than 10-50 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Moderate
Low: 0-10 cases per 100,000 county residents – CDC Level - Low
Insufficient data: rates cannot be accurately calculated for counties with < 5 cases. These counties may have low levels of transmission, but may be affected by other factors such as levels of COVID-19 testing. Counties in this category should consider other factors affecting the school district, including the transmission category of surrounding counties.

% of tests positive <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

% Positive Last 2 Weeks: Reflects the percent positive PCR tests reported through ELR by county during the last 2 weeks.

% Positive Overall: Reflect the cumulative percent positive PCR tests reported through ELR by county



Executive Order

<https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2020-executive-orders>

Document 08.15.20.01 Providing additional guidance for Empowering a Healthy Georgia in response to COVID-19 | updated to include Local Option Face Covering Requirement on page 38.

Georgia DPH Guidance

Guidance documents can be found on the DPH website at <https://dph.georgia.gov/dph-guidance>

Guidance for Georgia K-12 Schools and School-Based Programs updated 8/12/20

Guidance for Childcare Facilities in Georgia updated 8/12/20

CDC Guidance

[COVID-19 Guidance for Shared or Congregate Housing](#)

[Operating schools during COVID-19: CDC's Considerations](#)

[Overview of Testing for SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\)](#)